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MEMORANDUM

TO: Aaron Church, County Manager

FROM: Sheriff Kevin Auten

REF: FY2022 Local Justice Assistance Grant

DATE: July 20, 2022

The Rowan County Sheriff's Office has been notified that it is eligible to receive \$13,343 in funds through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. This grant is a yearly grant from the Department of Justice. The grant amount is determined by a formula based on Part I violent crimes as reported to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports.

As in the past number of years, the Rowan County Sheriff's Office was designated to be a disparate jurisdiction with the Salisbury City Police Department because Rowan County bears more than 50 percent of the costs of prosecution or incarceration that arises for the Part I crimes that have occurred in Salisbury's jurisdiction. Since the Salisbury Police Department is designated to receive a total award of \$35,780, which is more than one and one-half times more than the Sheriff's Office amount, we have been designated as disparate. The US Department of Justice has determined that the RCSO will receive \$13,343 of the total award to Salisbury PD.

The Rowan County Sheriff's Office proposes to use the funds to purchase the following items:

Four portable Flock Safety Camera Systems at a cost of \$3,000 each, along with the one-time set up cost of \$300 for each camera system. The total cost would be \$13,200. Obtaining these camera systems would allow the RCSO to install discrete camera systems in areas of high crime that would detect & capture objective evidence and would provide real-time alerts to deputies in the field that would enable them to apprehend wanted persons and/or recover stolen property. Flock camera systems are currently in use in 42 US States and 1500+ different US cities. This technology has allowed law enforcement agencies to recover millions of dollars in stolen property, and make thousands of arrests.

This memorandum is to request that this matter be placed on the consent agenda for approval, so that Salisbury Police Department can prepare a Memorandum of Understanding which will be submitted, as required to receive the grant, to the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

cc: Chief Deputy David Ramsey Major C. A. Moose Major J. C. Sifford Captain G. L. Hannold

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