



# ROWAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Aaron Church, County Manager  
FROM: Sheriff Kevin Auten *KLA*  
REF: FY2021 Local Justice Assistance Grant  
DATE: August 4, 2021

The Rowan County Sheriff's Office has been notified that it is eligible to receive \$11,194 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 \$34,022, 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 \$11,194 of the total award to Salisbury PD.

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

- 1.) Eight Rugged Push Bumpers that consists of the push bumper with 4 mounted lights, fender wrap, and headlight coverage. These Rugged Push Bumper assemblies will be installed on new patrol vehicles to provide for the safety of the operating Deputies. RCSO Deputies answer calls for service throughout the 512 square miles of the county that has a very high deer population. Each year, the RCSO has had patrol vehicles suffer damage as a result of collisions with deer while responding for calls for service. We have been lucky that there have been no personal injuries to the Deputies who were operating the patrol vehicles, but chances are strong that the Deputy could be suffer serious injury in a deer collision. The entire Rugged Push Bumper assembly cost is \$1,309, which would allow for a total of 8 assemblies to be purchased at a cost of \$10,472. The remaining \$722 would be used to cover the installation costs of these Rugged Push Bumper assemblies.

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  
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