

Fiscal Year 2010 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Requests

Project Name: A Child is Missing - Arkansas
Recipient: A Child Is Missing
Project Location: Arkansas Statewide
FY10 Request: \$350,000
Project Purpose:

This request would help A Child is Missing (ACIM) assist all the law enforcement agencies in Arkansas in locating missing children and elderly adults. The program is available free of charge to all 431 Arkansas law enforcement agencies. Funds would be used for maintaining and upgrading ACIM's telephone technology and its Arkansas call lists.

Project Name: Arkansas Methamphetamine Education and Training Project
Recipient: Criminal Justice Institute, a part of the University of Arkansas System
Project Location: Little Rock, Arkansas
FY10 Request: \$575,000
Project Purpose:

This funding request would support the Criminal Justice Institute's efforts to continue providing methamphetamine-focused courses for the Arkansas law enforcement community that will emphasize officer awareness and safety, effective management and investigation of methamphetamine-related cases, and continue Arkansas's drug-endangered children (DEC) initiative. To increase the number of officers and communities that will benefit from these programs and also reduce the costs of expanding CJI's DEC initiative statewide, several select courses will be delivered using on-line/web-based delivery.

Project Name: Arkansas Research & Education Optical Network (AREON) Campus Network Expansion
Recipient: University of Arkansas – Fort Smith
Project Location: Fort Smith, Arkansas
FY10 Request: \$240,000
Project Purpose:

In December 2005, the State of Arkansas provided for the establishment of the Arkansas Research and Education Optical Network (AREON). AREON is a consortium of research and education institutions and public service agencies that was formed to foster the development of Arkansas' research, education, public service, and economic development. Funding would provide the University of Arkansas – Fort Smith with campus-wide access to AREON for expanded student and faculty research, collaboration with academic colleagues, and cooperative efforts with area industry.

Project Name: Arkansas School Resource Officer Program
Recipient: Criminal Justice Institute, a part of the University of Arkansas System
Project Location: Little Rock, Arkansas
FY10 Request: \$600,000

Project Purpose:

Funds would support the Arkansas School Resource Officer Program at the Criminal Justice Institute. The Arkansas School Resource Officer Program offered by the Criminal Justice Institute has three primary components: [1] education and training on school safety-related issues for school resource officers, security officers, and school officials; [2] school safety and assessment; and [3] school crisis intervention and management.

Project Name: Arkansas Wireless Information Network (AWIN) Radio Replacement Project

Recipient: Arkansas Department of Information Systems
Project Location: Little Rock, Arkansas
Request: \$3,936,000

Project Purpose:

AWIN is a state-wide interoperable communications system that provides communications for 13,000 emergency responders across Arkansas. AWIN utilizes a mix of 700/800 MHz frequencies. The current radios in service can only receive transmissions in the 800 MHz frequencies. Due to the FCC's rebanding in the 800 MHz range and the reallocation of the 700 MHz spectrum, these 800 MHz radios could pose a safety issue if the emergency responder is working in an area where 700MHz spectrum is in use on the system. Funds would be used to purchase radios that can receive transmissions in both the 700 and 800 MHz range. This will provide emergency responders in Arkansas more reliable communication channels.

Project Name: Arkansas Wireless Information Network (AWIN) Redundant Smart Zone Controller

Recipient: Arkansas Department of Information Systems
Project Location: North Little Rock, Arkansas
Request: \$4,100,000

Project Purpose:

AWIN is a state-wide interoperable communications system that provides communications for 13,000 emergency responders across Arkansas. The AWIN system is comprised of two Smart Zone Controllers, and 104 remote communication tower locations. The Smart Zone Controllers provide for the management and routing of radio transmissions by emergency responders and are critical components of the AWIN System. Currently, if there is a failure of one of the existing controllers approximately half of the emergency responders in Arkansas are left without wide-area communications. Funding would be used to purchase and install a redundant Smart Zone Controller at the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management.

Project Name: Arkansas World Trade Center (AWTC)

Recipient: University of Arkansas

Project Location: Fayetteville, Arkansas

FY10 Request: \$650,000

Project Purpose:

The AWTC is a non-profit organization comprising local, regional, and statewide business, government, and education leaders. This request will help sustain the Center's mission of supporting trade initiatives, providing information for small to medium sized businesses in Arkansas, and offering students international trade experience.

Specifically, these funds will (1) support trade missions to promote Arkansas products and companies in foreign markets; (2) support trade seminars and summits; (3) provide training for companies and executives in international trade; (4) support statewide travel that will connect Arkansas businesses to the AWTC through local presentations; and (5) purchase computers for student interns at the AWTC.

Project Name: Baxter County Sheriff's Office - Aircraft Replacement Project

Recipient: County of Baxter, Arkansas

Project Location: Mountain Home, Arkansas

Request: \$1,749,000

Project Purpose:

The Baxter County Sheriff's Office has an established aviation unit that serves the local and surrounding jurisdictions for a variety of criminal justice purposes including: drug eradication operations, high risk arrests and searches, fugitive tracking, and search and rescue missions. The age of the current helicopter has caused concerns in the Sheriff's Office with regard to mechanical and structural issues. Funding would be used to replace the helicopter with a used, but newer aircraft.

Project Name: Cyber Crimes Investigation Training Initiative

Recipient: Criminal Justice Institute, a part of the University of Arkansas System

Project Location: Little Rock, Arkansas

FY10 Request: \$361,586

Project Purpose:

The purpose of this initiative is to create better-educated law investigators who are fully equipped to deal with all phases of cyber crime investigation. A cyber crimes investigation course would be created with the goal to deliver training to at least 160 Arkansas law enforcement officers.

Project Name: Electronic Control Device Project
Recipient: City of Hot Springs, Arkansas Police Department
Project Location: Hot Springs, Arkansas
FY10 Request: \$107,000

Project Purpose:

Funding would be used to purchase electronic control devices, cartridges, holsters, docking stations, and audio/visual capture devices. Such devices would provide a less than lethal alternative for subduing combative individuals. The addition of audio/visual capture devices would allow for the factual depictions of such situations for evidence in judicial proceedings.

Project Name: Forrest City, Arkansas Prison Expansion
Recipient: Bureau of Prisons
Project Location: Forrest City, Arkansas
FY10 Request: \$12,000,000

Project Purpose:

These funds are needed to conduct an environmental assessment, feasibility study, and initial design work for the addition of a High Security Facility to the Forrest City Federal Correctional Complex. The land needed for a future construction phase has already been secured by the Forrest City Federal Correctional Complex. The local community has provided critical infrastructure such as water lines and utilities that would be needed at a new facility.

Project Name: Girls, Inc. Mind+Body Nutrition and Obesity Initiative
Recipient: Girls, Incorporated
Project Location: Fort Smith, Arkansas via the headquarters in New York, New York
Request: \$350,000

Project Purpose:

Funding would support the Girls Inc. Mind+Body Nutrition and Obesity Initiative, which seeks to address the nation's obesity and nutrition challenges through programming for at-risk girls and their families.

Project Name: Helicopter Acquisition
Recipient: Arkansas State Police
Project Location: Arkansas Statewide
Request: \$5,000,000

Project Purpose:

The Arkansas State Police has the responsibility to serve as the state's only law enforcement agency with statewide jurisdiction and is attempting to fulfill the mission of protecting human life and property of Arkansas citizens with a 35-year-old helicopter. Responsible management of the Arkansas State Police requires a basic preparedness to respond to potential acts of terrorism, the possibility of a pandemic outbreak, and natural disasters. Funding would be used to purchase a larger, faster and more efficient rotary-wing, police-equipped aircraft to respond to a full range of aerial missions to protect and serve Arkansans.

Project Name: Hotline Services for Victims
Recipient: Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network (RAINN)
Project Location: Washington, DC
FY10 Request: \$3,000,000

Project Purpose:

Funding would be used to support the national anti-sexual assault initiatives that are authorized by section 628 of Public Law 109-248. These initiatives include two national hotlines for sexual assault victims, as well as RAINN's public education and outreach programs regarding the incidence of sexual violence and rape prevention, prosecution, and recovery.

Project Name: iCOP In-Car Video System
Recipient: City of Hot Springs, Arkansas Police Department
Project Location: Hot Springs, Arkansas
FY10 Request: \$375,000

Project Purpose:

Funds will be used to purchase the iCOP In-Car Video System for the Hot Springs Police Department's patrol units. This system will enhance the officers' ability to document incidents as they occur from their patrol units.

Project Name: Interoperable Communications Project
Recipient: City of Hot Springs, Arkansas Police Department
Project Location: Garland County, Arkansas
FY10 Request: \$16,000,000

Project Purpose:

Funding would be utilized to provide an interoperable communications system for all public safety agencies that are located in the City of Hot Springs and Garland County, Arkansas. Such a system would assist these agencies in their efforts to efficiently coordinate responses in the event of significant emergency events.

Project Name: Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Project
Recipient: Save the Children
Project Location: Helena-West Helena, Jonesboro, Augusta, Earle, and Hughes, Arkansas
FY10 Request: \$600,000

Project Purpose:

Save the Children's programs provide children in K-8 with safe, educational afterschool activities during the critical 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. window when many parents are still working and juvenile crime rates triple. With these funds, Save the Children will collaborate with and train local school partners to implement structured supplementary literacy services for after school programs and during the summer. Funds will be used for curriculum and assessment materials, books, technology and other supplies in addition to ongoing training and technical assistance, monitoring and evaluation.

Project Name: Juvenile Justice Center
Recipient: University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Project Location: Little Rock, Arkansas
FY10 Request: \$500,000

Project Purpose:

Funding would be used to develop a training program that would provide early intervention training to juvenile-related systems personnel who may absorb more responsibility for child maltreatment cases as a result of budget cuts in local social service programs.

Project Name: Mobile Data Terminal Project
Recipient: City of Hot Springs, Arkansas Police Department
Project Location: Hot Springs, Arkansas
FY10 Request: \$570,000

Project Purpose:

Funding would be used to equip police vehicles with mobile data terminals. These terminals would promote information sharing amongst local, state, and national agencies as well as improve crisis communication capability.

Project Name: River Valley Mobile Data Project
Recipient: City of Fort Smith, Arkansas Police Department
Project Location: Fort Smith, Arkansas
FY10 Request: \$1,850,000

Project Purpose:

Funding would be used to purchase and implement a county-wide law enforcement mobile data network in Sebastian County, Arkansas. The technologies and methodologies that would be deployed include: mobile data terminals, global positioning systems, standardization of records management systems to the latest federal standards, and real time criminal information sharing among all agencies. The River Valley Mobile Data Project would consist of nine member agencies in Sebastian County.

Project Name: Rural Law Enforcement Training Initiative
Recipient: Criminal Justice Institute, a part of the University of Arkansas System
Project Location: Little Rock, Arkansas
FY10 Request: \$1,000,000

Project Purpose:

The National Center for Rural Law Enforcement at the Criminal Justice Institute created the Rural Executive Management Institute (REMI) to provide a training program designed exclusively for rural law enforcement executives. Coursework mirrors the educational program that is currently available to urban law enforcement executives through the FBI National Executive Institute and the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar. Funding would support REMI in this endeavor.

Project Name: Simulcast System for Public Safety Communication
Recipient: City of Fayetteville, Arkansas
Project Location: Fayetteville, Arkansas
FY10 Request: \$9,400,000

Project Purpose:

Funds will be used for the purchase, installation and implementation of a three site ASTRO 25 LE simulcast radio system that will offer a broad range of communication features, capabilities, and benefits for public safety agencies in the Fayetteville area with wireless communication needs. The ASTRO system will ensure a coordinated approach to preparedness issues and is the next logical step towards regional interoperability. There is no system in place like the ASTRO 25 LE among the city's municipal parties. The current system impairs its ability to provide an adequate response to emergency situations.

Project Name: State Courts Improvement Initiative
Recipient: National Center for State Courts
Project Location: Williamsburg, Virginia
FY10 Request: \$2,000,000

Project Purpose:

This project will allow the National Center for State Courts to offer additional research, education, technical assistance, and information services for the state courts in Arkansas and across the United States.

Project Name: Technology/Security Infrastructure Upgrade
Recipient: Philander Smith College
Project Location: Little Rock, Arkansas
Request: \$972,500

Project Purpose:

The requested funding would upgrade the campus technological and security infrastructure. From a security standpoint, the current monitoring systems and equipment designed to provide security for the dormitory, student union center, and campus as a whole need upgrading. From an educational and communication standpoint, updated technological equipment and support are needed for the college to meet the needs of the student and operate as an efficient organization.

Project Name: UAMS Campus Security Enhancement
Recipient: University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Project Location: Little Rock, Arkansas
FY10 Request: \$250,000

Project Purpose:

Funds will assist the University of Arkansas for Medical Science (UAMS) Police Department in acquiring the latest in-car digital video camera systems and mobile computer technology for its officers. These systems will provide officers the ability to access police reports, mug photos, traffic records, and other critical public safety information in a timely manner.

Project Name: Violence Prevention, Early Intervention and Advocacy for Children and Families

Recipient: Safe Places: The Center for Healing and Hope, Inc.

Project Location: Little Rock, Arkansas.

Request: \$185,000

Project Purpose:

Arkansas has consistently ranked among the highest states in prevalence of both domestic violence and child abuse. Safe Places works in Pulaski County to help children and families break the cycle of violence and abuse through counseling, advocacy, support, and education. The organization's community programs offer violence prevention education in schools, delinquency prevention programs, juvenile and adult correctional facilities, shelters, daycare centers, and after school programs. Funds will be used to continue and expand these programs.