

Good afternoon Scott,

In following-up with our conversation this past Monday, here is a breakdown of the current Court Security grant and the staffing costs and needs:

Awarded grant amount - \$133,768.00

Current FTE w/benefits - \$56,457.00 annually

Proposed additional FTE w/fully loaded benefits (maximum) - \$67,024.00 annually

We would request authorization to hire the second FTE beginning August 1st. When the new Courthouse opens later this year we all know that we will need to hire additional staff to functionally operate the Court Security needs. This will avail us the opportunity to have some built in relief for the one FTE that we currently have. We will also have all of the training in place and have two employees ready to go when the court is functional. Additionally, we are currently required to transport inmates from the Detention Facility to the Courts in Durango as we are no longer able to conduct court business remotely.

According to Finance, we are currently authorized 1.25 FTE's for Court Security. With that being said, I do not know if this would need to go before the BoCC for final authorization or not. If it does I am happy to conduct the presentation to the Board.

In conclusion, we have adequate funding to cover two FTE's for Court Security, however we must remember that this is a State Grant and is based on the State of Colorado's physical year which ends June 30, 2022. Based on the fact that it is a grant, there is no guarantee for future funding.

Thank you,

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