

# Request for Legislative Action

Resolution #21060  
Sponsor: Ronald E. Finley  
Date: October 3, 2022

Completed by County Counselor's Office			
Action Requested:	Resolution	Res.Ord No.:	21060
Sponsor(s):	Ronald E. Finley	Legislature Meeting Date:	10/3/2022

Introduction
<b>Action Items:</b> ['Authorize']
<b>Project/Title:</b>
Resolution authorizing an extension of the Special Assistant United States Attorney Program Grant awarded to Jackson County by the Department of Justice, at no cost to the County.

Request Summary
Resolution authorizing a 12 month no cost extension of the Special Assistant United States Attorney Program Grant awarded by the Department of Justice to the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office to support the Project Guardian Initiative. The Prosecutor's Office will continue to work in collaboration with the US Attorney's Office, focusing on reducing violent crime in Jackson County. The extension provides continued funding for one full-time, cross-designated assistant prosecutor, within the US Attorney's Office, assigned to the program through the expiration date of 9/30/23.

Contact Information			
<b>Department:</b>	Prosecuting Attorney	<b>Submitted Date:</b>	9/26/2022
<b>Name:</b>	Gina Robinson	<b>Email:</b>	grobinson@jacksongov.org
<b>Title:</b>	Chief of Operations	<b>Phone:</b>	816-881-3369

Budget Information			
Amount authorized by this legislation this fiscal year:	\$ 0		
Amount previously authorized this fiscal year:	\$ 0		
Total amount authorized after this legislative action:	\$		
Is it transferring fund?	No		
Single Source Funding:			
Fund:	Department:	Line Item Account:	Amount:
			<b>!Unexpected End of Formula</b>

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Prior Legislation	
Prior Ordinances	
Ordinance:	Ordinance date:
5455	November 23, 2020
Prior Resolution	
Resolution:	Resolution date:

Purchasing	
Does this RLA include the purchase or lease of supplies, materials, equipment or services?	No
Chapter 10 Justification:	
Core 4 Tax Clearance Completed:	
Certificate of Foreign Corporation Received:	
Have all required attachments been included in this RLA?	

Compliance	
Certificate of Compliance	
Not Applicable	
Minority, Women and Veteran Owned Business Program	
Goals Not Applicable for following reason: Not spending money	
MBE:	.00%
WBE:	.00%
VBE:	.00%
Prevailing Wage	
Not Applicable	

Fiscal Information	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This legislative action does not impact the County financially and does not require Finance/Budget approval.</li> </ul>	

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### History

Submitted by Prosecuting Attorney requestor: Gina Robinson on 9/26/2022. Comments:

Approved by Department Approver Jean Peters Baker on 9/27/2022 10:27:29 AM. Comments:

Not applicable by Purchasing Office Approver Barbara J. Casamento on 9/27/2022 11:38:48 AM.  
Comments:

Approved by Compliance Office Approver Katie M. Bartle on 9/27/2022 1:44:08 PM. Comments:

Approved by Budget Office Approver Sarah L. Matthes on 9/28/2022 7:51:39 AM. Comments:

Approved by Executive Office Approver Sylvya Stevenson on 9/28/2022 9:23:24 AM. Comments:

Approved by Counselor's Office Approver Elizabeth Freeland on 9/29/2022 10:28:08 AM. Comments:



# JEAN PETERS BAKER

## Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney

August 8, 2022

Dara Schulman  
State Policy Advisor  
Programs Office  
Bureau of Justice Assistance  
U.S. Department of Justice

RE: Support for No-Cost Extension Grant Adjustment Modification (GAM) for  
Award 2020-DG-BX-K009

Dear Ms. Schulman:

The Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney's Office is seeking a one (1) year no-cost extension for the Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney's Office – Special Assistant United States Attorney Program award, number 2020-DG-BX-K009. The current period of performance for this award is 10/1/20 – 9/30/22.

This grant was awarded to the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office to support the Special Assistant United States Attorney Program to Reduce Violent Crime (SAUSA-VC) as part of the Project Guardian Initiative (PGI). PGI focuses efforts on the reduction of gun violence, enforcement of federal firearms laws, as well as the establishment of a coordinated team approach to increase available law enforcement resources to reduce violent criminal enterprises, such as gang activity and drug trafficking. The grant funds one full-time, cross-designated prosecutor within the U.S. Attorney's Office, who maintains an active violent crimes reduction caseload in federal court, helps to promote higher quality investigations, improved training, and better communication with state and local law enforcement agencies consistent with PGI principles.

***Revised Timeline/Requested End Date***

10/1/20 – 9/30/23

***Project Delays – Additional Time Explanation***

The project was delayed due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. Our courthouse closed in mid-2020 and our office worked remotely for a significant portion of the last two years. This greatly stalled our ability to interview and hire an assistant prosecutor to work on the program. In May 2021, an assistant prosecutor was hired, and Jackson County began to utilize SAUSA grant funds. The no cost extension

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will allow Jackson County to expand the full-time, cross designated assistant prosecutor position through 9/30/23.

***Program Progress to Date***

Over 37 defendants have been indicted in connection with long term investigations into violent street gangs operating in east Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Missouri. One indictment involving over 25 defendants, includes 86 counts related to drug trafficking of cocaine base, cocaine, fentanyl, and marijuana, unlawful use of weapons in furtherance of drug trafficking crimes, and conspiracy to commit Hobbs Act robbery. The investigation involved over 3 months of wiretaps and dozens of search warrants. Prior to indictment, many of the defendants had never faced any meaningful charges despite frequent contact with law enforcement and arrests ranging from drug trafficking to unlawful use of weapons, to homicide. As a result, this indictment has provided new information and gained assistance on several open investigations – including homicides- in the Kansas City area. The other indictment involving 12 defendants, includes 26 charges with a range of offenses, including an overarching methamphetamine distribution conspiracy, distribution of methamphetamine, cocaine, and fentanyl, and use of firearms in furtherance of drug trafficking.

Other accomplishments include a defendant who stole 37 firearms from a federally licensed firearms dealer in Lone Jack, Missouri was indicted. Law enforcement recovered all 37 firearms before the defendant could distribute them on the street; and a federal jury took place. The defendant was arrested by the Missouri Western Interdiction Task Force at the Greyhound Bus Stations located in downtown Kansas City, after he was found transporting a kilogram of heroin while in possession of a firearm. The jury convicted the defendant on two counts of possession with the intent to distribute heroin and possession of a firearm in the furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

***One Year Project Plan if Extension Is Granted***

Our project plan has not changed from our original proposal. If granted an extension Jackson County would expand the full-time, cross-designated prosecutor position within the U.S. Attorney’s Office, move forward with indicting: additional individuals related to the long-term investigations described above; 15-20 individuals on a range of drug trafficking, firearm charges and potentially RICO charges; and several individuals who have been identified as suspects in a string of recent armed robberies of gas stations and convenience stores. Investigators believe these suspects have committed as many as 19 armed robberies in the last nine months throughout the east Kansas City, Independence, and Raytown areas. Those cases, among others, will require a large amount of preparation for grand jury, subsequent detention hearings, etc. Also, there are several cases set for trial, including multiple felon-in-possession, drug trafficking cases, and a Hobbs Act extortion case involving a defendant who used threats of arson to attempt to extract a large sum of money from two Jackson County homeowners.

***Current Unobligated Balance***

The unobligated fund balance as of 8/8/22 is \$171,163.20. However, once FFR-964519 in the amount of \$62,571.34 (*Reporting dates 4/22 – 6/22*) is approved and processed, the unobligated fund balance will be \$108,591.86.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Jean Peters Baker*  
Jean Peters Baker  
Prosecutor, Jackson County, Missouri

**EXTERNAL Grant Award Modification for an award from DOJ is Approved**

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Tue 8/16/2022 7:17 AM

To: Tina M. Wise <TWise@jacksongov.org>;Dara.Schulman@usdoj.gov <Dara.Schulman@usdoj.gov>

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The request for a grant award modification, GAM-562718, for award number 2020-DG-BX-K009 under the solicitation *BJA FY 20 Solicited - Law Enforcement* is approved.

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**Final Award Details**

Solicitation Title:	BJA FY 20 Solicited - Law Enforcement	Federal Award Amount:	\$247,236.00
Project Title:	Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney's Office - Special Assistant United States Attorney Program	Funding Instrument Type:	CA
Project Period:	10/1/20 - 9/30/23	Program Office:	BJA
Managing Office:	OJP	UEI:	FFLFQA71R3K9
CJ Grant Manager:	Dara Schulman	TIN:	446000524
Grant Award Administrator:	Tina Wise		
AW Case ID:	FAW-59216		

**Project Period Extension**

<b>Project Period Extension Start Date</b>	<b>Number of Months to extend Project Period Extension End Date</b>
	12

**Current Project Period**

Current Start Date	Current Completion Date
10/01/2020	09/30/2022

**Requested Project Period**

Project Period Start Date	Project Period End Date
10/01/2020	09/30/2023

**Total Period of Performance with Requested Extension**  
Months  
36

**IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI**

**AN ORDINANCE** appropriating \$247,236.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2020 Grant Fund in acceptance of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office's Special Assistant United States Attorney program grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice.

**ORDINANCE NO. 5455**, November 23, 2020

**INTRODUCED BY** Charlie Franklin, County Legislator

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice has awarded a United States Attorney program grant to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, an appropriation is necessary in order to place the grant funds in the proper spending accounts; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the following appropriation from the undesignated fund balance of the 2020 Grant Fund be and hereby is made:

<u>DEPARTMENT/DIVISION</u>	<u>CHARACTER/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Grant Fund Special Assistant US Attorney 010-4131	45954- Increase Revenues	\$247,236	
010-32810	Undesignated Fund Balance		\$247,236
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Special Assistant US Attorney 010-4131	55010-Regular Salaries		\$190,000
010-4131	55040-FICA Taxes		\$ 14,535
010-4131	55050-Pension Contributions		\$ 27,360



010-4131	55060-Insurance Benefits	\$ 10,401
010-4131	55070-Unemployment Insurance	\$ 950
010-4131	55110-Workmen's Compensation	\$ 3,040
010-4131	55150-Long Term Disability	\$ 950

and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the County Executive and other County officials be and hereby are authorized to execute the attached Grant Agreement and any and all other documents necessary to give effect to said grant.

Effective Date: This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its signature by the County Executive.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]  
Chief Deputy County Counselor

[Signature]  
County Counselor

I hereby certify that the attached ordinance, Ordinance No. 5455 introduced on November 23, 2020, was duly passed on December 14, 2020 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8 Nays 0  
Abstaining 0 Absent 1

This Ordinance is hereby transmitted to the County Executive for his signature.

12.14.2020  
Date

[Signature]  
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature

I hereby approve the attached Ordinance No. 5455.

12/14/2020  
Date

[Signature]  
Frank White, Jr., County Executive

Funds sufficient for this appropriation are available from the source indicated below.

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 010 32810  
ACCOUNT TITLE: Grant Fund  
Undesignated Fund Balance  
NOT TO EXCEED: \$247,236.00

12/3/20  
Date

[Signature]  
Interim Chief Administrative Officer