



ARKANSAS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS 2020 COURT SECURITY GRANT

The Administrative Office of the Courts, in cooperation with the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Security and Emergency Preparedness, will award \$250,000.00 in grants with a maximum award of \$15,000.00 per application/per county, to counties for use by Local Security and Emergency Preparedness Committees for improvements in court security and emergency preparedness in circuit and district courts. Eligible applicants include any counties which have completed all requirements for the submission and approval of their Local Security and Emergency Preparedness Plans including the Facility Assessment, Court Security Plan, Emergency Response Plan, and Continuity of Operations Plan. Each eligible county may submit one application with a maximum award request of \$15,000.00.

Grants may be requested by completion and submission of the enclosed application. The application and required documents can be faxed or emailed and must be received by 5/1/2020. Please choose one method of submission. It is preferred that the application be completed electronically and emailed. The application is posted here: <https://www.arcourts.gov/administration/court-security/forms>

As part of the 2020 Court Security Grant application, each applicant must complete and submit the enclosed Court Security Incident Survey.

Application packets must include:

- Court Security Incident Survey
- Updated Local Court Security and Emergency Preparedness Committee Roster
- Grant Application Acknowledgment Form signed by all committee members
- Vendor quotes
- Include the balance of funds from previous grant awards (see enclosed chart for your county)

Please note: Firearms/ammunition, personnel wages, and vehicles will not be considered for an award.

There are many benefits to using video arraignment in our courts and we believe it necessary to promote the use of video arraignment by our grant applicants. For information and one option to consider, please see the enclosed information packet provided by the Association of Arkansas Counties.

All awarded grant funds must be expended, and projects completed, by December 31, 2020.
Grant reports will be required of all successful applicants.

Applications and required documents should be directed to:

Pete Hollingsworth
Fax: (501) 682-9408
Email: pete.hollingsworth@arcourts.gov

COURT SECURITY INCIDENT SURVEY

This completed document must be included in the grant application.

Definition:

A court security incident is any event that threatens the security of a person or property, or causes or may cause disruption to functions of the court, or in-court criminal contempt.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- arrests
- disorderly conduct
- escape attempts
- physical assaults
- threats to harm a person or property
- any other situation involving security issues that disrupts court activities

As defined above, how many court security incidents occurred in the courts in your county in 2019?

_____ incidents occurred

Of those incidents, how many required a local law enforcement agency incident or arrest report?

_____ incident or arrest reports were generated

Of the incidents requiring a local law enforcement agency report, how many were reported to the Administrative Office of the Courts via the Arkansas Court Security Incident Report?

_____ reports were submitted to the AOC

Date

County

Local Security and Emergency Preparedness Committee Member Information

Name	Title	Phone	Email
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Co-Chair

Co- Chair

Members

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**ARKANSAS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS
SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
2020 COURT SECURITY GRANT APPLICATION**

APPLICANT

Name of County: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Name of Primary Contact: _____

Primary Contact Phone: _____

Primary Contact Email: _____

Project Cost: \$ _____ Remaining Grant Funds: \$ (_____) Grant Funds Requested: \$ _____

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Describe the project and how the grant funds will be utilized for court security.

RELATIONSHIP TO PLAN: Describe how the project will assist in the implementation of goals and objectives identified in the Local Security and Emergency Preparedness Plan.

TIMELINE: Describe the anticipated start and end date for the project.

BUDGET: List the costs associated with the project, whether other funds will be utilized in addition to grant funds, and how the grant funds will be utilized.

Grant Funds Requested: \$ _____ **Other Funds:** \$ _____ **Total Project Cost:** \$ _____

SUPPLIES/OPERATIONS:

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES/CONTRACT LABOR:

PURCHASE/INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT:

OTHER EXPENSES:

We hereby certify that this request has been reviewed and signed by the Local Security and Emergency Preparedness Committee Members and that we will comply with all the terms and conditions of the Security and Emergency Preparedness Grants.

County Judge Co-Chair

Circuit Judge Co-Chair

Date

Date

Local Court Security and Emergency Preparedness Committee

Grant Application Acknowledgement

County: _____

Member Printed Name	Member Signature	Date Signed
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JUSTICE BRIDGE



SIMPLE - SAFE - SECURE



AAC's innovative Justice Bridge is a simple video/audio communication tool for law enforcement, state prisons and the judiciary. The program improves courtroom safety and efficiency while providing potential advancements in parole and probation processes. Visits and hearings can be accomplished via teleconference. Results include improved communication between county officials and law enforcement; less travel for investigators interviewing inmates in distant facilities; and streamlined communication between judges and prosecutors.

FOR USE IN:

- Circuit & district courtrooms (*above*)
- County sheriffs' offices (*middle right*)
- Inmate box portals (*bottom right*)
- State prison facilities

BENEFITS OF JUSTICE BRIDGE

- Reduced employee time, fuel and vehicle maintenance cost to counties due to reduction in inmate transports to court hearings.
- Reduced liability to counties for vehicular accidents, inmate assaults and medical costs while the inmate is in custody.
- Reduced amount of contraband in prisons due to fewer transports.
- Reduced escape potential, resulting in increased public safety.



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Summary: The Justice Bridge system has improved jail communications, judicial efficiency, and public safety in 26 counties, 16 state prisons and three Community Corrections facilities — all while saving money and manpower.

In 1986, the Association of Arkansas Counties (AAC) developed the AAC Risk Management Fund (RMF). Fifty-six counties participate in this self-funded, self-administered program. RMF is a fund through which counties acting cooperatively can manage their risk through good loss control practices and obtain protection without paying for unneeded protection.

The AAC continuously looks for ways to limit counties' liability and save them money. In partnership with Keystone, AAC is addressing inefficiencies in the transportation of prisoners between jail/prison and courtrooms. There is no need for a sheriff's deputy to drive four hours across the state for an inmate to spend 15 minutes in a courtroom. There also is no need for the Arkansas Department of Corrections (DOC) or the Arkansas Department of Community Corrections (ACC) to prepare an inmate for transport. Every time an inmate is transported, the liability for the county and the state increases — and public safety is jeopardized.

AAC believes technology can assist the counties and state in this endeavor. Certain counties have a video arraignment system that connects the jail and the courtroom. Using that principle, AAC has developed a statewide, secure network that includes correctional facilities.

The program is available only to RMF member counties.

A high-tech jail phone is the cornerstone of this program.

The jail phone enclosure is a vandal-proof 18x18x8 enclosure is built by TWH Enterprises in Batesville. The 15-inch color screen features a shatterproof display, and the phone is powered by a small computer located inside the enclosure. Two locks on the door prevent unauthorized entry into the enclosure. The high-resolution camera is protected by Plexiglass to prevent lens damage. The phone can be either wall mounted with the data and power enclosed in conduit to prevent tampering, or it can be installed on a cart for mobility.

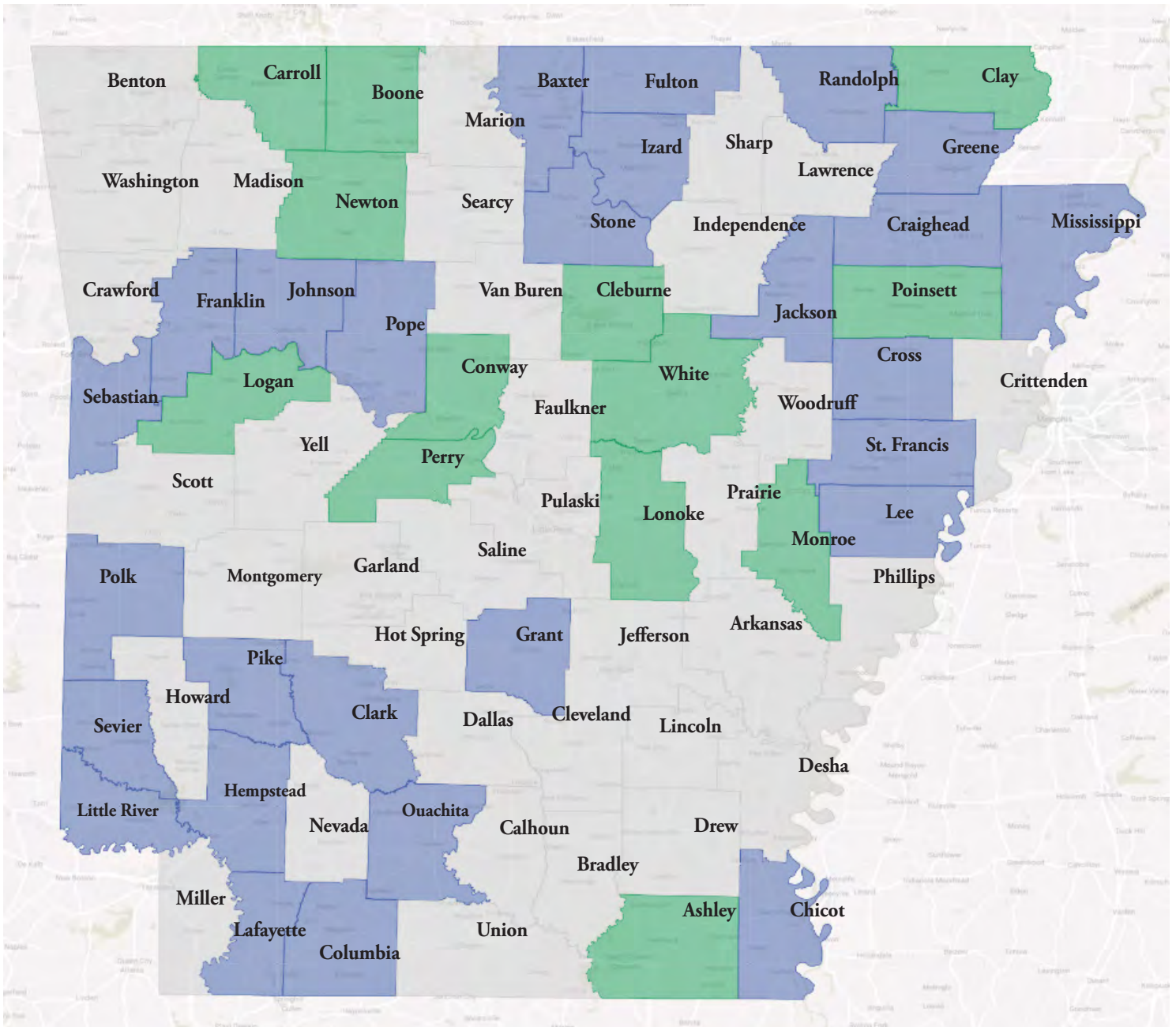
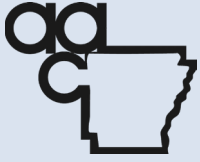
AAC has installed phones in 16 DOC prisons and in three ACC facilities at no cost to the state. Twenty-six counties are participating in the program, and another 14 counties are preparing their infrastructure for installation. Each of these counties will receive one jail phone, as well as video phones for judges and attorneys in the courtroom.

Quick Facts

- Reduces employee time, fuel and vehicle maintenance cost to counties.
- Reduces liability to counties for vehicular accidents, assaults and medical costs while the inmate is in custody.
- Reduces contraband brought into prisons.
- Increases public and courtroom safety.
- Increases courtroom, law enforcement and county government efficiency.
- Increases parole, probation efficiency by allowing visits, hearings via teleconference.
- Increases communications between county government officials and law enforcement.
- Gives law enforcement investigators the ability to interview inmates held in other facilities without travel.
- Allows better, more efficient communication between judges and prosecutors.
- Decreases inmate-initiated collaboration, malfeasance during transport.

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Counties using Justice Bridge



Counties working on infrastructure for Justice Bridge