



Board of Education

ACTION

TITLE: Noise Mitigation Grant Partnership with the City of Fort Smith

DATE: August 25, 2025

RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR: Mr. Shawn Shaffer
Executive Director of Facility Operations

BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:

This agreement establishes the mutual commitment of the City of Fort Smith and the Fort Smith Public School System to work in partnership on the noise mitigation grant awarded to the city by the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC).

The grant provides funding to implement noise attenuation measures at Orr Learning Academy and Carnall Elementary School, both of which are located within areas impacted by operations at Ebbing Air National Guard Base. The City of Fort Smith and the Fort Smith Public School system are committed to working together to ensure the successful planning, design, and completion of these improvements to benefit students, staff, and the surrounding community.

As part of this agreement, the City of Fort Smith will provide the required 10% local match for the grant. The Fort Smith Public School System agrees to reimburse the city for this match upon completion of the project, or according to a mutually acceptable schedule established by both parties.

Costs for Orr: 10% Local match **\$200,302** + 90% OLDCC Funds \$1,802,711 = \$2,003,013.

Costs for Carnall: 10% local match **\$234,761** + 90% OLDCC Funds \$2,112,843 = \$2,347,604.

Total 10% local match for both schools is **\$435,063** + 90% OLDCC funds \$3,915,554= Total costs of \$4,350,617

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends that the Fort Smith Public School Board authorize the district administration to work with the City of Fort Smith to participate in the Community Noise Mitigation Program through the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation and to accept any award of funds from said program on a 90% federal participation and 10% match.

If the Board agrees, the motion would read: ***move to approve the Fort Smith Public Schools to work with the City of Fort Smith to pursue an Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation Grant by committing to total of \$435,063 in order to obtain \$4,350,617.00 to be used for improvements at Orr and Carnall to enhance noise mitigation.***