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**From:** Scott Hicks <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 1, 2024 5:09 PM  
**To:** Kirk Lane <klane@arorp.org>  
**Subject:** Grateful for the Opportunity

Dear Mr. Lane,

I hope this message finds you well. On behalf of our team, I want to extend our deepest gratitude to you and the Arkansas Opioid Recovery Partnership for considering us for the funding opportunity. Your support and commitment to addressing the opioid crisis are truly commendable.

After careful deliberation with the Chief of Police and department administration, we have come to the difficult decision to graciously decline the grant. Despite our strong desire to contribute to this vital initiative, we have concluded that, given our current staffing levels and the ongoing challenges in finding qualified applicants, we would not be able to implement the program in a manner that would most benefit our community.

We are committed to being effective stewards of the funds entrusted to us and ensuring that the community struggling with opioid addiction reaps the maximum benefit from such programs. At this time, we do not feel confident that we can execute the program effectively and meet the high standards required for such an important initiative.

Additionally, prior to learning about receiving the grant opportunity, we entered a partnership with the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office to work collaboratively on investigations and receive assistance from their office. We believe that the funds could be more impactful if allocated to another organization that is in a better position to utilize them efficiently and effectively.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support. Thank you once again for considering us for this opportunity. We look forward to collaborating in the future under different circumstances.

Warm regards,

Captain

Scott Hicks



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