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EMAIL TO: All Sheriffs
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SUBJECT: Emergency Federal Funds for Jails Related to COVID-19 Issues

Federal funding for many sheriff's offices is available as described below. If you click on the link at the bottom of this email, you can see how much your sheriff's office is eligible to receive.

If you decide to apply for these emergency federal funds, you do so through this link: [Bureau of Justice Assistance formula grants](#)

Many thanks to UNC-Chapel Hill School of Government Professor Jessie Smith for alerting us to the availability of this funding.

Thanks...Eddie C.



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There is emergency federal funding for states and local governments to address Covid-19 issues in jails. NC as a state is eligible for \$15MM. And, local governments (cities and counties) can apply as well. The link here tells you how much each NC local government can get:
<https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/fy20-cesf-allocations-nc.pdf>.

These funds could do a lot of good to make jail safer, provide medical care, and manage jail populations. Per the application the permissible use of funds is broad:

Funds awarded under the CESF Program must be utilized to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. Allowable projects and purchases include, but are not limited to, overtime, equipment (including law enforcement and medical personal protective equipment), hiring, supplies (such as gloves, masks, sanitizer), training, travel expenses (particularly related to the distribution of resources to the most impacted areas), and addressing the medical needs of inmates in state, local, and tribal prisons, jails, and detention centers.

Please share with NC sheriffs as you feel appropriate.