Good Afternoon –

On Monday, we sent you information about a number of funding opportunities available through the federal CARES act that might help you with costs incurred from your response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We now have additional information about the following grant opportunity:

- The Act added $850 million to State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance, which can be distributed according to the formulas used to distribute Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program in FY 2019. The federal Bureau of Justice Assistance posted the opportunity on March 30th, and it will close May 29th: [https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/bja-2020-18553](https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/bja-2020-18553)

The state of Texas expects to make approximately $37.8 million in grant funds from this program available to local units of government through regionally based allocations using the Regional Councils of Governments boundaries. The attached document provides details of the grant solicitation, application requirements and deadlines and the amount of funding allocated to each regional council of government. Access to this grant application will generally be available to juvenile probation departments through their local county governments, so please review this information and work with your counties to apply for funding.

Some departments who work with counties that are eligible to apply directly to the federal Bureau of Justice Assistance received a prior notice about this grant and the amount of funds allocated to their specific local government under this program. Those departments should seek to meet their funding needs through their local grant allocations first and utilize this avenue only if they have outstanding needs not covered in their local application.

Please reach out to us to let us know how we can help, or to provide clarification about these opportunities.

Thank you for all you do!