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NATURE OF STORY: GRANT AWARD

DETAILS:

The Department of Justice notified the Lane County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday, August 18, that \$128,913 from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant has been awarded to the Lane County Sheriff's Office and the City of Eugene.

Grant funds will be shared between the two jurisdictions. The Sheriff's Office will use the funds to increase public safety capability by purchasing essential and much-needed equipment for deputies on Patrol; the Civil, Records and Evidence sections; and, the Special Operations Response Team.

Lane County's Congressional delegation secured the funding for local agencies. In letters to Oregon Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, and Congressman Peter DeFazio, Sheriff Russ Burger expressed his gratitude for their continued support and advocacy for public safety agencies in Lane County and throughout Oregon.

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