

COOPER, ALEXANDER, CORKER, DEAN ANNOUNCE NEW CRIME PREVENTION FUNDING FOR NASHVILLE

Funding will go to Metro Police, Sheriff, Courts and other departments

WASHINGTON—U.S. Congressman Jim Cooper (D-Tenn. 5th), U.S. Senators Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.) and Bob Corker (R-Tenn.), and Nashville Mayor Karl Dean today announced that the U.S. Department of Justice's Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program has awarded Nashville \$292,000 to prevent and control crime in Middle Tennessee.

Public safety funding will go to the Metro Nashville Police Department, Davidson County Drug Court, Davidson County Sheriff's Office, Metro Nashville Public Schools, Davidson County District Attorney, Nashville Justice Integration Services, Davidson County Juvenile Court, Nashville Public Defender, and Metro Parks and Recreation Department.

"In a city the size of Nashville, improving public safety should always be one of our chief concerns," Cooper said. "These taxpayer funds from the Justice Department will be used to control crime and improve coordination among all the local agencies that work together to protect our citizens. I'm pleased that Nashville can target these federal resources to prevent crime from occurring in our neighborhoods."

"I'm glad to see this funding coming to the Nashville area to support the local government and law enforcement," Alexander said. "This Byrne grant will allow Davidson County and Nashville to better address crime in the area and give the people of Davidson County a safer community."

"I'm pleased that Nashville is a recipient of this grant and I will continue working to find ways the federal government can partner with the state of Tennessee to make our communities safer," Corker said. "By leveraging resources at all levels of government and giving local leadership the discretion to distribute funds based upon local needs, this award will support law enforcement efforts to reduce crime throughout Nashville and Davidson County."

“Public safety is a top priority.

When people feel safe, they use our parks, our schools and businesses, and communities thrive,” Dean said. “I thank Congressman Cooper and Senators Alexander and Corker for bringing these additional resources to our city and to an area that is vital to our city’s continued success.”

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice

Assistance Grant was created by the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988. The award was named for named for a twenty-two year old New York City police officer who was killed in the line of duty in February 1988. By law, Byrne-JAG grant funds can be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support and information systems for criminal justice.

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