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BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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Dear Tribal Leader:

The purpose of this letter is to provide notice that FY 2018 and FY 2019 funding has been made available for distribution to eligible tribally operated Law Enforcement programs funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Office of Justice Services (OJS) that will be added to your base funding share. To be eligible as a recipient of this base funding increase under BIA OJS, the Tribe must have submitted their monthly crime statistics and drug reports each month for at least 9 of the 12 month reporting period in Fiscal Year 2018; monthly reports are required under 25 C.F.R. Part 12.

As you may be aware, the Joint Explanatory Statement to the FY 2018 Department of the Interior (DOI) appropriation identified a funding increase of \$7.5 million within our Criminal Investigations and Police Services program to "help people affected by opioid addiction." As a result, BIA OJS has reviewed the activities that we are authorized to execute and/or fund within the Criminal Investigations and Police Services program. Based on this review, we have determined that the \$7.5 million budget increase will be distributed for the following activities:

- Drug Enforcement operations – including staff and law enforcement related equipment
- Drug-related training activities for Investigators and/or Police Officers

Considering the vast law enforcement program needs present throughout Indian Country, a detailed analysis of the following data elements was conducted to help us identify the areas where the need is most urgent, and to enable us to allocate the additional funds accordingly. Our calculations to distribute the funding were based on the OJS funding methodology utilizing the following weighted factors:

- FY 2018 Violent Crime Rate
- Funded Staffing levels/shortages by standard ratio to resident service population
- Size of trust land service area (land base)
- FY 2018 Drug-related offenses (monthly drug statistics reported by tribe with 50+ drug crimes reported)

In light of the specific language contained in the FY 2018 Joint Explanatory Statement, the drug-related offense rate was assigned the greatest weight. The analysis included approximately 140 eligible tribal law enforcement programs. Based upon the funding methodology, a portion of this funding from FY 2018 and FY 2019 has been allocated and is now available to your law enforcement program for the purposes identified above. The FY 2019 amount will be recurring on an annual basis, subject to future appropriation amounts and/or language. Funding can be used only for purposes intended as identified above and cannot be used for facility needs such as maintenance, repair, or construction.

Please contact your local BIA OJS district office for specific funding information for your Tribe, and any additional questions you may have. We look forward to working with you to enhance public safety services to the tribes and to the citizens of Indian Country.

Sincerely,

Charles Addington
Director, Office of Justice Services