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## Gov. Perry Awards \$62,500 to Deep East Texas Councils of Government

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry today awarded more than \$62,500 to the Deep East Texas Council of Governments to purchase three patrol vehicles for the Shelby County Sheriff's Office. The grant is awarded under the federal Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program and is distributed by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD).

"Law enforcement officials are essential to the safety and wellbeing of our communities," Gov. Perry said. "Texas must ensure that these officers have the proper equipment and resources to enforce our laws and keep our citizens safe."

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants provide support to state and local governments for a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system.

Each year, CJD contributes to public safety and the reduction of crime in Texas through the deliberate deployment of strategy, direction and funding. CJD administers more than \$113 million in both state and federal funds to support criminal justice, juvenile justice and victim restoration efforts.