Grant funds to support Jackson Co safety upgrade (KAIR)--More than \$100,000 in federal funding is earmarked for use in Jackson County.

That word is delivered in a news release issued Tuesday by Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse.

The release says the Sheriff's Office received notification from the Kansas Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Monday that \$129,399 has been awarded to Jackson County through the Federal Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

According to Morse, the funds are designated to fund the upgrade of mobile and portable radios for deputies. The current radio equipment is in need of being updated due to age. Morse, in the release, says it's important to have reliable radio communications equipment to be able to better serve the community, and to keep deputies safe.

The grant program is named for Edward R. Byrne, an NYPD police officer gunned down in the line of duty in 1988.

The program allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the justice system.

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