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Nikki Cannon, Assistant County Administrator
Carroll County Administrator's Office
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Dear Nikki:

Grayson, Carroll, and City of Galax are designated as High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas and have received grant funding from Appalachia HIDTA to be used by Twin County Task Force to help reduce the impact of illegal drug trafficking activity in this region. The grant program has been awarded \$11,920 to be utilized for surveillance equipment. Please appropriate this amount to 31020-5410. After purchase the cost of the equipment will be reimbursed by the HIDTA grant.

Training and housing expenses for the new K-9 has been complete. Please appropriate \$5,485 to 31020-7006 for start-up expenses and \$3,928 to 31020-5504 for Travel and training expenses to cover the required training. Transfer the total of \$9,413 from Local Criminal Drug Fund 3-279-018990-0099 which currently has a balance of \$31,182.

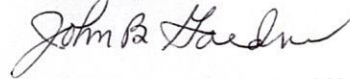
With the help of a DOJ grant we were able to replace bullet proof vests for all deputies and implemented a mandatory wear policy. As Sheriff it is my greatest desire that all deputies go home safe at the end of their shift and this was the first step in providing equipment to make that a reality. These vests are necessary and vital for everyday operation but are not adequate against high power rifles. With this in mind I want to purchase helmets, outer vest carriers and ballistic plates for all patrol deputies to be used in threat situations. The cost of this equipment is \$16,965. Please appropriate this to Highway Safety Funding Police Supplies 31060-5410 from excess revenue generated in this budget year.

Appropriation request totals:

Police Supplies 31020-5410	\$11,920 (Reimbursable by HIDTA grant)
Drug Dog 31020-7006	\$5485 (Transfer from Local Criminal Drug Fund)
Travel Expenses 31020-5504	\$3,928 (Transfer from Local Criminal Drug Fund)
Police Supplies 31060-5410	\$16,965 (Highway Safety Revenue)

I will be available to answer any questions in relation to these requests. Thanks for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John B. Gardner".

John B. Gardner, Sheriff