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RAHALL ANNOUNCES REINFORCEMENTS FOR DRUG WARS

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) announced today that the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance has awarded \$3,551,000 to the Governor's Office of Community and Industrial Development Criminal Justice and Safety Office.

Rahall said the funding represents the fruits of efforts to gain a greater share of Federal monies for West Virginia. Last year, West Virginia's allotment was only \$1,205,000. The funds are targeted primarily for support of narcotics task force programs, state and local drug law enforcement, community crime watch, crime analysis methods, street sales enforcement and a regional jail and correctional facility.

"If we are to defeat drugs, we can no longer overlook rural areas," Rahall observed. "These funds will protect non-Metropolitan areas from being the next target of the drug lords and their thugs. The community ideal that West Virginia's cities and towns represent will maintain its foothold with these funds, and we can all take heart that our drug war will be a victory."



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Dear Congressman:

Enclosed is the announcement of a grant award/awards to your State.

If you have any questions concerning this award, please call the Office of Congressional and Public Affairs for the Office of Justice Programs at 724-7694.

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**Department of Justice Announces \$12 Million
for Kentucky, Nevada and West Virginia Drug Fight**

Attorney General Dick Thornburgh today announced the awarding of \$12 million in federal anti-drug funds to Kentucky, Nevada and West Virginia for local drug law enforcement. The \$12,059,000 is approximately triple the \$3.9 million the three states received last year.

"The war on drugs must be fought at all levels -- local, state, federal and international," Thornburgh said. "This grant money is part of the Bush Administration's effort to assist communities attack the problem at the local level -- right on 'Main Street'."

Kentucky's award has increased to \$6,080,000 as compared to last year's award of \$1,885,000; Nevada \$2,428,000, as compared to the fiscal year 1989 award of \$874,000; and West Virginia \$3,551,000, an increase from last year's \$1,205,000.

"President Bush proposed increased federal support for state and local efforts last fall in his first National Drug Control Strategy, and reaffirmed that commitment six weeks ago with the release of his 1990 *National Drug Control Strategy*. The State and Local Assistance Program is currently funded at the level of \$444,737,000 for the 1990 fiscal year, and President Bush has asked for an increase to \$490 million in his 1991 budget request," Thornburgh noted.

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"The Department of Justice, in administering these funds, is encouraging the states to incorporate National Drug Control Strategy recommendations into their programs," he said.

Kentucky will continue to emphasize multi-jurisdictional task forces as the mainstay of its enforcement effort. Seven street sales enforcement projects will be continued encompassing 29 counties and 72 police agencies statewide. Plans call for the addition of five major regional task forces, and equipment upgrades, overtime, additional personnel and training for current projects. The Kentucky State Police will receive funds for the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Program, its asset forfeiture unit, and upgrading of its intelligence unit and forensic laboratories.

The Nevada Division of Investigation and two counties will receive funds to support the multijurisdictional task force efforts there. The Las Vegas Police Department will receive funding to support an anti-crime program and the Reno Police Department will receive support for its property crime sting program. Four counties will receive funds to support the DARE program.

West Virginia will use its federal funds to support its narcotics task force programs, state and local drug law enforcement efforts, community crime watch, crime analysis techniques and street sales enforcement, and a regional jail and correctional facility.

The awards were made by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, a component of the Justice Department's Office of Justice Programs.

The Bureau has made awards to 27 states and two territories and is reviewing applications from the remaining 23 states, the District of Columbia and two of the five territories. Today's awards were made within six weeks of receiving applications from the states.

As required by the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, Nevada must pass through approximately 60 percent of its award to units of local government while West Virginia is required to pass through approximately half. Kentucky may retain approximately 70 percent of its award.

Additional information about these awards may be obtained by calling the following state offices: Kentucky Justice Cabinet, Frankfort, Kentucky, (502) 564-7554; Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles and Public Safety, Carson City, Nevada, (702) 885-5375; and the West Virginia Criminal Justice and Highway Safety Office, Charleston, West Virginia, (304) 348-8814.