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**To:** Blount County Budget Committee

**From:** Joni Seratt

**cc:** Angelie Shankle

**Date:** 7/30/19

**Re:** Electronic Monitoring Indigent Fund (EMIF) Budget Request

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As you know, Blount County Commission recently passed a resolution to opt-in to the State EMIF Fund. The EMIF Fund is a fund is to cover expenses for GPS/SCRAM monitoring for indigent offenders. Blount County is responsible for 50% of the monitoring fees and the State of TN is responsible for the other 50%.

Prior to the Resolution being passed, and prior to my knowledge of the EMIF fund, I had requested \$12,000.00 for expenses for our Electronic Monitoring Fund. The \$12,000.00 was allocated at the June 2019 Commission Meeting for the new 2019-2020 fiscal year. Once I became aware of the EMIF Fund and consulted with all other parties involved, I requested \$25,000.00 to cover expenses of the Electronic Monitoring. This amount would cover approximately 37 offenders per month. According to the EMIF fund guidelines, once we submit what portion the County will opt-in for we will not be able to increase it. As it stands right now, we would be limited to 37 indigent offenders.

I had \$13,000.00 left in my 2018-2019 Fiscal budget. I am asking to re-appropriate the unused \$13,000.00 to 2019-2020 Fiscal year to cover expenses to be able to offer this program to approximately 50 offenders per month.