

Sec. X. COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY; COUNTY RESERVE FUNDS;
COUNTY SHERIFFS; FUNDING OF EMERGENCY NEEDS

(a) Funding.

(1) To support the emergency needs of sheriffs due to the State's COVID-19 response, a county's reserve funds described in 24 V.S.A. § 133(e) shall be allowed to be used for the emergency needs of the county sheriff. "Emergency needs" means needs to respond to COVID-19 and includes hiring deputies, dispatchers, and other personnel and purchasing equipment and supplies.

(2) The funding of these emergency needs under this subsection shall be in addition to the support of the sheriff's department set forth in 24 V.S.A. § 73.

(b) Application for FEMA reimbursement. Any sheriff who receives county reserve funds for emergency needs under subsection (a) of this section shall apply to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for any allowable reimbursement.

(c) Sunset. This section shall be repealed two weeks after the day the Governor terminates the state of emergency for the State of Vermont in response to COVID-19.