

# Milwaukee County awarded \$2 million criminal justice system grant

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Milwaukee County received a \$2 million dollar grant Wednesday slated to reduce jail populations and address racial and ethnic disparities in the county's criminal justice system.

The county was one of 11 grant recipients, out of more than 200 nationwide applicants.

Chris Abele, Milwaukee County's Executive said the money is needed and will be put to good use, during an interview at TODAY's TMJ4.

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“Wisconsin has the highest percentage of incarcerated African Americans in the United States ... there’s clearly an issue, “ Abele said.

The idea is to improve public safety and save money, he added.

Check out the entire interview [here](#).

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