

Analysis

Item 9: Department of Public Safety Standards and Training

State Fire Systems Training

Analyst: Julie Neburka

Request: Increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training by \$20,000 for expenditure of a State Fire Systems Training grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Fire Administration.

Analysis: The National Fire Academy, a program of the U.S. Fire Administration, delivers firefighter training in cooperation with state fire service training agencies. To supplement state-offered fire training, the State Fire Training Systems Grant program provides small grants to states to develop and deliver fire training programs that have a national focus.

On June 8, 2020 the U.S. Fire Administration made \$1.0 million available nationwide through the State Fire Training Systems grant program. On July 15, 2020, after timely ten-day notification to the Legislature, the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training applied for \$20,000 to deliver National Fire Academy-endorsed classes to firefighters throughout the state. The agency received notice of its award of \$20,000 on September 11, 2020, and shortly thereafter received retroactive approval to apply for the grant at the September 25, 2020 meeting of the Emergency Board. Grant funds will be spent to deliver a variety of National Fire Academy-endorsed classes to career and volunteer firefighters throughout the state during the remaining six months of this biennium. This grant does not have a match requirement.

Legislative Fiscal Office Recommendation: The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends that the Emergency Board increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training by \$20,000 for expenditure of a State Fire Systems Training grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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Department of Public Safety Standards and Training
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Request: Increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation by \$20,000 for a grant awarded by the 2020 State Fire Training Systems Grant Program, under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (USDHS), for delivery of National Fire Academy classes.

Recommendation: Approve the request.

Discussion: The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) received a grant in the amount of \$20,000 from the 2020 State Fire Training Systems Grant Program, organized under USDHS. The Department received the maximum amount provided to state training academies. This one-time grant with no match requirement is intended to promote professional development of career and volunteer firefighters, emergency responders, and allied professionals. The Department plans to support state and local training organizations throughout Oregon by utilizing grant funds to deliver a variety of National Fire Academy classes and National Fire Academy endorsed classes to career and volunteer firefighters throughout the state.

Legal Reference: Increase the Federal Funds expenditure limitation established by chapter 479, section 3, Oregon Laws 2019, for the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training by \$20,000 for the 2019-21 biennium.



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The Honorable Senator Peter Courtney, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Tina Kotek, Co-Chair
State Emergency Board
900 Court Street NE
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Dear Co-Chairpersons:

NATURE OF REQUEST

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) is requesting an increase in Federal Fund expenditure limitation in the amount of \$20,000 for a grant awarded from the 2020 State Fire Training Systems Grant Program under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

BACKGROUND

On June 8, 2020, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security opened the 2020 State Fire Training Grant Program. The department applied for the grant on July 15, 2020 and requested up to \$20,000, the maximum amount provided to State Training Academies. The application period closed on July 17, 2020.

The primary goal of the State Fire Training Grant Program is to promote the professional development of the fire and emergency response community and its allied professionals and support State and local training organizations in fulfilling their obligation to career and volunteer fire and emergency services. DPSST would utilize the grant to deliver a variety of National Fire Academy classes and National Fire Academy endorsed classes to career and volunteer firefighters around the state.

On September 25, 2020, the Joint Emergency Board Committee provided DPSST retroactive approval to apply for the federal grant of up to \$20,000 from the 2020 State Fire Training Systems Grant Program under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

AGENCY ACTION

On September 11, 2020 DPSST was notified that it was approved for a grant of \$20,000, the maximum amount provided to State Training Academies.

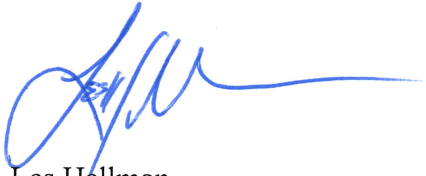
ACTION REQUESTED

DPSST requests that the Emergency Board increase DPSST's Federal Fund expenditure limitation by \$20,000. There is no match or non-federal commitment required for this State Fire Training Grant and no additional positions or FTE are requested.

LEGISLATION AFFECTED

Increase Federal Fund expenditure limitation established by Chapter 479, Section 3, Oregon Laws 2019, for the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training by \$20,000 for the 2019-21 biennium.

Sincerely,



Les Hallman
Interim Director