

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 26: Department of State Police Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness

To: Emergency Board Full Committee
From: General Government Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Fahey

The General Government Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board approve, retroactively, the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, for up to \$175,000 for the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness grant.

The Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness grant provides funding to assist with access to and delivery of mental health and wellness services for law enforcement. With this most recent grant offering, there is \$7.2 million in funding available that is anticipated to fund up to 42 project awards over a two-year period, beginning September 1, 2022. This is a competitive grant, and no state match is required. The Department of State Police would utilize this grant to fund additional travel and training for Peer Support Team members. If awarded, the Department may need to return to the legislature for additional Federal Funds expenditure limitation.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.