

House Bill 2425

Sponsored by Representative NATHANSON, Senator FINDLEY (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

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Directs Office of Emergency Management to develop and administer grant program in support of projects to consolidate and modernize or upgrade public safety answering points.
Sunsets January 2, 2041.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to public safety answering points.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) "Emergency communications system" has the meaning given that term in ORS
6 403.105.

7 (b) "9-1-1 jurisdiction" has the meaning given that term in 403.105.

8 (c) "Public safety answering point" has the meaning given that term in ORS 403.105.

9 (2) The Office of Emergency Management shall develop and administer a program to
10 provide grants, from the Public Safety Answer Point Consolidation Fund established under
11 section 2 of this 2021 Act, in support of projects to consolidate and modernize or upgrade
12 public safety answering points.

13 (3)(a) 9-1-1 jurisdictions may apply for grants under the program. An application must
14 include, at a minimum:

15 (A) A plan for consolidating two or more public safety answering points into a single
16 public safety answering point; and

17 (B) A plan for modernizing or upgrading software or hardware.

18 (b) Plans may rely on or include information previously collected or plans previously de-
19 veloped by a 9-1-1 jurisdiction.

20 (c) Plans must comply with any applicable standards or objectives identified within the
21 Oregon Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan described in ORS 403.455.

22 (4)(a) The office may approve a grant application if:

23 (A) The office determines that the project described in the application will improve the
24 efficiency of the emergency communications system; and

25 (B) The statewide interoperability coordinator determines that the project described in
26 the application is in compliance with applicable provisions of the Oregon Statewide Commu-
27 nication Interoperability Plan described in ORS 403.455.

28 (b) The office may approve applications for a maximum of two projects per biennium.

29 (5) The office may provide matching grants for modernizing or upgrading software or
30 hardware to 9-1-1 jurisdictions whose grant applications are approved under this section. To
31 be eligible for a matching grant under this subsection, a 9-1-1 jurisdiction must commit

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1 moneys to the modernization or upgrade in an amount that is at least equal to the matching
2 grant amount.

3 (6) Grants under the program may not exceed, per project:

4 (a) \$25,000 for costs related to developing consolidation plans;

5 (b) \$__ for technical support to implement consolidation plans; and

6 (c) \$500,000 for matching grants for modernizing or upgrading software or hardware.

7 (7) The State Interoperability Executive Council shall, in its report to legislative com-
8 mittees required under ORS 403.455, include information on emergency communications
9 modernization efforts.

10 (8) The office shall adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section, including rules
11 governing the form and process for grant applications.

12 **SECTION 2.** The Public Safety Answer Point Consolidation Fund is established in the
13 State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. The Public Safety Answer
14 Point Consolidation Fund consists of moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited or trans-
15 ferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise. The moneys in the fund are
16 continuously appropriated to the Oregon Military Department for the Office of Emergency
17 Management to carry out the provisions of section 1 of this 2021 Act.

18 **SECTION 3.** (1) Sections 1 and 2 of this 2021 Act are repealed on January 2, 2041.

19 (2) Any moneys remaining in the Public Safety Answer Point Consolidation Fund estab-
20 lished under section 2 of this 2021 Act on the date specified in subsection (1) of this section
21 that are unexpended, unobligated and not subject to any conditions shall revert to the Gen-
22 eral Fund.

23 **SECTION 4.** There is appropriated to the Oregon Military Department, for the biennium
24 beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$__, for deposit in the Public
25 Safety Answer Point Consolidation Fund established under section 2 of this 2021 Act.

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