House Bill 2425

Sponsored by Representative NATHANSON, Senator FINDLEY (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

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

Relating to public safety answering points.

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

SECTION 1.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) “Emergency communications system” has the meaning given that term in ORS 403.105.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(B) The statewide interoperability coordinator determines that the project described in the application is in compliance with applicable provisions of the Oregon Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan described in ORS 403.455.

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

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

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.
(6) Grants under the program may not exceed, per project:
(a) $25,000 for costs related to developing consolidation plans;
(b) $__ for technical support to implement consolidation plans; and
(c) $500,000 for matching grants for modernizing or upgrading software or hardware.

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

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

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

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

(2) Any moneys remaining in the Public Safety Answer Point Consolidation Fund established under section 2 of this 2021 Act on the date specified in subsection (1) of this section that are unexpended, unobligated and not subject to any conditions shall revert to the General Fund.

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