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HOUSE BILL 2456

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Appropriation; department of administration; fire
3 incident management grant program; report

4 A. The sum of \$2,000,000 is appropriated from the state general
5 fund in fiscal year 2025-2026 to the department of administration for a
6 fire incident management grant program. Not more than \$250,000 of monies
7 appropriated may be used by the department of administration to administer
8 the program, including conducting audits of grant recipients. The
9 remaining monies shall be used to provide grants to municipal fire
10 departments and fire districts for hardware and software that:

11 1. Enable the statewide deployment of a secure incident management
12 platform to fire and law enforcement agencies.

13 2. Provide a standardized incident command and management platform
14 based on federal emergency management agency standards that enable diverse
15 incident management and support entities to work together and ensure the
16 following:

17 (a) A clearly defined chain of command.

18 (b) The use of common terminology.

19 (c) The safety of first responders and others.

20 (d) The achievement of response objectives.

21 (e) The efficient use of resources.

22 3. Provide a collaboration and communications solution that does
23 the following:

24 (a) Identifies the location, status and assignment of assigned
25 resources.

26 (b) Allows status updates, tracking and management of an incident.

27 (c) Allows secure messaging and file sharing to all users involved
28 in an incident.

29 (d) Allows the sharing of collaborative maps, building floor plans
30 and images between public safety agencies.

31 (e) Allows collaboration and information sharing between disparate
32 agencies during a mass casualty incident.

33 (f) Defines a federal emergency management agency or national
34 incident management systems based organizational structure for the
35 management of incidents.

36 (g) Provides the ability to print standard integrated computer
37 solutions forms for tracking and cost reimbursement.

38 (h) Provides enhanced telemetry-based firefighter safety
39 monitoring.

40 (i) Works in areas without internet access in a disconnected mode.

41 (j) Provides a seamless and connected platform for notification,
42 response and rostering.

43 (k) Provides cross platform functionality.

44 (l) Provides a smartphone-based application for notification,
45 accountability and situational awareness.

1 B. Each municipal fire department or fire district in this state
2 may submit a grant request to the department of administration for the
3 costs of the secure incident management system that meets all of the
4 criteria described in subsection A of this section.

5 C. The department of administration shall award grants on a
6 first-come, first-served basis. Grants that are awarded shall fully fund
7 the costs of the secure incident management system for each municipal fire
8 department or fire district for three years.

9 D. On or before December 31, 2025, the department of administration
10 shall submit a report on the grant program to the president of the senate,
11 the speaker of the house of representatives and the governor and shall
12 provide a copy of this report to the secretary of state. The report shall
13 include:

14 1. The name of each applicant that applied for a grant.

15 2. The name of each entity that was awarded a grant and the amount
16 awarded to each entity.

17 E. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
18 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating
19 to lapsing of appropriations.