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appropriation; fire incident management grants

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SENATE BILL 1297

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.

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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 exemption

5 A. The sum of \$6,500,000 is appropriated from the state general
6 fund in fiscal year 2025-2026 to the department of administration for a
7 fire incident management grant program. Not more than \$250,000 of monies
8 appropriated may be used by the department of administration to administer
9 the program, including conducting audits of grant recipients. The
10 remaining monies shall be used to provide grants to municipal fire
11 departments and fire districts for hardware and software that:

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

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

18 (a) A clearly defined chain of command.

19 (b) The use of common terminology.

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

21 (d) The achievement of response objectives.

22 (e) The efficient use of resources.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

44 (k) Provides cross platform functionality.

1 (1) Provides a smartphone-based application for notification,
2 accountability and situational awareness.

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

7 C. The department of administration shall award grants on a
8 first-come, first-served basis. Grants that are awarded:

9 1. Shall fully fund the costs of the secure incident management
10 system for each municipal fire department or fire district for three
11 years.

12 2. Must contain a requirement that any portion of a grant award
13 that is not fully encumbered by a municipal fire department or fire
14 district within one year after the award is made shall be returned to the
15 department of administration and may be used by the department of
16 administration to award additional grants pursuant to this section.

17 D. On or before December 31, 2025, the department of administration
18 shall submit a report on the grant program to the president of the senate,
19 the speaker of the house of representatives and the governor and shall
20 provide a copy of this report to the secretary of state. The report shall
21 include:

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

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

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

28 Sec. 2. Fire incident management grant program awards;
29 encumbrance; return; awards

30 Any portion of a grant award made with monies appropriated for fire
31 incident management grants pursuant to Laws 2022, chapter 313, section 5
32 or Laws 2023, chapter 133, section 6, as amended by Laws 2023, chapter
33 170, section 11, that is not fully encumbered by a municipal fire
34 department or fire district within six months after the effective date of
35 this act shall be returned to the department of administration and may be
36 used by the department of administration to award additional grants for
37 the fire incident management grant program pursuant to this act.