

Fiscal Note

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2020 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 231
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Identifier: SB231-DCCED-DCRA-03-06-20
Title: VILLAGE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER GRANTS
Sponsor: OLSON
Requester: (S) State Affairs

Department: Department of Commerce, Community and
Economic Development
Appropriation: Community and Regional Affairs
Allocation: Community and Regional Affairs
OMB Component Number: 2879

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2021 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2021 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2021	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Personal Services	105.3		105.3	105.3	105.3	105.3	105.3
Travel	20.0		20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Services	19.0		16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5	16.5
Commodities	10.0		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits	8,905.4		8,905.4	8,905.4	8,905.4	8,905.4	8,905.4
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	9,059.7	0.0	9,048.2	9,048.2	9,048.2	9,048.2	9,048.2

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	9,059.7		9,048.2	9,048.2	9,048.2	9,048.2	9,048.2
Total	9,059.7	0.0	9,048.2	9,048.2	9,048.2	9,048.2	9,048.2

Positions

Full-time	1.0		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2020) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2021) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? Yes
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 06/30/21

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
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Analysis

SB 231 would change the administrative structure of the Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) program, currently administered by Department of Public Safety. It establishes the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED) as the granting agency for the VPSO program, while leaving the VPSO program in the Department of Public Safety (DPS). The bill provides that funding will be appropriated to and disbursed through DCCED for the VPSO program.

Under this legislation, DCCED would accept applications and administer the VPSO grants, designate an official with "primary responsibility for compliance," annually review the program and publish results, and receive individual officer applications and proof of eligibility. This legislation gives DPS the authority to conduct site visits to monitor public safety officer performance and compliance with state and federal law.

If this legislation passes, the following expenses will be incurred:

\$105.3 in personal services costs for one full time Grant Administrator III (range 19, step A).

\$20.0 in travel for 10 site visits at \$2.0 per trip.

\$19.0 in year one and \$16.5 in subsequent years for services for core service costs (\$15.0), a medium sized regulations project (\$2.5, year one only), and grant application review and support from the Department of Law (\$1.5).

\$10.0 in commodities for one-time office supply and workspace costs for the Grant Administrator III. \$1.0 in subsequent years for ongoing supply costs.

\$8,905.4 annually for VPSO grant funding. This fiscal note makes the assumption that grant funding will remain stable in the out years.

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Title: VILLAGE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER GRANTS
Sponsor: OLSON
Requester: (S) State Affairs

Department: Department of Public Safety
Appropriation: Village Public Safety Officer Program
Allocation: Village Public Safety Officer Program
OMB Component Number: 3047

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2021 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2021 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2021	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Personal Services	25.3		1,917.1	1,917.1	1,917.1	1,917.1	1,917.1
Travel	(32.0)		108.5	108.5	108.5	108.5	108.5
Services	123.3		107.6	107.6	107.6	107.6	107.6
Commodities	163.3		790.1	288.0	288.0	288.0	288.0
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits		(8,905.4)					
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	279.9	(8,905.4)	2,923.3	2,421.2	2,421.2	2,421.2	2,421.2

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	279.9	(8,905.4)	2,923.3	2,421.2	2,421.2	2,421.2	2,421.2
Total	279.9	(8,905.4)	2,923.3	2,421.2	2,421.2	2,421.2	2,421.2

Positions

Full-time	(1.0)		9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Part-time							
Temporary	1.0		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2020) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2021) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
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ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? Yes
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/21

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

SB 231 moves the grants administration of the Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) program under the purview of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED) with the program oversight functions remaining under the Department of Public Safety (DPS) with the expectation that DPS consults with grantees on all related regulations, policies, and procedures before implementing changes. It further reduces the minimum requirements of VPSO eligibility by changing the allowable criminal history.

To meet the intent of the changes proposed by the bill, DPS will require additional personnel to provide oversight for VPSO performance, as well as the necessary commodities and travel costs for the additional positions. Additionally, the increased costs related to training, testing, equipping VPSOs are included.

Personal Services

A long term non-permanent background investigator will be required to conduct background investigations on VPSO applicants at the cost of \$128,400 for FY21 and each year after. DPS typically uses non-permanent positions in this capacity as it allows the department to hire experienced, retired troopers to fill the positions, cutting down on training time as well as reducing the impact to the detachments by not pulling troopers from the road. With the transfer of the grant responsibilities to DCCED, the fiscal note reflects a decrement of \$103,098, which is the cost of the Program Coordinator I position that performed those duties at DPS.

Starting in FY22, AST will require 9 corporal positions, with a total cost of \$1,788,671 to provide oversight to the VPSOs in anticipation of the increase in hiring as well as the expansion of duties of the VPSOs to now include felony investigations.

Travel

There is a reduction in travel in the amount of \$32,000. This includes the reduction in travel due to grant compliance site visits as well as the elimination of the quarterly grantee meetings. There is then an addition of \$108,500 starting in FY22 to account for the VPSO performance visit by the corporal positions that will be providing oversight to the VPSOs and liaising with their employers regarding performance and training.

Services

There will be an increase in the services line item starting in FY21. The cost of 48 VPSOs to receive psychological testing in FY21 is estimate to be at \$22,800 or \$475.00 each for psychological evaluation. Each year afterward is estimated at \$7,125 for psychological testing to account for the historical 30% VPSO turnover rate each year (15 people). There will be an increase of \$100,500 in training costs in the form of an RSA to the Alaska Law Enforcement Training Academy for the increase of training hours required by the bill.

Commodities

DPS will continue to supply VPSOs the equipment they need as some items are not available to purchase by non-law enforcement entities. The FY21 cost includes \$163,300 for 48 VPSOs to be supplied with firearms and ammunition. From FY22 on, the cost will be \$51,000 for firearms and ammunition and \$236,955 for uniforms, ballistics vests, tasers, etc. for 15 VPSOs annually to account for the historical turnover rate of 30%. Additional cost are needed to outfit 9 corporals with vehicles, uniforms, ballistic vests, tasers, etc. that will be added to the program for oversight in the amount of \$502,173.

Grants

There is a decrement in the grants line as those funds will be appropriated to DCCED.

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Title: VILLAGE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER GRANTS
Sponsor: OLSON
Requester: (S) State Affairs

Department: Department of Public Safety
Appropriation: Statewide Support
Allocation: Criminal Justice Information Systems Program
OMB Component Number: 3200

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2021 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2021 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2021	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Personal Services	266.4		266.4	266.4	266.4	266.4	266.4
Travel							
Services							
Commodities	9.0						
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	275.4	0.0	266.4	266.4	266.4	266.4	266.4

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	275.4		266.4	266.4	266.4	266.4	266.4
Total	275.4	0.0	266.4	266.4	266.4	266.4	266.4

Positions

Full-time	3.0		3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2020) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2021) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
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ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? Yes
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/21

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Analysis

As currently written this bill will increase the number of entities potentially submitting fingerprint based background checks to DPS by up to 250 entities. Receipt of state and national criminal history record information requires the receiving entity to complete training provided by DPS on the lawful and unlawful uses of criminal justice information. DPS would also be mandated to perform a background investigation on any grant applicant, develop a user agreement and audit every recipient of criminal justice information on a biennial basis. Therefore, DPS would need at least three additional positions (two Criminal Justice Specialists at \$91,992 each and one Criminal Justice Technician II at \$82,421) to assist the Program Coordinator to conduct security clearances on grant recipients, develop the user agreements, provide training and conduct biennial audits on the entities receiving grants under this bill. Additionally, these new positions would require computers, work stations, and initial startup costs.

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Sponsor: OLSON
Requester: (S) State Affairs

Department: Department of Public Safety
Appropriation: Statewide Support
Allocation: Training Academy
OMB Component Number: 524

Expenditures/Revenues

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	FY2021 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2021 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2021	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Personal Services	***		***	***	***	***	***
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	***	0.0	***	***	***	***	***

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	***	0.0	***	***	***	***	***

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Analysis

AS 18.65.676 would require Village Public Safety Officers to attend the training academy for a longer duration. AS 18.65.670(b) is amended to allow for the increase in the number of grantees possible for the program, which may create a larger than usual VPSO class size going through the academy for the required training laid out in AS 18.65.676. The increase in possible candidates and the increase in duration will create an increase in costs for the academy in the areas of travel for instructors and meals, lodging, and supplies for the candidates.

Current costs for the VPSO to attend the training academy is \$7,370 per student. SB 231 would increase the VPSO training requirements and the costs of the academy would increase to \$8,500 per student. The fiscal note is indeterminant at this time, as DPS is not able to predict how many more VPSOs will be hired under the expanded number of eligible grant applicants. There is an anticipated increase in hiring and in academy attendance.