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Title: VILLAGE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER GRANTS
Sponsor: KOPP
Requester: (H) Tribal 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
(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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/21

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Added the decrement in the grants line as those funds will be appropriated to DCCED.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

HB 287 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.