
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair
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AB 118 (Kamlager) - Emergency services: community response: grant program

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Urgency: No

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Policy Vote: G.O. 13 - 1

Mandate: No

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Bill Summary: AB 118 establishes a 3-year pilot program, to be administered by the Office of Emergency Services, to distribute grants to organizations providing community-based alternatives to law enforcement in response to crisis situations.

***** ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE *****

The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 26, 2021

Fiscal Impact: Costs in the millions of dollars to fund the Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems (C.R.I.S.E.S.) Grant Program (General Fund), subject to a budget appropriation. Staff notes that the Budget Act of 2021 appropriated \$10 million to the Department of Social Services (DSS) for a C.R.I.S.E.S. Grant Pilot Program.

Unknown, potentially significant costs for the DSS to administer the grant program, convene and facilitate the stakeholder workgroup, and issue the public report. The bill authorizes the DSS to enter into agreements with one or more entities to facilitate the implementation of the program, the cost of which may not exceed five percent of total grant amounts. To the extent that the DSS would require more than five percent of total grant amounts to cover its administrative costs, there may be an additional but indeterminate cost pressure to the Department.

Author Amendments:

- Change the administering entity for the program from the Office of Emergency Services to the DSS.
- Make the program subject to an appropriation in the 2021 Budget Act.
- Requires the DSS to convene a stakeholder workgroup to make recommendations regarding the implementation of the program and requires the DSS to convene regular meetings with the workgroup to:
 - Provide input regarding criteria for qualified grantees.
 - Provide best practices and program recommendations.
 - Provide consultation on implementation and priorities for technical assistance.
 - Identify barriers to implementation and suggest solutions.

- Recommend anonymous data be collected.
 - Collaboratively review data and program outcomes.
 - Advise on the design of the evaluation.
- Specify workgroup membership.
- Specify that grantees may not use more than 10 percent of grant funds to support program administration and establish other requirements for grantees in soliciting partnerships with community-based organizations.
- Make technical and conforming changes.

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