

SENATE BILL NO. 501

September 10, 2019, Introduced by Senators BRINKS, WOJNO, HERTEL, MCCANN, GEISS, BULLOCK, ALEXANDER, CHANG, MOSS and HOLLIER and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 1984 PA 431, entitled
"The management and budget act,"
(MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594) by adding section 496a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **Sec. 496a. (1) The department shall create a law enforcement**
2 **awareness grant program to assist units of local government in the**
3 **recruitment of members of qualified demographic groups as police**
4 **recruits.**

1 (2) Grants shall be made only if matched on a 1-to-1 basis
2 with funds made available by the unit of local government. Grants
3 to a single unit of local government shall not exceed \$50,000.00 in
4 a fiscal year.

5 (3) Grants under the law enforcement awareness grant program
6 shall be used by units of local government to create awareness of a
7 profession in law enforcement for members of qualified demographic
8 groups.

9 (4) The department shall create an application process,
10 selection criteria, and a grant dispersal process and post the
11 application process, selection criteria, and grant dispersal
12 process on the department's website.

13 (5) The law enforcement awareness grant program shall provide
14 that the grant proceeds may be used for all of the following as
15 determined by the department:

16 (a) Educational programs.

17 (b) Marketing events.

18 (c) Transportation to and from educational programs and
19 marketing events.

20 (d) Food and child care for individuals who attend the
21 educational programs or marketing events.

22 (e) Targeted advertising for the educational programs and
23 marketing events.

24 (6) Each year, each unit of local government that receives a
25 grant under this section shall report the following to the
26 department:

27 (a) The number of educational programs or marketing events
28 conducted by the unit of local government.

29 (b) The number of individuals who are members of a qualified

1 demographic group that attended each educational program or
2 marketing event.

3 (c) An accounting of all expenditures under the grant program.

4 (7) For the state fiscal year ending September 30, 2019,
5 \$500,000.00 from the general fund is appropriated to the department
6 to be used to create and operate the law enforcement awareness
7 grant program created in this section.

8 (8) Each year, the director shall submit a report to the
9 governor and each house of the legislature and publish a copy of
10 the report on its internet website. The report shall contain all of
11 the following:

12 (a) The name of the unit of local government that received a
13 grant under this act.

14 (b) The number of educational programs and marketing events
15 held by each unit of local government that received a grant under
16 this act.

17 (c) The number of individuals who are members of a qualified
18 demographic group that attended an educational program or marketing
19 event held under this act.

20 (9) As used in this section:

21 (a) "Qualified demographic group" means women, minorities, and
22 historically underrepresented groups within or near the unit of
23 local government as determined by the department.

24 (b) "Unit of local government" means a city, village, or
25 township with a population of 80,000 or more.