

S.F. No. 2416 – Public safety aid for local governments and Tribal governments (as proposed to be amended by A-1 amendment)

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This bill proposes to distribute a total of \$300 million in one-time public safety aid among qualifying local governments and Tribal governments in calendar year 2023. The proposal requires that the recipient use the proceeds to provide public safety, including, but not limited to, paying personnel or equipment costs.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Provides definitions for the purposes of the aid program:

- (1) “city” means a statutory or home rule charter city, or a town with population at least 10,000.
- (2) “city per capita aid amount” means the amount appropriated for payments to cities divided by the total city population. (The estimated city per capita aid amount is approximately \$43.76.)
- (3) “county basic per capita aid amount” means 70 percent of the amount appropriated for payments to counties and Tribal governments divided by the sum of the total population of every county plus the total Tribal population. (The estimated county basic per capita amount is approximately \$10.90.)
- (4) “county additional per capita aid amount” means 30 percent of the amount appropriated for payments to counties and Tribal governments divided by the sum of the total population of every county plus the total Tribal population but excluding the population of every city. (The estimated county additional per capita amount is approximately \$27.49.)
- (5) “population” means the most recent estimate from the Census Bureau, Metropolitan Council, or state demographer.
- (6) “Tribal governments” means the eleven federally recognized Indian Tribes located in Minnesota: Bois Forte Band; Fond Du Lac Band; Grand Portage Band; Leech Lake Band; Mille Lacs Band; White Earth Band; Red Lake Nation; Lower Sioux Indian Community; Prairie Island Indian Community; Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community; and Upper Sioux Community.
- (7) “Tribal population” means the most recent estimate from the Census Bureau.

Subd. 2. Aid amounts. Provides a calculation for the aid amount for a county, Tribal government, and city:

- (a) Aid for a county equals (1) the county’s population times the county basic per capita aid amount, plus (2) the population of the county outside of a city times the county additional per capita aid amount.
- (b) Aid for a Tribal government equals the Tribal population times the sum of (1) the county basic per capita amount, plus (2) the county additional per capita amount.
- (c) Aid for a city equals the city’s population times the city per capita aid amount.

Subd. 3. Use of proceeds. Requires a county, Tribal government, or city receiving aid under this section to use the aid to provide public safety, including, but not limited to, paying personnel or equipment costs. Requires a county to consult with the county sheriff in determining how to use the aid. Prohibits a county, Tribal government, or city from using the aid to pay the employer contribution to the public employees police and fire fund if the local government received police state aid in 2022. Prohibits a county, Tribal government, or city from using the aid to pay any costs associated with alleged wrongdoing or misconduct.

Subd. 4. Payments. Requires the commissioner of revenue to certify the amount of aid payable to each recipient by August 1, 2023, and to make the full payment to each recipient no later than December 26, 2023.

Subd. 5. Appropriation. Appropriates \$300 million one-time in fiscal year 2024 from the general fund to pay public safety aid. Of this total amount, allocates \$210 million for aid to cities, and \$90 million for aid to counties and Tribal governments.

EFFECTIVE DATE. Makes the proposal effective for aids payable in calendar year 2023.