

S.F. No. 2119 – Local Government Emergency Management Provision and Appropriation

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The bill appropriates \$12 million in each of fiscal years 2026 and 2027 from the general fund to the commissioner of public safety for grants to counties, Tribes, and cities of the first class for planning and preparedness activities, including capital purchases. The money must be distributed in equal amounts to each eligible entity and cannot supplant existing federal emergency management funding.

Counties, Tribes, and cities that receive funds must submit a report to the commissioner of public safety by March 15 of each year on how the funds were used. The commissioner may provide a reporting template, developed in consultation with county emergency management departments, to assist recipients.

Funds distributed under the bill are subject to audit by the state auditor. Counties, Tribes, and cities receiving funds must maintain records identifying how the funds were used in sufficient detail to satisfy the auditor that the funds were used in accordance with the bill.

This is an ongoing appropriation.

