

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to rural law enforcement; creating the Rural Law Enforcement Grant Fund Act; defining term; directing the Office of the Attorney General to provide certain notification to law enforcement coordinators; requiring law enforcement coordinators to consider and determine needs of participants; stating population requirement for participants; requiring law enforcement coordinators to certify participants for the program and their need for financial assistance; directing the Attorney General to distribute monies via the Rural Law Enforcement Grant Fund; providing restrictions on expenditures; directing the Attorney General to administer grants when funds become available; establishing procedures for notifying and administering grant funds to rural law enforcement agencies; stating requirements for rural law enforcement agencies in order to receive grant funds; directing rural law enforcement coordinators to track the progress of recipients of grant funds and make certain assessments; authorizing the Attorney General and rural law enforcement coordinators to conduct compliance audits; directing the Attorney General to establish criteria for rating and prioritizing applications; providing list of criteria; creating the Rural Law Enforcement Grant Revolving Fund; declaring fund to be continuing and not subject to fiscal year limitations; stating manner in which funds may be appropriated and budgeted; creating rural law enforcement coordination districts; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 906 of Title 19, unless there is
3 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Rural Law
5 Enforcement Grant Fund Act".

6 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 906.1 of Title 19, unless there
8 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 A. As used in this section, "law enforcement coordinator" means
10 the law enforcement coordinator in each rural law enforcement
11 coordination district as defined in Section 5 of this act.

12 B. Upon the availability of law enforcement grant funds, the
13 Office of the Attorney General shall notify the law enforcement
14 coordinators of each district of such available funds.

15 C. Upon notification of the Office of the Attorney General
16 pursuant to subsection B of this section, the law enforcement
17 coordinators shall consider and determine the relative needs of
18 participants for monies in the Rural Law Enforcement Grant Fund.
19 Participants shall include municipalities with a population of ten
20 thousand (10,000) people or less according to the latest Federal
21 Decennial Census. Based upon the information available, the law
22 enforcement coordinator for each district shall certify to the
23 Office of the Attorney General the names of the municipalities which
24 the law enforcement coordinator determines need financial assistance

1 and the amount required by each in accordance with the provisions of
2 this section.

3 D. On or before the last day of August of each year, the Office
4 of the Attorney General shall distribute the monies in the Rural Law
5 Enforcement Grant Fund in the manner provided by law.

6 E. Any amount so distributed from the Rural Law Enforcement
7 Grant Fund to eligible participants shall be expended only for
8 purchases, construction projects, maintenance costs, repairs and
9 operations of the law enforcement agencies, law enforcement
10 equipment, payment of insurance premiums for the law enforcement
11 agencies, and insurance premiums for injuries or death of rural law
12 enforcement officers.

13 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 906.2 of Title 19, unless there
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. When grant funds are made available for such purposes, the
17 Office of the Attorney General shall administer grants from any
18 monies which may be available for the purposes of promoting public
19 safety and for the improvement of law enforcement services in rural
20 areas of the State of Oklahoma. Any such grant monies shall be
21 distributed in the manner provided by law.

22 B. 1. The Office of the Attorney General shall, in writing,
23 notify the rural law enforcement coordination district of any
24 available grant monies by August 1 of each year.

1 2. Each rural law enforcement district desiring to obtain such
2 grant monies for improvement of rural law enforcement services
3 within such district shall submit such request to the Office of the
4 Attorney General, in such form and in such manner as required by the
5 Office of the Attorney General, by September 1, of each year.

6 3. By October 1 of each year, the Office of the Attorney
7 General shall make a determination on the allocation of such grant
8 monies to the rural law enforcement coordination districts. Upon
9 approval, the Office of the Attorney General shall distribute the
10 forms required by law to all grantees to certify the grant. The
11 prescribed form shall be signed by the grantee and returned to the
12 Office of the Attorney General before the grant becomes official.
13 Expenditures made prior to the date of the grant shall not be
14 considered for reimbursement.

15 4. Rural law enforcement agencies shall submit copies of paid
16 invoices, canceled checks or other proof of purchase, attached to
17 the prescribed form when requesting reimbursement.

18 5. Rural law enforcement agencies shall keep complete and
19 accurate records of grant expenditures and make this information
20 available to the Office of the Attorney General or the law
21 enforcement coordinators upon request.

22 6. Approved claims shall be submitted by the Office of the
23 Attorney General for payment. Payment shall be sent promptly to the
24 contact person of the law enforcement agency when received.

1 7. Rural law enforcement coordinators shall closely track the
2 progress of all grantees in the assigned rural law enforcement
3 district. An assessment by the rural law enforcement coordinator
4 shall be made to determine the amount of grant funds which remain
5 unobligated in each district and therefore available to make
6 additional grants within that district. The rural law enforcement
7 coordinators shall use the original prioritized list of grant
8 applications to make additional grants and submit a list of
9 additional grantees and amounts to the Office of the Attorney
10 General for processing and approval.

11 8. Follow-up compliance audits shall be performed by the rural
12 law enforcement coordinators and the Office of the Attorney General.
13 Rural law enforcement agencies shall be required to cooperate fully
14 during the compliance audit.

15 C. In addition to any criteria established by the Office of the
16 Attorney General for receipt of grant monies for rural law
17 enforcement coordination districts, the Office of the Attorney
18 General shall establish criteria to rate and prioritize applications
19 for funding such requests of the rural law enforcement coordination
20 districts. Such criteria shall include, but not be limited to,
21 consideration for the:

22 1. Number of residents, businesses, and size of the
23 municipality;
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1 2. Number of emergency and non-emergency calls for service per
2 calendar year;

3 3. Annual sales and property tax collections;

4 4. Policies and procedures of the law enforcement agency;

5 5. Law enforcement training requirements;

6 6. Compliance with legal requirements; and

7 7. Workers' compensation and vehicle liability insurance
8 coverage.

9 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
10 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 906.3 of Title 19, unless there
11 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

12 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
13 for the Office of the Attorney General, to be designated the "Rural
14 Law Enforcement Grant Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a
15 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall
16 consist of all monies received by the Office of the Attorney General
17 from any monies received from appropriations, deposits made pursuant
18 to the provisions of this act, and such other monies specifically
19 designated by law. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund
20 are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the
21 Office of the Attorney General for the purpose of purchasing new law
22 enforcement equipment by rural law enforcement agencies and such
23 other purposes specifically designated by law. Expenditures from
24 said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer

1 against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the
2 Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and
3 payment.

4 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
5 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 906.4 of Title 19, unless there
6 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

7 For coordination of improved law enforcement services in the
8 rural parts of this state, rural law enforcement coordination
9 districts are hereby created to consist of the following counties:

10 1. District 1, composed of Washington, Nowata, Craig, Ottawa,
11 Mayes, Delaware and Rogers Counties;

12 2. District 2, composed of Wagoner, Cherokee, Adair, Sequoyah,
13 Muskogee, Okmulgee and McIntosh Counties;

14 3. District 3, composed of Pittsburg, Haskell, LeFlore,
15 Pushmataha, Latimer, McCurtain and Choctaw Counties;

16 4. District 4, composed of Garvin, Pontotoc, Coal, Atoka,
17 Johnston, Murray, Carter, Love, Marshall and Bryan Counties;

18 5. District 5, composed of Lincoln, Okfuskee, Hughes, Seminole,
19 Pottawatomie, Payne, and Pawnee Counties;

20 6. District 6, composed of Creek, Osage and Tulsa Counties;

21 7. District 7, composed of Alfalfa, Grant, Kay, Noble,
22 Garfield, Major, Blaine and Kingfisher Counties;

23 8. District 8, composed of Canadian, Oklahoma, Cleveland and
24 Logan Counties;

1 9. District 9, composed of Caddo, Comanche, Cotton, Grady,
2 Jefferson, McClain, Stephens and Tillman Counties;

3 10. District 10, composed of Roger Mills, Custer, Washita,
4 Beckham, Greer, Kiowa, Jackson and Harmon Counties; and

5 11. District 11, composed of Cimarron, Texas, Beaver, Harper,
6 Woods, Ellis, Woodward and Dewey Counties.

7 SECTION 6. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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