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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a law enforcement grant program
2 to expand alternatives to arrest and jail processes; and adding a new
3 section to chapter 36.28A RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 36.28A
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
8 specific purpose, the Washington association of sheriffs and police
9 chiefs shall develop and implement a grant program aimed at
10 supporting local initiatives to properly identify criminal justice
11 system-involved persons with behavioral health needs and engage those
12 persons with therapeutic interventions and other services prior to or
13 at the time of jail booking, or while in custody.

14 (2) Grants must be awarded to local law enforcement agencies
15 based on locally developed proposals to establish or expand existing
16 programs. A single agency may submit a proposal or two or more
17 agencies may submit a joint proposal. A peer review panel appointed
18 by the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs in
19 consultation with integrated managed care organizations and
20 behavioral health organizations must review the grant applications.

1 (3) Programs preferred for the award of grant funding are those
2 that contain one or more of the following components:

3 (a) Employment of tools and strategies to accurately identify
4 individuals with behavioral health needs at the point of arrest or
5 jail booking and immediately engage those individuals with
6 appropriate treatment programs and support services;

7 (b) Capacity to receive ongoing referrals to specialized
8 behavioral health programming for persons already incarcerated in
9 jails;

10 (c) Utilization of case manager and peer support services for
11 persons with behavioral health needs who are incarcerated in jails;

12 (d) Specialized training for jail staff relating to incarcerated
13 individuals with behavioral health needs;

14 (e) Comprehensive jail reentry programming for incarcerated
15 persons with behavioral health needs; and

16 (f) Other innovative interventions targeted specifically at
17 persons with behavioral health needs who are brought to jail for
18 booking or are incarcerated in jails.

19 (4) Proposals must provide a plan for tracking client engagement
20 and outcomes. Grant recipients must agree to comply with any data
21 collection and reporting requirements as established by the
22 Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs.

23 (5) The Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs
24 must ensure that grants awarded under this program are separate and
25 distinct from grants awarded pursuant to RCW 36.28A.440. Grant funds
26 may not be used to fulfill minimum medical and treatment services
27 that jails are legally required to provide.

28 (6) Once the Washington association of sheriffs and police
29 chiefs certifies that a selected applicant satisfies the proposal
30 criteria, the grant funds will be distributed. To the extent
31 possible, grant awards should be geographically distributed on both
32 the east and west sides of the crest of the Cascade mountain range.
33 The Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs may
34 prioritize grant applications that include local matching funds.
35 Grant recipients must be selected no later than March 1, 2020.

36 (7) The Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs must
37 submit an annual report regarding the grant program to the governor
38 and appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1st of each
39 year the program is funded. The report must be submitted in
40 compliance with RCW 43.01.036. The report must include information on

1 grant recipients, use of funds, and outcomes and other feedback from
2 the grant recipients.

3 (8) Nothing in this section prohibits the Washington association
4 of sheriffs and police chiefs from soliciting or accepting private
5 funds to support the program created in this section.

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