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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 118

**Introduced by Assembly Member Kamlager
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An act to add and repeal Article 8.5 (commencing with Section 8601) of Chapter 7 of Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code, and repeal Chapter 19 (commencing with Section 18999.90) of Part 6 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to emergency services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 118, as amended, Kamlager. ~~Emergency services: community response: grant program. Department of Social Services: C.R.I.S.E.S. Grant Pilot Program.~~

Existing law establishes the State Department of Social Services in the Health and Welfare Agency and sets forth its powers and duties relating to the administration of various programs relating to public social services.

This bill would enact the Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems Act, or the C.R.I.S.E.S. Act, for purposes of creating, implementing, and evaluating the C.R.I.S.E.S. Grant Pilot Program, which the act would establish. The bill would require the department

to administer the program if appropriate funding is made available to the department. The bill would require the department to award grants to qualified grantees, which include city, county, and tribal departments of social services, disability services, health services, public health, or behavioral health, based on grant eligibility criteria developed in partnership with a stakeholder workgroup.

This bill would require each grantee to receive a minimum award of \$250,000 per year under the program. The bill would require a grantee to award at least 90% of grant funds received to one or more qualifying community-based organizations, as defined. The bill would require funds awarded under the program to be utilized to create and strengthen community-based alternatives to law enforcement to lessen the reliance on law enforcement agencies as first responders to crisis situations unrelated to a fire department or emergency medical service response.

This bill would require a grantee to report at least annually to the department on the use of funding awarded under the program. The bill would require the department to convene a stakeholder workgroup consisting of specified individuals to make recommendations to the department regarding the implementation of the program, as specified.

This bill would establish the Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems Program Fund within the State Treasury, and would provide that, upon appropriation by the Legislature, the moneys may be expended by the department for purposes of the program. The bill would prohibit the department from expending more than 5% of appropriated funds on administrative costs, as specified. The bill would require the department to award all grants by January 1, 2023.

This bill would authorize the department to implement, interpret, or make specific the provisions of the program without taking regulatory action, as specified. The bill would grant immunity to the state from liability resulting from the activities of a grantee or community-based organization under the program.

This bill would repeal these provisions on June 30, 2026.

~~Existing law creates the Office of Emergency Services (office) within the office of the Governor. The office is responsible for the state's emergency and disaster response services for natural, technological, or man-made disasters and emergencies. Existing law requires the office to establish by rule and regulation various classes of disaster service workers, the scope of the duties of each class, and to adopt rules and regulations for the registration of each class of these workers. Existing law requires the office to work with advocacy groups representing the~~

deaf and hard of hearing for the purpose of improving accessibility to emergency information and services for the populations that they serve. Existing law requires the office to develop a plan for state and local utilization of volunteers during a state of emergency.

This bill would, until January 1, 2026, enact the Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems Act or the C.R.I.S.E.S. Act for the purpose of creating, implementing, and evaluating the 3-year C.R.I.S.E.S. Grant Pilot Program, which the act would establish. The bill would require the office to establish rules and regulations for the program with the goal of making grants to community organizations, over 3 years, for the purpose of expanding the participation of community organizations in emergency response for specified vulnerable populations. The bill would require that grantees receive a minimum award of \$250,000 per year. The bill would require a community organization receiving funds pursuant to the program to use the grant to stimulate and support involvement in emergency response activities that do not require a law enforcement officer, as specified. The bill would require the Director of Emergency Services (director) to assemble staff and resources to carry out certain duties in support of the program.

The bill would require the office to support an 11-member C.R.I.S.E.S. Committee, selected by the Governor, the Chair of the Senate Committee on Rules, and the Speaker of the Assembly, as specified, to be inclusive of community organizations with a proven history of leadership and partnership on emergency response. The committee's duties would include, among other things, establishing grant application criteria and parameters for eligible community organizations, reviewing and deciding upon grant proposals, ensuring grants are adhering to standards, and making recommendations to the office on program development, implementation, and oversight.

The bill would also establish the Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems Program Fund in the State Treasury in support of the program, to be administered by the director. The bill would authorize the moneys deposited in the fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to be expended for the purposes of the act. The bill would require that the act be implemented only if appropriate funding is made available to the office, and after making a determination to this effect, the office would be required to publish a notice on its internet website. The bill would make findings and declarations in regard to innovative approaches to emergency responses.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
 State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
 2 following:
- 3 (a) The complexities of emergency issues surrounding crises in
 4 mental health, intimate partner violence, community violence,
 5 substance abuse, and natural disasters can, at times, be addressed
 6 more safely, with greater impact, and more cost effectively and
 7 efficiently ~~with community~~ by *community-based* organizations,
 8 which often have deeper knowledge and understanding of the
 9 issues, trusted relationships with the people and communities
 10 involved, and specific knowledge and relationships surrounding
 11 the emergency.
- 12 (b) Furthermore, young people of color, people with disabilities,
 13 people who are gender nonconforming, people who are formerly
 14 incarcerated, *people who are unemployed*, people with immigration
 15 status issues, and people who are unhoused or homeless, face
 16 significant barriers to engaging with law enforcement and other
 17 first responder personnel. Data demonstrates that these populations
 18 often do not reach out for needed help when dealing with crises
 19 in their communities because of their fear and challenges with
 20 engaging law enforcement, which puts lives and families at risk
 21 for continued harm and trauma. ~~Community~~ *Community-based*
 22 organizations that specialize in working with these populations
 23 understand those issues, and by maintaining deep relationships in
 24 their communities, have a more successful track record of engaging
 25 and supporting them.
- 26 (c) Elected officials and philanthropic and ~~community~~
 27 *community-based* organizations have recognized the need to create
 28 alternatives to law enforcement and expand innovative approaches
 29 to emergencies and have established programs to do so in school
 30 districts, cities, and counties throughout the state.
- 31 (d) These alternative approaches have strengthened the response
 32 to emergencies in places throughout the state by *reducing harm,*
 33 *saving lives,* deepening impact, preventing violence, deescalating
 34 volatile situations, protecting property and the environment,
 35 reducing law enforcement use of force, and ensuring the health

1 and safety of communities while, at the same time, saving money
2 by decreasing calls for service and the sole reliance upon first
3 responders for emergency situations.

4 (e) Despite the innovative approaches led by ~~community~~
5 *community-based* organizations, the state does not have a policy,
6 a set of protocols, or dedicated funding to support ~~community~~
7 *community-based* organizations’ involvement in addressing
8 emergencies.

9 (f) This act seeks to remedy those issues by articulating a policy
10 framework to support innovative approaches to build capacity in,
11 and to make grants for, ~~community~~ *community-based* organizations
12 to support emergency response.

13 (g) *This act also aims to inform, leverage, and align the*
14 *C.R.I.S.E.S. Grant Pilot Program with other state investments for*
15 *mobile crisis support, with the goal of continuing to support*
16 *community involvement in emergency response.*

17 ~~SEC. 2. Article 8.5 (commencing with Section 8601) is added~~
18 ~~to Chapter 7 of Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code, to~~
19 ~~read:~~

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21 ~~Article 8.5. Community Response Initiative to Strengthen~~
22 ~~Emergency Systems Act~~

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24 ~~8601. This article shall be known, and may be cited, as the~~
25 ~~Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems~~
26 ~~Act or the C.R.I.S.E.S. Act.~~

27 ~~8601.1. (a) The Community Response Initiative to Strengthen~~
28 ~~Emergency Systems Act or the C.R.I.S.E.S. Act is hereby~~
29 ~~established, as a three-year program, for the purposes of creating,~~
30 ~~implementing, and evaluating the C.R.I.S.E.S. Grant Pilot Program~~
31 ~~in accordance with this article.~~

32 (b) For purposes of this article the following definitions apply:

33 (1) ~~“Committee” means the C.R.I.S.E.S. Committee, as~~
34 ~~described in Section 8601.2.~~

35 (2) ~~“Community organization” means a public or private~~
36 ~~nonprofit organization, or organization fiscally sponsored by a~~
37 ~~nonprofit, of demonstrated effectiveness that is representative of~~
38 ~~significant segments of a community and provides educational,~~
39 ~~direct, or related services to individuals in the community.~~

40 (3) ~~“Director” means the Director of Emergency Services.~~

1 ~~(4) “Fund” means the Community Response Initiative to~~
2 ~~Strengthen Emergency Systems Program Fund.~~

3 ~~(5) “Law enforcement agency” means any police department,~~
4 ~~sheriff’s department, district attorney, county probation department,~~
5 ~~transit agency police department, school district police department,~~
6 ~~highway patrol, the police department of any campus of the~~
7 ~~University of California, the California State University, or a~~
8 ~~community college, the Department of the California Highway~~
9 ~~Patrol, and the Department of Justice.~~

10 ~~(6) “Law enforcement officer” means an officer, deputy,~~
11 ~~employee, or agent of a law enforcement agency.~~

12 ~~(7) “Office” means the Office of Emergency Services.~~

13 ~~(8) “Program” means the C.R.I.S.E.S. Grant Pilot Program~~
14 ~~established by this article.~~

15 ~~(e) The C.R.I.S.E.S. Grant Pilot Program is hereby established.~~
16 ~~The office shall establish rules and regulations for the program~~
17 ~~with the goal of making grants to community organizations.~~
18 ~~Grantees shall receive a minimum award of two hundred fifty~~
19 ~~thousand dollars (\$250,000) per year. The program shall create~~
20 ~~and strengthen community-based alternatives to law enforcement~~
21 ~~in response to crisis situations not related to a fire department or~~
22 ~~emergency medical service response in communities where there~~
23 ~~is a history and pattern of racial profiling, law enforcement~~
24 ~~violence, gaps in law enforcement service, or where vulnerable~~
25 ~~populations live, including people of color, elderly people, people~~
26 ~~with disabilities, people who are gender nonconforming, people~~
27 ~~who are likely to face disproportionate police contact, people who~~
28 ~~are formerly incarcerated, people with immigration status issues,~~
29 ~~people who are unhoused, people facing mental health crises,~~
30 ~~people involved in intimate partner violence, vulnerable youth,~~
31 ~~people likely to be engaged in community violence, people~~
32 ~~challenged by substance abuse, and people living in areas that are~~
33 ~~environmentally insecure with vulnerable populations and subject~~
34 ~~to natural or climate disasters or public health emergencies.~~

35 ~~(d) A community organization receiving assistance pursuant to~~
36 ~~the program shall use the grant to stimulate and support~~
37 ~~involvement in emergency response activities that do not require~~
38 ~~a law enforcement officer. Those activities include, but are not~~
39 ~~limited to, all of the following:~~

40 ~~(1) Project planning and community engagement.~~

- 1 ~~(2) Project implementation.~~
- 2 ~~(3) Staffing, subject to the requirement that grantees adhere to~~
3 ~~all applicable laws relating to scope of practice, licensure, and~~
4 ~~certification.~~
- 5 ~~(4) Facilities, subject to the requirement that the facility is to~~
6 ~~be utilized by the grantee, which may extend beyond the term of~~
7 ~~the program.~~
- 8 ~~(5) Operational costs, including, but not limited to, startup or~~
9 ~~expansion, marketing, language translation, and transportation~~
10 ~~costs.~~
- 11 ~~(6) Consulting services.~~
- 12 ~~(7) Training.~~
- 13 ~~(8) Program and project evaluation, including, but not limited~~
14 ~~to, evaluation of program and project efficacy, staff performance,~~
15 ~~and service delivery.~~
- 16 ~~(e) The director shall assemble staff, resources, and, if necessary,~~
17 ~~engage consultants with technical expertise, to carry out all of the~~
18 ~~following duties and responsibilities:~~
- 19 ~~(1) Following appointment of the committee, provide organizing,~~
20 ~~staffing, and facilitation support, including, but not limited to,~~
21 ~~outreach and engagement, cooperatively creating meeting agendas,~~
22 ~~providing recordkeeping and facilitation support, reimbursements~~
23 ~~for travel and participation in committee meetings and activities,~~
24 ~~and detailed information on rules, regulations, and relevant~~
25 ~~deadlines.~~
- 26 ~~(2) With the guidance of the committee, develop the program,~~
27 ~~with grants to be issued no later than January 1, 2023.~~
- 28 ~~(3) Provide technical assistance to prospective applicants, solicit~~
29 ~~and review all grant proposals, and support the committee's review~~
30 ~~and scoring of proposals, as well as preparing proposals for final~~
31 ~~approval by the committee.~~
- 32 ~~(4) Publish and maintain an internet website to report details~~
33 ~~relevant to the committee for the public to view, including, but not~~
34 ~~limited to, committee meeting agendas, minutes, vote counts,~~
35 ~~committee member information, photos, and videos.~~
- 36 ~~(5) Consult with local emergency services personnel and~~
37 ~~community-based or grassroots organizations for input and~~
38 ~~potential approaches on issues related to emergency response.~~
- 39 ~~(6) Assist the committee in carrying out its work and perform~~
40 ~~other duties as directed by the committee.~~

1 (f) (1) ~~The office shall issue a public report, to be posted on its~~
2 ~~internet website six months following the end of the program, on~~
3 ~~the programmatic and fiscal savings associated with the program,~~
4 ~~key conclusions, populations served and the benefits conferred or~~
5 ~~realized, and resulting policy recommendations to provide guidance~~
6 ~~to the Legislature and Governor in fully implementing and scaling~~
7 ~~a permanent program.~~

8 (2) ~~The report required by this subdivision shall be submitted~~
9 ~~in compliance with Section 9795.~~

10 8601.2. (a) ~~The office shall support an 11-member C.R.I.S.E.S.~~
11 ~~Committee, selected pursuant to subdivision (b), that shall be~~
12 ~~inclusive of community organizations with a proven history of~~
13 ~~leadership and partnership on emergency response, for the~~
14 ~~three-year period of the program.~~

15 (b) ~~The committee shall be selected by the Governor, Chair of~~
16 ~~the Senate Committee on Rules, and Speaker of the Assembly as~~
17 ~~described in this subdivision. Racial, gender, and ethnic diversity,~~
18 ~~and representation of communities described in subdivision (c) of~~
19 ~~Section 8601.1, shall be considered for all appointments. The~~
20 ~~members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing entities.~~

21 (1) ~~The Governor shall select all of the following members:~~

- 22 (A) ~~An emergency medical system professional.~~
- 23 (B) ~~A survivor of an emergency or crisis.~~
- 24 (C) ~~A representative from a community organization providing~~
25 ~~direct services to vulnerable populations.~~
- 26 (D) ~~A public health professional.~~
- 27 (E) ~~A representative of an advocacy or community organizing~~
28 ~~group serving vulnerable communities.~~

29 (2) ~~The Chair of the Senate Committee on Rules shall select all~~
30 ~~of the following members:~~

- 31 (A) ~~A survivor of an emergency or crisis.~~
- 32 (B) ~~A representative from a community organization.~~
- 33 (C) ~~A representative of an advocacy or community organizing~~
34 ~~group serving vulnerable communities.~~

35 (3) ~~The Speaker of the Assembly shall select all of the following~~
36 ~~members:~~

- 37 (A) ~~A survivor of an emergency or crisis.~~
- 38 (B) ~~A representative from a community organization providing~~
39 ~~direct services to vulnerable populations.~~
- 40 (C) ~~A public health professional.~~

1 ~~(e) (1) The committee shall establish grant application criteria~~
2 ~~and parameters for eligible community organizations, review and~~
3 ~~decide upon grant proposals, ensure grants are adhering to~~
4 ~~standards, and monitor progress, conclusions, and challenges. The~~
5 ~~committee shall make recommendations to the office on program~~
6 ~~development, implementation, and oversight on an ongoing basis.~~
7 ~~Scoring of grant proposals shall prioritize, and give preference to,~~
8 ~~projects in locations with a demonstrated need, as evidenced by~~
9 ~~metrics such as a high record of police use of force, a high volume~~
10 ~~of civilian complaints, and racial profiling, and community~~
11 ~~organizations that have a history of serving the populations~~
12 ~~described in subdivision (c) of Section 8601.1.~~

13 ~~(2) After an initial meeting, the committee shall meet a minimum~~
14 ~~of once per quarter. A majority of the appointed committee shall~~
15 ~~constitute a quorum. Committee meetings shall be held in~~
16 ~~accordance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Article 9~~
17 ~~(commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of~~
18 ~~Division 3).~~

19 ~~8601.3. (a) The Community Response Initiative to Strengthen~~
20 ~~Emergency Systems Program Fund is hereby created in the State~~
21 ~~Treasury in support of the program that shall be administered by~~
22 ~~the director. Moneys deposited in the fund, both public and private,~~
23 ~~upon appropriation by the Legislature, may be expended by the~~
24 ~~office for the purposes of this article.~~

25 ~~(b) This article shall be implemented only if appropriate funding~~
26 ~~is made available to the office. Upon finding that appropriate~~
27 ~~funding has been made available to implement the article, the~~
28 ~~office shall publish a notice stating this on its internet website. If~~
29 ~~the appropriation is not made, the office bears no responsibility~~
30 ~~for implementation of this article.~~

31 ~~8601.4. This article shall remain in effect only until January~~
32 ~~1, 2026, and as of that date is repealed.~~

33 ~~SEC. 2. Chapter 19 (commencing with Section 18999.90) is~~
34 ~~added to Part 6 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code,~~
35 ~~to read:~~

CHAPTER 19. COMMUNITY RESPONSE INITIATIVE TO STRENGTHEN EMERGENCY SYSTEMS ACT

18999.90. This chapter shall be known, and may be cited, as the Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems Act or the C.R.I.S.E.S. Act.

18999.91. The Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems Act or the C.R.I.S.E.S. Act is hereby established for the purposes of creating, implementing, and evaluating the C.R.I.S.E.S. Grant Pilot Program in accordance with this chapter.

18999.92. For purposes of this chapter:

(a) "Community-based organization" means public or nonprofit organization, or organization fiscally sponsored by a nonprofit, that can demonstrate its ability to effectively provide community-based alternatives to law enforcement, and has a demonstrated involvement with the identified communities to be served.

(b) "Department" means the State Department of Social Services.

(c) "Fund" means the Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems Program Fund established pursuant to Section 18999.94.

(d) "Grantee" means a county, city, or tribe, or a department of a city, county, or tribe, that receives a grant pursuant to this chapter.

(e) "Law enforcement agency" means any police department, sheriff's department, district attorney, county probation department, transit agency police department, school district police department, highway patrol, the police department of any campus of the University of California, the California State University, or a community college, the Department of the California Highway Patrol, the Department of Justice, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and federal law enforcement agencies, such as the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

1 (f) “Law enforcement officer” means an officer, deputy,
2 employee, or agent of a law enforcement agency as described
3 above.

4 (g) “Program” means the C.R.I.S.E.S. Grant Pilot Program
5 established by this chapter.

6 (h) “Stakeholder workgroup” means a group of interested
7 parties convened by the department to make recommendations on
8 the implementation of this program pursuant to this chapter, as
9 described in subdivision (d) of Section 18999.93.

10 18999.93. (a) (1) Subject to an appropriation in the 2021
11 Budget Act for purposes of this chapter, the C.R.I.S.E.S. Grant
12 Pilot Program established pursuant to Section 18999.91 shall be
13 administered by the department.

14 (2) (A) The department shall award grants to eligible grantees,
15 as determined by the department, based on grant eligibility criteria
16 developed in partnership with the stakeholder workgroup.

17 (B) For purposes of this paragraph, an eligible grantee is a
18 city, county, or tribe, or a department of a city, county, or tribe,
19 including, but not limited to, departments of social services,
20 disability services, health services, public health, or behavioral
21 health. Law enforcement agencies and organizations are not
22 eligible grantees.

23 (3) Each grantee shall receive a minimum award of two hundred
24 fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) per year.

25 (4) (A) Funds awarded pursuant to this chapter shall be utilized
26 to create and strengthen community-based alternatives to law
27 enforcement to lessen the reliance on law enforcement agencies
28 as first responders to crisis situations unrelated to a fire
29 department or emergency medical service response.

30 (B) Community-based alternatives may include, but are not
31 limited to, providing mobile crisis response teams or community
32 para-medicine programs. Community-based alternatives shall not
33 include law enforcement officers or agencies as first responders
34 or coresponders.

35 (5) The department shall prioritize grantees that propose
36 interventions that serve historically marginalized populations and
37 that serve communities with a demonstrated need for
38 community-based alternatives to law enforcement, as evidenced
39 by metrics, including, a high record of police use of force, a high

1 *volume of civilian complaints, high rates of imprisonment, and*
2 *racial profiling.*

3 *(b) (1) Grantees shall award 90 percent or more of the grant*
4 *funds to one or more qualifying community-based organizations,*
5 *to create and strengthen community-based alternatives to law*
6 *enforcement as described in paragraph (4) of subdivision (a). No*
7 *more than 10 percent of the grant funds shall be used to support*
8 *program administration of the grantee.*

9 *(2) Grantees shall publicly solicit partnerships with*
10 *community-based organizations. This public solicitation shall*
11 *include, but not limited to, all of the following:*

12 *(A) Issuing a public notice and invitation to create a partnership*
13 *to establish a program pursuant to this chapter.*

14 *(B) Inviting letters of intent from community-based*
15 *organizations.*

16 *(C) Convening public meetings to hear questions, concerns,*
17 *and suggestions from the community that would inform the*
18 *development of the program.*

19 *(3) Grantees shall prioritize the awarding of program funds to*
20 *qualified community-based organizations that demonstrate the*
21 *capacity to lead the proposed program and demonstrate experience*
22 *providing community-based alternatives to law enforcement or*
23 *civilian crisis response in the communities listed in paragraph (5)*
24 *of subdivision (a). This includes, but is not limited to, the ability*
25 *to do any of the following:*

26 *(A) Respond to emergency calls.*

27 *(B) Provide treatment, screening, and assessment.*

28 *(C) Provide stabilization and deescalation services.*

29 *(D) Coordinate with health, social services, and other support*
30 *services, as needed.*

31 *(E) Maintain relationships with relevant community partners,*
32 *including a range of community organizers, and medical,*
33 *behavioral health, and crisis providers.*

34 *(4) A grantee and the community-based organization that*
35 *receives funds may collaborate on program planning and*
36 *implementation of community-based alternatives to law*
37 *enforcement, including, but not limited to, any of the following:*

38 *(A) Local stakeholder engagement.*

39 *(B) Mechanisms for response requests.*

40 *(C) Crisis response activities.*

1 (D) Crisis response followup, including coordination with local
2 services and supports, tracking service delivery data, and
3 submitting grant reports.

4 (c) A grantee shall report at least annually to the department
5 on the use of program funding, which shall include data reporting
6 on clients served and program outcomes, as determined by the
7 department in consultation with stakeholder workgroup.

8 (d) (1) The department shall convene a stakeholder workgroup
9 to make recommendations to the department regarding
10 implementation of the program. The department shall convene
11 regular meetings with the stakeholder workgroup in which the
12 workgroup shall do all of the following:

13 (A) Provide input regarding criteria for qualified grantees.

14 (B) Provide best practices and program recommendations.

15 (C) Provide consultation on implementation and priorities for
16 technical assistance.

17 (D) Identify barriers to implementation and suggest solutions
18 to address those barriers.

19 (E) Recommend anonymous data to be collected.

20 (F) Collaboratively review data and program outcomes.

21 (G) Advise on the design of the evaluation.

22 (2) (A) The members of the stakeholder workgroup shall
23 include, but not be limited to, a minimum of one of each of the
24 following individuals:

25 (i) Emergency medical system practitioners with experience
26 providing community-based, trauma-informed, culturally competent
27 care, deescalation strategies, and harm reduction support.

28 (ii) Public health or behavioral health practitioners with specific
29 experience in community health and an understanding of health
30 care, mental health services, trauma-informed, culturally
31 competent care, deescalation strategies, and harm reduction
32 support.

33 (iii) Members of the public, who have survived an emergency
34 or crisis, and have used community-based services in response to
35 the emergency or crisis.

36 (iv) Survivors of police brutality.

37 (v) Surviving family members of someone who has been subject
38 to use of force resulting in death or serious bodily injury by a law
39 enforcement officer.

1 (B) *The stakeholder workgroup shall not include current or*
2 *former law enforcement officers or immediate family members of*
3 *law enforcement officers.*

4 (e) *The department shall issue a public report, to be posted on*
5 *its internet website six months following the end of the program,*
6 *on the programmatic and fiscal savings associated with the*
7 *program, key conclusions, populations served and the benefits*
8 *conferred or realized, using quantitative and qualitative data, and*
9 *resulting policy recommendations to provide guidance to the*
10 *Legislature and Governor in fully implementing and scaling a*
11 *permanent program.*

12 18999.94. (a) *The Community Response Initiative to Strengthen*
13 *Emergency Systems Program Fund is hereby created within the*
14 *State Treasury. Moneys deposited in the fund, upon appropriation*
15 *by the Legislature, may be expended by the department for the*
16 *purposes of this chapter.*

17 (b) *The department may enter into agreements with one or more*
18 *entities to facilitate the implementation of the program, which may*
19 *not exceed 5 percent of funds appropriated for purposes of this*
20 *chapter, including, but not limited to, any of the following:*

21 (1) *Convening and facilitating the stakeholder workgroup.*

22 (2) *Providing technical assistance to grantees and*
23 *community-based organizations receiving funding pursuant to this*
24 *chapter.*

25 (3) *Evaluating program data and information and preparing*
26 *the public report described in subdivision (e) of Section 18999.93.*

27 (c) *Notwithstanding subdivision (b), the department may not*
28 *expend more than 5 percent of funds appropriated for purposes*
29 *of this chapter on its administrative costs.*

30 (d) *The department shall award all grants pursuant to this*
31 *chapter on or before January 1, 2023.*

32 18999.95. (a) *This chapter shall be implemented only if*
33 *appropriate funding is made available to the department.*

34 (b) (1) *Notwithstanding any other law, funding awarded*
35 *pursuant to this chapter shall be exempt from the personal services*
36 *contracting requirements of Article 4 (commencing with Section*
37 *19130) of Chapter 5 of Part 2 of Division 5 of Title 2 of the*
38 *Government Code.*

39 (2) *Notwithstanding any other law, funding awarded pursuant*
40 *to this chapter shall be exempt from the Public Contract Code and*

1 *the State Contracting Manual, and shall not be subject to the*
2 *approval of the Department of General Services.*

3 *(c) The state shall be immune from any liability resulting from*
4 *the activities of a grantee or community-based organization under*
5 *the program.*

6 *(d) Notwithstanding the rulemaking provisions of the*
7 *Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with*
8 *Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government*
9 *Code), the State Department of Social Services may implement,*
10 *interpret, or make specific this chapter without taking any*
11 *regulatory action.*

12 *(e) This chapter shall remain in effect only until June 30, 2026,*
13 *and as of that date is repealed.*