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By Representatives Gombosky, Doumit, Blalock, Butler, Cooper, Murray, Kessler, Conway, Constantine, Wood, Dunshee and Lantz

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1 AN ACT Relating to community-oriented policing; adding a new
2 section to chapter 43.63A RCW; creating new sections; and making
3 appropriations.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

6 (1) Crime remains among the top concerns among Washington
7 residents;

8 (2) Community policing is a strategy that builds on fundamental
9 policing practices with an emphasis on crime prevention and lasting
10 solutions to problems;

11 (3) Community-oriented policing can rebuild the bond between
12 citizens and government; and

13 (4) It is in the public interest to provide state support to
14 community groups to organize and implement community-oriented policing
15 programs.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.63A RCW
17 to read as follows:

1 (1) The department shall distribute grants to eligible community
2 groups to organize and implement local community-oriented policing
3 programs.

4 (2) Eligibility for grants under this section shall be limited to
5 eligible community groups that work collaboratively with local law
6 enforcement agencies to identify and address community problems.

7 (3) Grants under this section may be used to pay part or all of the
8 community group costs associated with:

9 (a) Staffing for site offices;

10 (b) Taking reports from community residents about potential
11 nonemergent problems that require a community or law enforcement
12 response;

13 (c) Administering crime prevention programs;

14 (d) Staffing and administering neighborhood-based alternative
15 dispute resolution programs for nonemergent problems; and

16 (e) Other duties designed to reduce crime through a problem-solving
17 partnership that are approved by a local law enforcement agency.

18 (4) The department shall, through a request for proposal process,
19 evaluate proposals for the development, administration, and
20 implementation of local community-oriented policing programs.

21 (5) The community group proposal shall include, but not be limited
22 to a description of the program, the goals and objectives of the
23 program, a demonstration of broad-based community and local law
24 enforcement support for the proposal, and a proposed budget for the
25 program.

26 (6) As used in this section, "community group" means any
27 organization recognized by a city or county as such, as well as
28 private, nonprofit organizations registered with the secretary of
29 state.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The department of community, trade, and
31 economic development may receive gifts, grants, or endowments from
32 public and private sources that are made from time to time, in trust or
33 otherwise, for the use and benefit of the purposes of sections 1 and 2
34 of this act and spend gifts, grants, or endowments or income from the
35 public or private sources according to their terms, unless the receipt
36 of the gifts, grants, or endowments violates RCW 42.17.710.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The sum of one hundred twenty-five
2 thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
3 appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, from the general
4 fund to the department of community, trade, and economic development
5 for the purposes of sections 1 and 2 of this act.

6 (2) The sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars, or as much
7 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending
8 June 30, 1999, from the general fund to the department of community,
9 trade, and economic development for the purposes of sections 1 and 2 of
10 this act.

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