

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Department of Emergency Management Emergency Operations Centers**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Public Safety Subcommittee  
Carrier: Senator Sollman

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On April 25th, the Public Safety Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Emergency Management to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, in the amount of \$1,040,000 for funding to support local emergency operations centers.

This grant opportunity is a Congressionally Directed Spending program, and specific projects have already been identified and approved by Congress for designated funding. These projects include the City of Dallas, Grant, Harney, and Morrow counties. The Department must still apply for funding and will retain 5% for administration, with 95% of grant funds distributed for these projects to support the local emergency operations centers. The grant has a 25% match requirement that is the responsibility of those local jurisdictions as subrecipients of the grant. There is no state match requirement.

The grant application was due April 14th. The Department submitted an application request to the Legislature on April 5th, however due to legislative scheduling conflicts, the grants did not receive a work session prior to the application deadline, making this a retroactive approval.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.