

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
DFP		\$202,468	\$242,961	\$242,961	\$242,961	\$242,961
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$202,468</b>	<b>\$242,961</b>	<b>\$242,961</b>	<b>\$242,961</b>	<b>\$242,961</b>

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2026 General Assembly Session**  
**State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**Position Impact:**

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DFP		2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>

**Fiscal Analysis:** According to DFP, two additional full-time grants administrators are required to administer the two proposed grants in this bill. Each position would have a base salary of \$75,000 plus fringe benefits and equipment costs for a total of \$121,480 per position. The first year (FY2027) fiscal impact estimate for the salary and fringe cost of the two additional personnel is prorated for 10 months to allow for recruitment and onboarding. The positions would have the responsibility of administering the two new grants, to include developing guidelines and criteria for grant awards, receiving and reviewing grant applications, managing grant distribution, ensuring grantees remain in compliance with reporting requirements, and developing and implementing a performance assessment system, as required by the bill. According to DFP, the agency currently employs two grants administrators that are responsible for managing five existing annual grants and one one-time grant. DFP anticipates that the two existing grants administrators would not be able to manage the additional workload of the two proposed grants in this bill.

It is unclear the amount of grant funding needed to sufficiently meet the provisions of the proposed grant program at this time. Although it is unclear as to the total amount of funds required to meet the goals of this proposal, DFP estimates that the average cost of a new fire engine is approximately \$1.0 million, while the cost of specialty equipment and apparatus range from \$2.0 to \$3.0 million each. In addition, DFP reports that there is not enough information available to accurately estimate the amount of funding needed by localities to support local fire department personnel costs, in accordance with the provisions of this bill.

**Other:** None.