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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act making an appropriation for grants to political  
2 subdivisions to be used by emergency agencies for the purchase  
3 of certain equipment.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of  
2 the state to the department of economic development for the  
3 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1998,  
4 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to  
5 be used for the purpose designated:

6 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

7 1. Rural development program

8 For providing grants to political subdivisions providing  
9 emergency services through the use of first responders, as  
10 defined in section 147A.1:

11 ..... \$ 1,000,000

12 2. Grants shall only be awarded under this section for  
13 necessary equipment of first responders and where the cost of  
14 a single piece of equipment for which a grant is applied for  
15 is \$15,000 or greater. As a condition of receiving a grant  
16 from the funds appropriated in this section, the political  
17 subdivision shall provide matching funds totaling at least 25  
18 percent of the total cost of the equipment.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill appropriates \$1,000,000 to the department of  
21 economic development to be used for providing grants to  
22 political subdivisions for the purchase of high cost emergency  
23 equipment used by first responders. The bill provides that a  
24 piece of equipment for which a grant is sought must cost a  
25 minimum of \$15,000, and the political subdivision must provide  
26 a 25 percent match.

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