State of Wisconsin
2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

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# 2019 BILL

AN ACT ***to create*** 20.455 (2) (e) and 165.985 of the statutes; **relating to:** community relations grants and making an appropriation.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill requires the Department of Justice to award grants of up to $5,000,000 in the 2019-21 fiscal biennium to counties or municipalities in which at least 10 percent of the population is composed of minorities, which are defined as persons who are Black, Hispanic, American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut, native Hawaiian, Asian-Indian, or of Asian-Pacific origin. The grants are to improve relations between law enforcement and the community and for violence prevention programs.

For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

**SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

| | | | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
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| **20.455 Justice, department of** | | | | |
| (2) LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES | | | | |
| (e) Community relations grants | GPR | C | 2,500,000 | 2,500,000 |

**SECTION 2.** 20.455 (2) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

20.455 **(2)** (e) *Community relations grants.* As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for making community relations grants under s. 165.985.

**SECTION 3.** 165.985 of the statutes is created to read:

**165.985 Community relations grants.** The department of justice shall provide grants from the appropriation under s. 20.455 (2) (e) to counties or municipalities in which at least 10 percent of the population are minority group members, as defined in s. 16.287 (1) (f), to improve relations between law enforcement and the community and for violence prevention programs. A county or municipality applying to the department of justice for a grant under this section shall include a proposed plan of expenditure of the grant moneys. Grant moneys may not be used for salaries, benefits, or other compensation of law enforcement officers.

**(END)**