Legislation

• AB 118 passed into law on October 8, 2021
• Establishes the C.R.I.S.E.S. Grant Pilot Program
  • Through the Department of Social Services (not DHCS)
  • “Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems Act”
• Subject to future funding from the Legislature for implementation
Potential Grantees

• City, Counties, Tribal Departments, Disability Services, Health Services, Public Health, Behavioral Health

• Based on Grants based on criteria developed “in partnership with a stakeholder workgroup”

• Each grantee eligible for a minimum of $250K per year under the program

• 90% of the funds would need to go to one or more qualifying community-based organization
Goal of the Legislation

“Create and strengthen community-based alternatives to law enforcement to lessen the reliance on law enforcement agencies as first responders to crisis situations unrelated to a fire department or emergency medical service response.”
Stakeholder Process

• The Department of Social Services responsible for convening a stakeholder group
• Purpose:
  • To make recommendations to the department regarding the implementation of the program as specified in legislation
• Look at the following:
  • Develop criteria for qualified grantees
  • Best practices and program recommendations
  • Consultation on implementation and priorities for technical assistance
  • Identify barriers to implementation and potential solutions
  • Recommendations on data to be collected
  • Review of data and outcomes
  • Advise on the design of the evaluation
Stakeholder Group Membership

• Emergency medical system practitioners
• Members of the public who have survived an emergency or crisis and have used community-based services
• Survivors of police brutality
• Surviving family members of someone who has been subject to use of force resulting in death or serious bodily injury by a law enforcement officer
• Cannot Include: current or former law enforcement officers or immediate family members of law enforcement
Legislation End Date

• All provisions of the bill are repealed as of **June 30, 2026**