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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 4837

03/11/2024 Authored by Witte and Novotny The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Taxes

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to taxation; aid to local governments; modifying the eligible uses of public
1.3 safety aid; amending Laws 2023, chapter 64, article 4, section 27, subdivision 6.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Laws 2023, chapter 64, article 4, section 27, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 6. Eligible uses. (a) A county, Tribal government, or local unit must use the aid
1.7 under this section to provide public safety, including community violence prevention and
1.8 intervention programs; community engagement; mental health crisis responses; victim
1.9 services; training programs; first responder wellness; equipment related to fire, rescue, and
1.10 emergency services; or to pay other personnel or equipment costs. A county, Tribal
1.11 government, or local unit may use the aid under this section to purchase an armored or
1.12 tactical vehicle or substantially similar vehicle, or for the costs of construction, reconstruction,
1.13 remodeling, expansion, or improvement of a police station, including related facilities. For
1.14 the purposes of this paragraph, "related facilities" includes access roads, lighting, sidewalks,
1.15 and utility components on or adjacent to the property on which the police station is located
1.16 that are necessary for safe access to and use of the building.

1.17 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a county, Tribal government, or local unit may not
1.18 apply the aid under this section toward:

1.19 (1) its employer contribution to the public employees police and fire fund if the county,
1.20 Tribal government, or local unit received police state aid under Minnesota Statutes, chapter
1.21 477C, in calendar year 2022;

1.22 (2) any costs associated with alleged wrongdoing or misconduct; or

2.1 ~~(3) the purchase of an armored or tactical vehicle or substantially similar vehicle;~~

2.2 ~~(4) (3) the purchase of tear gas, chemical munitions, or substantially similar items; or~~

2.3 ~~(5) the costs of construction, reconstruction, remodeling, expansion, or improvement of~~
2.4 ~~a police station, including related facilities. For purposes of this clause, "related facilities"~~
2.5 ~~includes access roads, lighting, sidewalks, and utility components on or adjacent to the~~
2.6 ~~property on which the police station is located that are necessary for safe access to and use~~
2.7 ~~of the building.~~

2.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively for aids payable in 2023.