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AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to the distribution of monies collected from the public safety communications surcharge

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Paragraphs (d) and (e) of subdivision 6 of section 186-f of the tax law, as added by section 3 of part B of chapter 56 of the laws of 2009, are amended and a new paragraph (f) is added to read as follows:

(d) Not less than the sum of ten million dollars annually must be disbursed pursuant to article six-A of the county law and appropriated by the legislature; [and]

(e) To provide the costs of debt service for bonds and notes issued to finance expedited deployment funding pursuant to the provisions of section three hundred thirty-three of the county law and section sixteen hundred eighty-nine-h of the public authorities law[.]; AND

(F) UP TO THE SUM OF TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS SHALL BE AVAILABLE IN STATE FISCAL YEAR TWO THOUSAND TEN - TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, TO FUND A COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE FOR TECHNOLOGY, WITH GRANTS AWARDED TO ELIGIBLE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS FOR ASSISTANCE WITH COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MAINTENANCE AND/OR IMPROVEMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, WITH PREFERENCE GOING TO THOSE COUNTIES WHO PROPOSE SYSTEMS ENHANCEMENTS DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE REGIONAL OR STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY. THE OFFICE FOR TECHNOLOGY SHALL ESTABLISH BY RULE OR REGULATION THE SPECIFIC CRITERIA TO BE USED IN JUDGING FROM AMONG THOSE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED EACH YEAR THOSE WHICH DESERVE FUNDING.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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