

471.198 EXPENDITURES; NATIONAL NIGHT OUT; LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY EVENTS; FALLEN OFFICERS.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

(b) "Local government" means a home rule charter or statutory city, town, or county.

(c) "Qualified individual" means an individual with one of the following relationships to a local government expending money under this section:

- (1) an employee of the local government;
- (2) an immediate family member of an employee of the local government; or
- (3) an immediate family member of a fallen officer who was employed by the local government.

Subd. 2. **Authorized expenditures.** (a) A local government may spend money for the following purposes:

- (1) National Night Out events held in the jurisdiction of the local government spending the money;
- (2) any event or purpose that the governing body of the local government determines will foster positive relationships between law enforcement and the community;
- (3) funding a funeral or memorial for a public safety officer killed in the line of duty; and
- (4) funding travel and participation for qualified individuals in national memorial events for fallen public safety officers occurring within 24 months of a line-of-duty death of an officer or employee of the local government.

(b) A school district is authorized to spend money for the purposes of paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (2).

Subd. 3. **Contributions solicitation.** Notwithstanding any law or ordinance to the contrary, any local government or school district may, by resolution, authorize officials and staff to solicit contributions for the purposes authorized in subdivision 2.

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