

Chapter LES 5

GRANTS

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(a) Adoption of the following resolution or ordinance by the governing body of the political subdivision:

1. WHEREAS, the City (County, Village or Town) of _____ is desirous of electing to participate in the recruit qualifications and training program under the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Act which is Chapter 466 of the Laws of 1969; and

WHEREAS, in order that the City (County, Village or Town) of _____ be eligible for participation in the program, the law requires that, before an individual may be employed as a law enforcement officer, that individual must have been certified by the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board as being qualified under the standards set by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the City (County, Village or Town) of _____ will, as a minimum, establish the recruit qualifications and training standards set by the Board as prerequisites to the employment of its law enforcement officers henceforth:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City (County, Village or Town) of _____ hereby elects to participate in the recruit qualifications and training program of the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, before an individual may commence employment on a probationary or temporary basis as a law enforcement officer, that individual must have met the recruit qualifications set by the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board, and before an individual may commence employment on a part-time or full-time permanent basis as a law enforcement officer, that individual must have been certified by the Board as having met the recruit qualifications and as having successfully completed the preparatory training course required under the Board's recruit training standards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such recruit training must be successfully completed by the trainee within his probationary period. Under justifiable circumstances, this period may be extended, but the total period during which a person may serve as a law enforcement officer on a probationary or temporary basis without

successfully completing a preparatory training course approved by the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board shall not exceed two years.

(In political subdivisions where a Police and Fire Commission exists, the following additional paragraph should be used:)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners are hereby instructed and directed to make the necessary amendments to the Personnel Rules, the Manual of Rules of the ----- Police Department, and the rules of said Board of Police and Fire Commissioners, requiring that any person employed henceforth as a law enforcement officer by the ----- Police Department must meet the recruit qualifications and training standards set by the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board.

(In political subdivisions where law enforcement operates under a Civil Service System, the following additional paragraph should be used:)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Civil Service Commissioners are hereby instructed and directed to make the necessary amendments to the Personnel Rules, the Manual of Rules of the Police (Sheriff's) Department of ----- and Rules of said Civil Service Commission, requiring that any person employed henceforth as a law enforcement officer by the Police (Sheriff's) Department of ----- must meet the recruit qualifications and training standards set by the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board.

(b) Compliance with the recruitment qualifications set by the board.

(c) Successful completion of the preparatory course at a certified school by the law enforcement officer for whom reimbursement is claimed.

(d) Completion of forms to be obtained from the bureau covering documentation of the above acts, and including a formal claim for a reimbursement grant.

(2) The board shall determine the uniform percentage of reimbursement to be made at any time during the fiscal year when the bureau is in a position to advise the board of the funds available and the grant requests received for that year, but, in any case, no later than July 15 of the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the training was given. The board however, may, upon submission and approval of expense vouchers for trainees successfully completing a certified program, authorize immediate disbursement to a participating agency in an amount of up to 60% of the approved claim.

(3) The board may make additional grants on programs designed to improve law enforcement through training, but the reimbursement grants for law enforcement officers taking the preparatory course of 160 hours for the purpose of complying with the board's training standards for permanent appointment shall have first priority on the funds available.

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