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there any requirement that they had to come up with 25 percent?

SENATOR FLOOD: Yes, there was.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Okay. So then with this, you're actually getting less money, because none of the local entities have to participate in any of the fund-raising. Is that correct?

SENATOR FLOOD: What do you mean? We're not giving any less money. It's a competitive grant process, so it's difficult to say exactly who would receive a grant based upon the applications, because we don't know what those are. And I guess leaving out the 25 percent contribution, there was nothing special about that. We just wanted to make sure we could make some money available to law enforcement across the state. And I'm confident that with a competitive grant process, that we will make sure the right agencies are getting the money, so that they can continue their law enforcement work in the area of drugs.

SENATOR LOUDEN: What I'm wondering is that both of them were about \$428,000 or something like that, but if the local entities don't have to come up with 25 percent of it, why, right then, the other one you're talking about, probably, what, \$5.5 million (sic), or something like that, money available for this type of enforcement, where now you're down to about \$4.25 million...or, \$425,000. So I'm just wondering if we're kind of going backwards here. I mean, we're using General Fund money for something that, will we be able to get that much use out of it? Like I said before, I did introduce legislation for a vehicle for a \$2.4 million revenue stream. But if you wanted to fight law...or, if you wanted to fund law enforcement in these type of areas like this. But thanks, Senator Flood. I...right now, I will listen to the debate. But I haven't made...I haven't decided whether I can support this amendment or not. To me, it looks like it might be a little bit...or, a little bit too little, I guess would be the way to describe it, that the time it's divided over the state, I don't know if this is going to do much good in very many areas. Thank you, Mr. President.