

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 723 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. [299A.625] OFFICE OF COMMUNITY-LED PUBLIC SAFETY  
1.4 COORDINATION.

1.5 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) As used in this section, the following terms have the  
1.6 meanings given.

1.7 (b) "Civilian review board" means a board, commission, or other oversight body created  
1.8 to provide civilian oversight of the conduct of peace officers and law enforcement agencies.

1.9 (c) "Local commission" has the meaning given in section 363A.03, subdivision 23.

1.10 (d) "Metropolitan area" has the meaning given in section 473.121, subdivision 2.

1.11 (e) "Targeted area" means one or more contiguous census tracts as reported in the most  
1.12 recently completed decennial census published by the United States Bureau of the Census  
1.13 that has a poverty rate of at least 20 percent and which experiences a disproportionately  
1.14 high rate of violent crime.

1.15 Subd. 2. Office of Community-Led Public Safety Coordination established. The  
1.16 Office of Community-Led Public Safety Coordination is established in the Office of Justice  
1.17 Programs in the Department of Public Safety to direct a targeted, community-centered  
1.18 response to violence.

1.19 Subd. 3. Coordinator; qualifications. (a) The commissioner of public safety shall  
1.20 appoint a coordinator who shall serve in the unclassified service.

1.21 (b) The coordinator shall have experience:

1.22 (1) living in a targeted area;

- 2.1 (2) providing direct services to victims or others in communities impacted by violence;  
2.2 (3) writing or reviewing grant applications;  
2.3 (4) building coalitions within the African-American community and other communities  
2.4 that have experienced systemic discrimination; and  
2.5 (5) leading a nonprofit organization.

2.6 (c) The commissioner of public safety shall appoint or hire other staff as necessary.

2.7 Subd. 4. **Coordinator; duties.** The coordinator shall work with community members  
2.8 to develop a strategy to address violence within targeted areas and promote community  
2.9 healing and recovery. Additionally, the coordinator shall:

2.10 (1) serve as a liaison between the office and the councils created in sections 3.922 and  
2.11 15.0145;

2.12 (2) provide technical assistance or navigation services to individuals seeking to apply  
2.13 for grants issued by the office;

2.14 (3) identify targeted areas;

2.15 (4) organize and provide technical assistance to local grant advisory boards;

2.16 (5) assist local grant advisory boards in soliciting applications for grants;

2.17 (6) develop simplified grant application materials;

2.18 (7) identify effective forms of community-led intervention to promote public safety;

2.19 (8) encourage the use of restorative justice programs including but not limited to  
2.20 sentencing circles; and

2.21 (9) administer grants.

2.22 Subd. 5. **Community-led public safety grants.** (a) Pursuant to the decisions of  
2.23 community grant advisory boards, the coordinator shall issue grants to organizations in  
2.24 targeted areas for the purposes identified in this subdivision. The coordinator may prioritize  
2.25 targeted areas, determine which targeted areas are eligible for grants, and establish the total  
2.26 amount of money available for grants in each targeted area provided that an eligible targeted  
2.27 area must receive at least \$1,000,000 for grants. In prioritizing targeted areas, the director  
2.28 shall prioritize areas that have the highest rates of violent crime.

2.29 (b) Recipients of youth, young adult, and family antiviolence outreach program grants  
2.30 may work with other organizations including but not limited to law enforcement, state and  
2.31 local public agencies, interfaith organizations, nonprofit organizations, and African immigrant

3.1 and African American community organizations and stakeholders; may focus on African  
3.2 immigrant and African American youth and young adults; and must:

3.3 (1) identify behaviors indicating that an individual is vulnerable to committing or being  
3.4 the victim of bullying or interfamily, community, or domestic abuse;

3.5 (2) identify and assess factors and influences, including but not limited to family  
3.6 dysfunction and cultural disengagement, that make youth and young adults, vulnerable to  
3.7 recruitment by violent organizations;

3.8 (3) develop strategies to reduce and eliminate abusive and bullying behaviors among  
3.9 youth and adults;

3.10 (4) develop and implement strategies to reduce and eliminate the factors and influences  
3.11 that make youth and young adults vulnerable to recruitment by violent organizations;

3.12 (5) develop strategies, programs, and services to educate parents and other family  
3.13 members to recognize and address behaviors indicating that youth are being recruited by  
3.14 violent organizations; and

3.15 (6) in collaboration with public entities and other community and private organizations  
3.16 that provide services to at-risk youth and families, develop strategies, programs, and services  
3.17 to reduce and eliminate bullying, abusive behavior, and the vulnerability of youth to  
3.18 recruitment by violent organizations including, but not limited to:

3.19 (i) expressive and receptive communications programs including music, art, theater,  
3.20 dance, and play designed to teach and develop appropriate skills for interfaith family  
3.21 communication;

3.22 (ii) development of protective skills and positive coping skills to deal with bullying,  
3.23 domestic abuse and interfaith family violence, and violent confrontations in the community;

3.24 (iii) culturally appropriate individual and family counseling focusing on communication  
3.25 and interpersonal relations with the family and, when appropriate, the African immigrant  
3.26 and African American community;

3.27 (iv) after-school and summer programs for youth and young adults that are structured  
3.28 and include components offering physical recreation, sports, mentorship, education  
3.29 enrichment, art, music, and social activities that are culturally appropriate;

3.30 (v) individual and family-oriented financial planning and management skill building;

3.31 (vi) culturally appropriate individual and family counseling focusing on education and  
3.32 employment counseling; and

4.1 (vii) information regarding, and direct links to, entities that provide employment skills  
4.2 training, job search and placement, and employment support activities and services.

4.3 (c) Recipients of grants to implement the Minnesota SafeStreets program must work  
4.4 with other organizations and persons in the community to develop community-based  
4.5 responses to violence that:

4.6 (1) use and adapt critical incident response methods which have been identified as best  
4.7 practices in the field including violence prevention, situational de-escalation, mitigation of  
4.8 trauma, and restorative justice;

4.9 (2) provide targeted interventions to prevent the escalation of violence after the occurrence  
4.10 of serious incidents, such as a shooting, murder, or other violent crime;

4.11 (3) de-escalate violence with the use of community-based interventions designed to  
4.12 prevent conflict from becoming violent;

4.13 (4) provide an alternative to adjudication through a restorative justice model for persons  
4.14 who commit lower level offenses;

4.15 (5) develop working relationships with community providers to enable young people to  
4.16 care for themselves and their families in healthy and empowered ways; and

4.17 (6) culminate in a collective action plan which, at a minimum, includes the following:

4.18 (i) increased educational opportunities;

4.19 (ii) meaningful workforce opportunities;

4.20 (iii) leadership-based entrepreneurial and social enterprise opportunities;

4.21 (iv) expanded mental health and chemical health services; and

4.22 (v) access to critically needed human and social services.

4.23 (d) Recipients of grants to promote community healing must provide programs and direct  
4.24 intervention to promote wellness and healing justice and may use funds for:

4.25 (1) programmatic and community care support for wellness and healing justice  
4.26 practitioners;

4.27 (2) the establishment and expansion of community organizations that provide wellness  
4.28 and healing justice services;

4.29 (3) placing wellness and healing justice practitioners in organizations that provide direct  
4.30 service to black, indigenous, and people of color communities in Minnesota;

- 5.1 (4) providing healing circles;
- 5.2 (5) establishing and expanding Community Coach Certification programs to train  
5.3 community healers and establish a long-term strategy to build the infrastructure for  
5.4 community healers to be available during times of tragedy; or
- 5.5 (6) restorative justice programs including but not limited to sentencing circles.
- 5.6 (e) Recipients of grants to establish or maintain co-responder teams must partner with  
5.7 local units of government or Tribal governments to do any of the following:
- 5.8 (1) develop and establish independent crisis-response teams to de-escalate volatile  
5.9 situations;
- 5.10 (2) respond to situations involving a mental health crisis;
- 5.11 (3) promote community-based efforts designed to enhance community safety and  
5.12 wellness; or
- 5.13 (4) support community-based strategies to interrupt, intervene in, or respond to violence.
- 5.14 Subd. 6. **Appropriation; distribution.** (a) Of the amount appropriated for grants issued  
5.15 pursuant to subdivision 4, two-thirds shall be distributed in the metropolitan area and  
5.16 one-third shall be distributed outside the metropolitan area.
- 5.17 (b) No grant recipient shall receive more than \$1,000,000 each year.
- 5.18 Subd. 7. **Community grant advisory boards; members.** (a) The coordinator shall work  
5.19 with the chair or director of a local commission, civilian review board, or similar organization  
5.20 to establish a community grant advisory board within a targeted area.
- 5.21 (b) Community grant advisory boards shall review grant applications and direct the  
5.22 coordinator to award grants to approved applicants.
- 5.23 (c) The chair or director of a local commission, civilian review board, or similar  
5.24 organization shall serve as the chair of a community grant advisory board.
- 5.25 (d) A community grant advisory board shall include the chair and at least four but not  
5.26 more than six other members.
- 5.27 (e) The membership of community grant advisory boards shall reflect the demographic  
5.28 makeup of the targeted area and the members, other than the chair, must reside in the targeted  
5.29 area over which a board has jurisdiction. A majority of the members of a board must provide  
5.30 direct services to victims or others in the targeted area as a part of the person's employment  
5.31 or regular volunteer work.

6.1 (f) Community grant advisory board members may not accept gifts, donations, or any  
6.2 other thing of value from applicants.

6.3 Subd. 8. **Community grant advisory board; procedure.** (a) Community grant advisory  
6.4 boards shall provide notice of available grants and application materials for organizations  
6.5 or individuals to apply for grants.

6.6 (b) Community grant advisory boards shall establish reasonable application deadlines  
6.7 and review grant applications. Boards may interview applicants and invite presentations.

6.8 (c) Community grant advisory boards shall determine which applicants will receive  
6.9 funds and the amount of those funds, and shall inform the coordinator of their decisions.

6.10 Sec. 2. **COMMUNITY-LED PUBLIC SAFETY GRANTS; APPROPRIATION.**

6.11 Subdivision 1. **Appropriation.** \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$15,000,000 in  
6.12 fiscal year 2023 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of public safety  
6.13 to promote community-led public safety.

6.14 Subd. 2. **Community-led public safety coordinator.** Of the amounts appropriated in  
6.15 subdivision 1, \$100,000 each year is for one community-led public safety coordinator  
6.16 position at the Department of Public Safety.

6.17 Subd. 3. **Community-led public safety grants.** Of the amounts appropriated in  
6.18 subdivision 1, \$14,900,000 each year is for community-led public safety grants pursuant to  
6.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 299A.625."

6.20 Delete the title and insert:

6.21 "A bill for an act  
6.22 relating to public safety; establishing an Office of Community-Led Public Safety  
6.23 Coordination; establishing community-led public safety grants; appropriating  
6.24 money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 299A."