

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 3897 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. **[216C.45] RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC PANEL UPGRADE GRANTS;**
1.4 **PILOT PROGRAM.**

1.5 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have
1.6 the meanings given.

1.7 (b) "Electric panel" means a panel in a building, including any subpanels, that consists
1.8 of a main circuit breaker that regulates several other circuit breakers to prevent overloading
1.9 and distributes electricity throughout the building.

1.10 (c) "Income-eligible" means:

1.11 (1) a single-family residence whose residents (i) have an individual or household income
1.12 at or less than 60 percent of the state median individual or household income, as applicable,
1.13 for the most recent year available, or (ii) received assistance from the federal Low-Income
1.14 Home Energy Assistance Program during the most recent program year; or

1.15 (2) a multifamily building in which at least 66 percent of the units are occupied by
1.16 households whose income is 60 percent or less of the state median individual or household
1.17 income, as applicable.

1.18 (d) "Multifamily building" means a building that contains two or more units.

1.19 (e) "Phase I" means the phase of the program established in this section that begins when
1.20 the first grant application is received by the department and ends the later of one year after
1.21 the date the first grant application is received or when 40 percent of funds appropriated to
1.22 the program have been expended.

2.1 (f) "Phase II" means the phase of the program established in this section that begins
2.2 when Phase I terminates and ends when the appropriation made in section 2 is exhausted.

2.3 (g) "Single-family residence" means a building that contains one unit or a manufactured
2.4 home, as defined in section 327.31, subdivision 6.

2.5 (h) "Unit" means a residential living space occupied by an individual or a household.

2.6 (i) "Upgrade" means:

2.7 (1) for a single-family residence:

2.8 (i) the installation of equipment or devices required to bring an electrical panel to a total
2.9 rating of 200 amperes;

2.10 (ii) the repair or replacement of the wiring attached to the equipment or devices in item
2.11 (i) to ensure safe operation; and

2.12 (iii) may include the installation of wiring and conduit to enable the operation of:

2.13 (A) a solar energy generating system, as defined in section 216E.01, subdivision 9a, on
2.14 or adjacent to the building; and

2.15 (B) an electric vehicle charging system; and

2.16 (2) for a multifamily building:

2.17 (i) the installation of equipment or devices required to bring an electrical panel to a rating
2.18 that allows for full electrification of the building, as described in National Electrical Code
2.19 Section 220;

2.20 (ii) the repair or replacement of the wiring attached to the equipment or devices in item
2.21 (i) to ensure safe operation; and

2.22 (iii) may include the installation of wiring and conduit to enable the operation of:

2.23 (A) a solar energy generating system, as defined in section 216E.01, subdivision 9a, on
2.24 or adjacent to the building; and

2.25 (B) an electric vehicle charging system.

2.26 Subd. 2. **Program establishment.** A residential electric panel upgrade grant program
2.27 is established as a pilot program in the department to provide financial assistance to owners
2.28 of single-family residences and multifamily buildings to upgrade a residence's electric panel.

2.29 Subd. 3. **Application process.** An applicant seeking a grant under this section must
2.30 submit an application to the commissioner on a form developed by the commissioner. The

3.1 commissioner must develop administrative procedures to govern how eligibility is
3.2 determined, applications are reviewed, and grants are awarded. The commissioner is the
3.3 fiscal agent for the grant program and is responsible for reviewing applications and awarding
3.4 grants under this section. The commissioner may contract with a third party to conduct some
3.5 or all of the pilot program's operations.

3.6 Subd. 4. **Eligibility.** (a) In Phase I, an owner of a single-family residence that is
3.7 income-eligible is eligible to receive a grant under this section.

3.8 (b) In Phase I, an owner of a multifamily building that is income-eligible is eligible to
3.9 receive a grant under this section.

3.10 (c) In Phase II, all owners of single-family residences and multifamily buildings are
3.11 eligible to receive a grant under this section, regardless of the income of the occupants of
3.12 the building.

3.13 Subd. 5. **Grant awards.** A grant may be awarded under this section to:

3.14 (1) an owner of a single-family residence or multifamily building;

3.15 (2) a contractor performing an upgrade, provided that the contractor submits to the
3.16 commissioner written consent from the owner of the single-family residence or multifamily
3.17 building receiving the upgrade to receive a grant on behalf of the owner; or

3.18 (3) a third-party, provided that the third party submits to the commissioner written
3.19 consent from the owner of the single-family residence or multifamily building receiving
3.20 the upgrade to receive a grant on behalf of the owner.

3.21 Subd. 6. **Grant amount.** (a) A grant issued under this section must be used only to pay
3.22 the full equipment and installation costs of an upgrade made by an owner, subject to the
3.23 limits established in this subdivision.

3.24 (b) The maximum grant amount under this section that may be awarded to an owner of
3.25 a single-family residence that is:

3.26 (1) income-eligible is \$10,000; and

3.27 (2) not income-eligible is \$1,000.

3.28 (c) The grant amount under this section that may be awarded to an owner of a multifamily
3.29 building that is:

3.30 (1) income-eligible is the sum of (i) \$9,500, plus (ii) \$500 multiplied by the number of
3.31 units containing a separate electric panel that received an upgrade in the multifamily building,
3.32 not to exceed \$50,000 per multifamily building; and

4.1 (2) not income-eligible is the sum of (i) \$1,000, plus (ii) \$500 multiplied by the number
4.2 of units containing a separate electric panel that received an upgrade in the multifamily
4.3 building, not to exceed \$10,000 per multifamily building.

4.4 Subd. 7. **Limitation.** No more than one grant may be awarded to an owner under this
4.5 section for work conducted at the same single-family residence or multifamily building.

4.6 Subd. 8. **Outreach.** The department must publicize the availability of grants under this
4.7 section to, at a minimum:

4.8 (1) income-eligible households;

4.9 (2) community action agencies and other public and private nonprofit organizations that
4.10 provide weatherization and other energy services to income-eligible households; and

4.11 (3) multifamily property owners and property managers.

4.12 Subd. 9. **Report.** (a) No later than 120 days after the date each of Phases I and II of the
4.13 pilot program ends, the department must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority
4.14 members of the legislative committees with primary responsibility for climate and energy
4.15 policy.

4.16 (b) The report must summarize program outcomes, and must report separately, at a
4.17 minimum:

4.18 (1) the number of units in multifamily buildings and the number of single-family
4.19 residences whose owners received grants;

4.20 (2) the median income of the households in multifamily buildings and in single-family
4.21 residences whose owners received grants; and

4.22 (3) the average amount of grants awarded in multifamily buildings and in single-family
4.23 residences.

4.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

4.25 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

4.26 \$..... in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of
4.27 commerce to award grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.45, and pay the reasonable
4.28 costs incurred by the department to administer that section. This is a onetime appropriation
4.29 and is available until expended.

4.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment."

4.31 Amend the title accordingly