

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 2493 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. [216C.391] SUPPLEMENTAL ENERGY ASSISTANCE GRANT  
1.4 PROGRAM.

1.5 Subdivision 1. Definition. For the purposes of this section, "LIHEAP" means the federal  
1.6 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, United States Code, title 42, sections 8621  
1.7 to 8630, administered by the department.

1.8 Subd. 2. Establishment. A supplemental energy assistance grant program is established  
1.9 in the Department of Commerce to award grants to eligible applicants.

1.10 Subd. 3. Applications; procedures. (a) The commissioner must develop policies and  
1.11 procedures governing the grant application and award process.

1.12 (b) Eligible applicants must file an application with the commissioner on a form  
1.13 developed by the commissioner.

1.14 (c) The commissioner must accept grant applications under this section throughout the  
1.15 year.

1.16 Subd. 4. Eligibility. All Minnesota residents whose household income is less than 60  
1.17 percent of the state median household income are eligible for a grant awarded under this  
1.18 section.

1.19 Subd. 5. Grant awards. (a) When awarding grants under this section, the commissioner  
1.20 must give priority to expanding the number of households receiving energy assistance over  
1.21 increasing grant amounts to households that already received assistance under LIHEAP  
1.22 during the year.

2.1 (b) To the extent practicable, LIHEAP funds must be used, when available, for all primary  
2.2 heat and crisis grants to eligible households before grants are awarded for those purposes  
2.3 under this section.

2.4 Subd. 6. **Account established.** A supplemental energy assistance fund account is created  
2.5 in the special revenue fund in the state treasury. The commissioner shall credit to the account  
2.6 appropriations and transfers to the account. Earnings, such as interest, dividends, and any  
2.7 other earnings arising from assets of the account, must be credited to the account. Funds  
2.8 remaining in the account at the end of a fiscal year are not canceled to the general fund, but  
2.9 remain in the account until expended. The commissioner shall manage the account. Money  
2.10 in the account is appropriated to the commissioner to award grants under this section.

2.11 Subd. 7. **Use of funds.** Money in the account may be used for:

2.12 (1) crisis grants to households who received a LIHEAP primary heat grant from federal  
2.13 funds but did not receive the maximum crisis grant amount while federal funds allocated  
2.14 for crisis grants were available;

2.15 (2) primary heat and crisis grants to eligible households who did not receive LIHEAP  
2.16 primary heat and crisis grants from federal funds allocated for crisis grants;

2.17 (3) emergency heating system repair or replacement;

2.18 (4) grants to support outreach; and

2.19 (5) the reasonable costs required to administer this section.

2.20 Subd. 8. **Reporting.** (a) Beginning December 31, 2024, and annually thereafter until  
2.21 December 31, 2029, the commissioner of commerce shall publish a report regarding the  
2.22 state supplemental energy assistance funding under this section for the previous program  
2.23 year for October 1 to September 30.

2.24 (b) The following information on grants awarded under this section, to the extent  
2.25 practicable, must be reported by statewide total and by county:

2.26 (1) number of households served;

2.27 (2) average household primary heat benefit;

2.28 (3) average household crisis benefit; and

2.29 (4) total energy costs.

2.30 (c) The following information on grants awarded under this section may be reported as  
2.31 statewide totals:

- 3.1 (1) average household income;
- 3.2 (2) income by percentage of the federal poverty level established by the U.S. Department
- 3.3 of Health and Social Services;
- 3.4 (3) number of households that include a person over 60;
- 3.5 (4) number of households that include a disabled person;
- 3.6 (5) number of households that include a child under six; and
- 3.7 (6) number of households served by race or ethnicity.

3.8 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

3.9 (a) \$100,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the

3.10 commissioner of commerce for deposit in the supplemental energy assistance fund account

3.11 in the special revenue fund. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30,

3.12 2029.

3.13 (b) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph (a):

3.14 (1) up to ten percent may be used to administer the supplemental program under this

3.15 section, of which up to 2.5 percent may be used by the Department of Commerce. The

3.16 remaining amount allocated under this clause may be used to reimburse reasonable

3.17 administrative costs incurred under this section by service providers contracted to the

3.18 Department of Commerce to deliver LIHEAP services, including services under this section;

3.19 and

3.20 (2) up to eight percent may be used to reimburse the reasonable costs incurred under

3.21 this section by organizations the department has contracted with to provide outreach and

3.22 assistance to households in underserved communities to complete grant applications under

3.23 this section."

3.24 Amend the title accordingly