

Subject Family, friend, and neighbor grant program

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Overview

This bill establishes in statute a family, friend, and neighbor (FFN) grant program. FFN caregivers are individuals who provide legal, license-exempt child care to related children, children from a single unrelated family, or both. Under the FFN grant program, the commissioner of human services may award grants to entities that work with FFN caregivers to carry out specified activities. The bill appropriates \$10,000,000 in the next biennium for the program. The funding is ongoing.

Summary

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Creates § 119B.196.

Subd. 1. Establishment. Directs the commissioner of human services to establish a family, friend, and neighbor (FFN) grant program.

Subd. 2. Grant awards. Provides that grants may be awarded to the following entities that work with FFN caregivers: community-based organizations, nonprofit organizations, local or regional libraries, local public health agencies, and Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations. Identifies the activities for which the grant money may be used.

Subd. 3. Administration. Provides that applicants must apply for the grants using the forms and according to timelines established by the commissioner.

Subd. 4. Reporting requirements. Requires grantees to provide data and program outcomes to the commissioner for the purposes of evaluating the grant program and directs the commissioner to report to the legislature on program outcomes every two years beginning February 1, 2024.

Section	Description
2	Appropriation; family, friend, and neighbor grant program. Appropriates \$5,000,000 in each of fiscal years 2024 and 2025 to the commissioner of human services for the FFN grant program. The funding is ongoing.



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