

Subject Grants for Electric Panel Upgrades

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## Overview

House File 849, as amended by H0849DE1, creates a program in the Department of Commerce to award grants to owners of residential buildings to upgrade the buildings' electrical panels.

## Summary

Section Description

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1 **[216C.45] Residential electric panel upgrade grant.**

**Subd. 1. Definitions.** Defines terms, including “electric panel,” and “upgrade.” Defines “eligible applicant” as an owner of a single-family home whose household income does not exceed 150 percent of the area median income, or an owner of a multifamily building in which at least half meet that income limit.

**Subd. 2. Program establishment.** Establishes the grant program in the Department of Commerce.

**Subd. 3. Application process.** Requires a written application on a form developed by the commissioner.

**Subd. 4. Grant awards.** Provides that grants may be awarded to the building owner or a contractor or third party with written permission from the owner.

**Subd. 5. Grant amount.** The maximum grant award in a single-family home is \$4,000 or \$6,000, depending on family household income. The maximum grant award in a multifamily building is \$9,500, plus \$500 for each unit receiving an upgrade, up to a maximum of \$50,000.

**Subd. 6. Limitation.** Specifies that only one grant can be awarded to an owner of a specific building.

**Subd. 7. Outreach.** Requires the Department of Commerce to publicize the availability of grants under the program.

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**Subd. 8. Contractor and subcontractor requirements.** Requires contractors and subcontractors performing work under a grant to pay at least the state prevailing wage and be subject to statutes that enforce that provision and other employer requirements.

**Subd. 9. Report.** Requires the department to report annually to the legislature on program activities.

2 **Appropriations.**

Appropriates a blank amount from the general fund that must be used for grants only to properties located outside the electric service territory of Xcel Energy.

Appropriates a blank amount from the renewable development account that must be used for grants only to properties located within the electric service territory of Xcel Energy.



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