

Subject Grants for nonprofits serving homeless youth

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Overview

This bill establishes a grant program to formalize situations where youths stay in the residences of family friends, relatives, and neighbors so the youths can avoid homelessness. This bill appropriates \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services to fund the program.

Summary

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1	Grants for nonprofits serving homeless youth.
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Requires the commissioner of human services to establish a grant program and prescribes rules for program administration, grantee selection, grant applications, and grant distribution.

Subd. 1. Establishment. Requires the commissioner of human services to establish a grant program for nonprofits for homeless youths to formalize relationships between youths and the family friends, relatives, and neighbors with whom the youths are staying to avoid homelessness.

Subd. 2. Definitions. Defines “a set of participants” as a youth between 18 and 24 years old and the family friend, relative, or neighbor with whom the youth is staying to avoid homelessness.

Subd. 3. Administration. Requires the commissioner to contract with a technical assistance provider to assist in the development, administration, and evaluation of the program. Requires grantees to partner with at least one set of participants, to mediate agreements about the living situation within each set of participants, to provide monthly stipends to each set of participants to offset the costs of the living arrangement, and to connect each set of participants with community resources.

Subd. 4. Technical assistance provider. Provides criteria for selecting the technical assistance provider, including location in Hennepin County and prior

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experience both with researching youth homelessness and with providing technical assistance to organizations that support informal living arrangements between homeless youths and family friends, relatives, and neighbors.

Subd. 5. Eligible applicants. Defines eligible applicants as nonprofits serving homeless youth. Requires that grants be provided to at least five applicants no later than December 31, 2022.

Subd. 6. Applications. Requires that nonprofits seeking grants apply to the commissioner with a description of the proposed project, the amount of money requested, and a proposed budget for the requested funds.

Subd. 7. Reporting. Requires the technical assistance provider to report annually to the commissioner on the efficacy and cost-effectiveness of the program.

2 **Appropriation.**

Appropriates \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for grants for nonprofits serving homeless youth. Sets aside a blank amount of this appropriation for a contract with a technical assistance provider. Provides that the appropriation is onetime and available until June 30, 2027.



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