

Subject Lead Safe Homes Grant Program

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Overview

This bill establishes the Dustin Luke Shields Act, which provides grants to nonprofits or political subdivisions through the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to increase lead testing and make rental housing lead safe. Only two grants would be issued under the pilot program: one in the metropolitan area and one in greater Minnesota.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Lead Safe Homes Grant Program (also known as the Dustin Luke Shields Act).
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This bill establishes a program in the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to make grants to nonprofit organizations and political subdivisions to provide lead testing and lead hazard reduction in rental housing. The bill gives priority to grantees that target areas with a high concentration of lead poisoning in children. Up to ten percent of a grant award may be used by the nonprofit or political subdivision to administer the grant and provide education and outreach about lead health hazards.

For larger apartment buildings (12 or more units), at least half of the tenants must have incomes below 60 percent of the area median income. For apartment buildings with 11 or fewer units, all of the tenants must have incomes of no more than 60 percent of the area median income.

Grant funding is only available after a landlord or tenant has used other available state and federal funding related to lead testing and lead hazard reduction for which they are eligible.

2	Appropriation.
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\$1 million is appropriated each year of the biennium. One grant must go to a nonprofit organization or political subdivision in the seven-county metropolitan area and one must go to a nonprofit organization or political subdivision in greater Minnesota.



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