

Subject Appropriation for family homeless prevention and assistance program

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Overview

The family homeless prevention and assistance program (FHPAP) provides financial assistance and support services to persons and households that are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

This bill, as amended by H1440A5 and as proposed to be amended by H1440A6, would appropriate \$100,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 from the general fund to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) for FHPAP.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Appropriation.</p> <p>Appropriates \$100,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 from the general fund to MHFA for FHPAP. Makes the appropriation available until June 30, 2025, and requires MHFA to make good faith efforts to spend the money by June 30, 2024. Allows MHFA to award up to \$50,000,000 of the appropriation to existing FHPAP grantees without additional requests for proposals. Exempts use of grant awards from normal FHPAP requirements limiting rental assistance to 24 months. Exempts community-based nonprofit organizations outside the metropolitan area from FHPAP requirements that they receive a sponsoring resolution from the county or counties in which they intend to provide FHPAP services. Allows MHFA to award grants in the metropolitan area to entities other than counties. When multiple grantees cover the same area, allows the grantees to use the local Continuum of Care in lieu of the generally required advisory council and exempts these grantees from certain planning requirements. Gives MHFA discretion to spend the appropriation to decrease the risk of homelessness and to improve the effectiveness of the program.</p> |
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