

Subject Workforce and affordable homeownership program

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## Overview

The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) operates the workforce and affordable homeownership program, which provides onetime grants for the development of workforce and affordable homeownership projects across Minnesota.

This bill would grant authority to MHFA to issue loans in addition to grants and would appropriate \$15,000,000 from the general fund to the program in each fiscal year beginning in fiscal year 2024 and ending in fiscal year 2034.

## Summary

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| 1 | <p><b>Workforce and affordable homeownership development program.</b></p> <p><b>Subd. 1. Establishment.</b> Amends the workforce and affordable homeownership development program to allow MHFA to award loans under the program. Currently, MHFA may only award grants.</p> <p><b>Subd. 2. Use of funds.</b> Conforms the subdivision to the change allowing award of loans under this program.</p> <p><b>Subd. 3. Application.</b> Conforms the subdivision to the change allowing award of loans.</p> <p><b>Subd. 4. Awarding of grants and loans.</b> Conforms the subdivision to the change allowing award of loans.</p> <p><b>Subd. 5. Statewide program.</b> Conforms the subdivision to the change allowing award of loans and defines the metropolitan area for the purposes of requirements that the agency attempt to award grants and loans in equal amounts outside and within the metropolitan area.</p> |
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**Subd. 6. Report.** Conforms the subdivision to the change allowing award of loans.

**Subd. 7. Workforce and affordable homeownership development account.**  
Establishes a workforce and affordable homeownership development account in the housing development fund. Appropriates money in the fund and the interest it bears to MHFA for the purposes of this program.

**Subd. 8. Deposits; funding amount.** Requires that, by September 15 in each fiscal year from 2024 through 2034, \$15,000,000 be appropriated from the general fund to MHFA for deposit in the workforce and affordable homeownership development account in the housing development fund. Requires that repayment of loans under this section be credited to the workforce and affordable homeownership development account. Expires this subdivision on September 16, 2034.



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