

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 5075 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. **AID TO CITIES FOR EMERALD ASH BORER FINANCIAL**  
1.4 **ASSISTANCE.**

1.5 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this section, the following terms have  
1.6 the meanings given:

1.7 (1) "eligible costs" means costs incurred in 2020 or later for treating or removing a tree  
1.8 that has been found to be infested by the emerald ash borer and has been required by state  
1.9 law or by municipal ordinance to be treated or removed;

1.10 (2) "eligible homeowner" means a homeowner who experienced eligible costs related  
1.11 to a tree on the homeowner's residential homestead property; and

1.12 (3) "eligible local government" means:

1.13 (i) a town with a population of at least 10,000;

1.14 (ii) a statutory or home rule charter city; or

1.15 (iii) "Minnesota Tribal governments," as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 10.65,  
1.16 subdivision 2, clause (4).

1.17 Subd. 2. **Aid program established; payment.** The commissioner of revenue must  
1.18 distribute aid to eligible local governments, as provided in this section. The commissioner  
1.19 must certify the aid amount to be paid in 2025 to each eligible local government by January  
1.20 31, 2025. The commissioner must make the full 2025 payment to each eligible local  
1.21 government by February 15, 2025.

1.22 Subd. 3. **Amount of aid.** (a) The commissioner of revenue must establish a process to  
1.23 allocate the amount of available aid to eligible local governments. The process may be based

2.1 on a distribution formula, or an open application process for a merit-based competitive grant  
2.2 program. The formula or grant program established under this subdivision must prioritize  
2.3 distributing aid to eligible local governments based on:

2.4 (1) the rate of emerald ash borer infestations on residential properties;

2.5 (2) the ability of the local government's residents to pay for eligible costs; and

2.6 (3) the population of the eligible local government.

2.7 (b) The commissioner of revenue must consult with the commissioners of agriculture  
2.8 and natural resources when establishing the process required under this subdivision.

2.9 Subd. 4. **Eligible uses.** An eligible government must use aid received under this section  
2.10 to reimburse eligible homeowners with incomes below 200 percent of the official poverty  
2.11 guideline for their eligible costs.

2.12 Subd. 5. **Appropriation.** \$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general  
2.13 fund to the commissioner of revenue for aid under this section. This is a onetime  
2.14 appropriation."

2.15 Amend the title accordingly