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Overview

This bill creates grant funding to be distributed by the commissioner of health for the purposes of healthy housing programs by local boards of health, community action agencies, and certain nonprofit organizations. The bill also appropriates money to the commissioner for implementation of the grant and for lead poisoning prevention and other healthy homes activities.

Section

1 Healthy housing grants. Adds § 144.9513.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines terms used in the bill.

Subd. 2. Grants; administration. Requires grant applicants to submit an application to the commissioner and requires grant recipients to submit a quarterly progress report to the commissioner. Requires the commissioner to provide technical assistance and program support as needed.

Subd. 3. Healthy housing implementation grants, eligible activities. (a) Requires the commissioner to make grants to local boards of health, community action agencies, and certain nonprofit organizations for the implementation of healthy housing programs.

(b) Allows the grantee to conduct any of the listed activities, including, but not limited to, implementing and maintaining primary prevention programs, providing training, and identifying and mitigating hazards in housing.

Subd. 4. Toxic mold standards. Requires the commissioner to develop and implement standards for the toxicity levels of mold.

Section

- 2** **Appropriations.** Appropriates \$100,000 in fiscal year 2015 from the general fund to the commissioner for lead poisoning prevention and healthy homes activities. Also appropriates \$400,000 in fiscal year 2015 from the general fund to the commissioner for healthy housing implementation grants, which the commissioner is encouraged to distribute between metropolitan and non-metropolitan communities. Both appropriations are added to the program's base funding.