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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill establishes a rental assistance program through the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) that provides rental assistance to Asian women and children and other women and children who have been the victims of trafficking and domestic violence, including sexual assault victims and victims of forced marriage.

#### Section

- 1**      **Rental assistance program.** Requires the commissioner of MHFA to establish a rental assistance program for Asian women and children and other women and children who have been the victims of trafficking and domestic violence, including sexual assault victims and victims of forced marriage. The grants must be to nonprofits that can provide linguistically and culturally appropriate services and have the capacity to serve new immigrants and requires at least one grant award go to an area outside the Twin Cities metro area. This section provides the eligibility for grant recipients, including the requirement that recipients of the rental subsidy must pay rent at 30 percent of their income. This section also requires the organizations receiving grants to provide aggregate data on participants to evaluate the program.
- 2**      **Appropriation.** \$750,000 each year is appropriated to the MHFA housing trust fund to fund the grants in section 1. \$250,000 each year is appropriated to the Department of Human Services to provide grants to recipient organizations in the rental subsidy program to provide supportive services to program participants.