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Overview

This bill establishes a community respite care grant program and appropriates money for the program.

Section

1 Community respite care grant program. Amends § 256.975, by adding subd. 12. Paragraph (a) directs the Minnesota Board on Aging to award competitive grants to eligible applicants for social model, community-based group respite care day programs for persons with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias who have family caregivers.

Paragraph (b) lists duties of the Minnesota Board on Aging related to administration of the community respite care grant program.

Paragraph (c) requires grant applicants to apply to the Minnesota Board on Aging on the forms and according to the timelines established by the board and lists the information that must be included in the application.

Paragraph (d) lists the requirements each program receiving grant funds must meet.

Paragraph (e) requires grantees to provide an unspecified match to the grant funds awarded.

Paragraph (f) prohibits grant funds from being used to develop or expand overnight or in-home respite care programs, or for building or capital improvements.

Paragraph (g) specifies that grant awards are for a period of two years.

Section

2 **Appropriation; community respite care grants.** Appropriates \$200,000 in fiscal year 2017 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the Minnesota Board on Aging to distribute community respite care grants. Allows the board to use up to five percent of the appropriation to administer the program. Adds this appropriation to the base.