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This bill appropriates: (1) \$250,000 in fiscal year 2019 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the senior companion program; and (2) \$250,000 in fiscal year 2019 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the foster grandparents program.

The senior companion program (SCP) allows seniors age 55 and over to assist at-risk, frail elderly in daily living tasks. The foster grandparents program (FPG) allows seniors age 55 and over to serve as mentors, tutors, and caregivers for children and youth with special needs. These programs are administered by the Minnesota Board on Aging, which is a 25-member board whose members are appointed by the governor.