

Subject Greater Minnesota housing infrastructure grant program; bond sale authorization

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Overview

This bill creates the greater Minnesota housing infrastructure grant program to provide funding for eligible workforce housing development projects outside of the metropolitan area. General obligation bonds are authorized to be issued and sold by the state to fund the grant program.

All sections are effective the day following final enactment.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Greater Minnesota housing infrastructure grant program</p> <p>Creates a new section 116J.4315, which establishes the greater Minnesota housing infrastructure grant program.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Grant program established. Authorizes the commissioner of employment and economic development to make grants to counties and cities in greater Minnesota to provide up to 50% of the capital costs of public infrastructure for an eligible workforce housing development project. A grant may only be awarded after the commissioner determines that nonstate resources are committed to complete the project.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Definitions. Defines terms for the purposes of the section.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Eligible projects. Clarifies that eligible projects may be single-family or multifamily housing developments which are owner-occupied or rental properties.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Application. Requires a county or city application to include a resolution certifying that the nonstate match is available. States the criteria the</p> |
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commissioner must determine to award funding. The decision of the commissioner is not subject to judicial review, except for abuse of discretion.

Subd. 5. Maximum grant amount. Caps the grant amount at \$20,000 per lot for single-family, duplex, triplex, or four-plex housing developed and no more than \$50,000 per lot for multifamily housing with more than four units per building. A county or city may receive no more than \$500,000 under the grant program over a two year period.

Subd. 6. Cancellation of grant; return of grant money. If after five years the commissioner determines a project is unlikely to be completed, the commissioner must cancel the grant and require the grantee to return all grant money awarded for the project.

Subd. 7. Appropriation. Appropriates returned grant money to the commissioner for additional grants under the program.

2 **Housing infrastructure grant program.**

Appropriates \$2.5 million of general obligation bond proceeds to the commissioner for the greater Minnesota housing infrastructure grant program. Minnesota Management & Budget is authorized to issue and sell a corresponding amount of general obligation bonds.



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