

Subject Appropriations for housing supports for persons with a mental illness

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Overview

This bill contains two appropriations to fund certain state programs that provide housing assistance to persons with a mental illness or persons experiencing homelessness.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Appropriations; bridges rental assistance.
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Appropriates \$5,088,000 from the general fund in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) for the bridges program, which provides rental assistance for households in which at least one adult member has a serious mental illness and the household income is 50% or less of the area median income. The appropriation is added to the base.

2	Appropriation; landlord risk mitigation fund.
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Appropriates \$100,000 in fiscal year 2022 from the general fund to MHFA for grants to entities such as nonprofits and supportive housing providers to create or expand risk mitigation programs to reduce landlord financial risks for renting to persons eligible for the certain state programs that provide housing assistance to persons with mental illness or persons experiencing homelessness. Reimbursable landlord costs include nonpayment of rent and damage costs above those costs covered by security deposits. Priority may be given to applicants with a financial match.