

Subject High-rise sprinkler grant program

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Overview

This bill would create a grant program to install sprinklers in high-rises owned by nonprofits and occupied primarily by persons meeting certain income thresholds. This bill appropriates \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 from the general fund to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) to fund the program.

Summary

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Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines terms for the purposes of the program, including “eligible building” as one where: (1) at least one story used for human occupancy is 75 feet or more above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access; and (2) at least two-thirds of its units are occupied by households at or below 50 percent of area median income.

Subd. 2. Grant program. Requires MHFA to operate a grant program awarding grants to nonprofits to install sprinkler systems in eligible buildings owned by the nonprofits.

Subd. 3. Appropriation. Appropriates \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 from the general fund to MHFA to fund the program. Provides that the money is available until expended.

Subd. 4. Expiration. Sets an expiration date for the program of June 30, 2025.