

Subject Human services provider workplace safety grants

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Summary

This bill appropriates \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for human services provider workplace safety grants. The goal of the grants is to increase safety measures in human services workplaces that provide behavioral health care, services for children, families, vulnerable adults, older adults, and people with disabilities, and other social services. County human services agencies, Tribal human services agencies, and other human services provider organizations or agencies are eligible to apply for the grants.

Paragraph (c) lists the required contents and assurances for grant applications, and paragraph (d) lists the permissible uses for grant funds, as follows:

- the procurement and installation of safety equipment
- provider training
- facility safety improvements, including but not limited to a threat and vulnerability review, barrier protection, and security cameras
- support services, counseling, and additional resources for human services providers who have experienced safety concerns or trauma-related incidents in the workplace
- installation and implementation of an internal data incident tracking system
- other prevention and mitigation measures the commissioner deems appropriate

Paragraph (e) specifies how grants must be awarded, including that 40 percent of grant funds will be awarded to eligible applicants outside the seven-county metro area, and that grant amounts are between \$5,000 and \$50,000.

The bill also specifies reporting requirements for grantees, requires the commissioner to provide technical assistance, and specifies that these are onetime appropriations.