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02/12/2024	11539	Introduction and first reading Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

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A bill for an act

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relating to public safety; increasing funding for grants for direct services and

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advocacy for victims of certain crimes; appropriating money.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. **DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO CRIME VICTIM SURVIVORS;**

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APPROPRIATION.

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\$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner

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of public safety for the Office of Justice Programs to provide grants for direct services and

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advocacy for victims of sexual assault, general crime, domestic violence, and child abuse.

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Funding must support the direct needs of organizations serving victims of crime by providing:

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direct client assistance to crime victims; competitive wages for direct service staff; hotel

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stays and other housing-related supports and services; culturally responsive programming;

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prevention programming, including domestic abuse transformation and restorative justice

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programming; and for other needs of organizations and crime victim survivors. Services

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funded must include services for victims of crime in underserved communities most impacted

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by violence and reflect the ethnic, racial, economic, cultural, and geographic diversity of

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the state. The office shall prioritize culturally specific programs, or organizations led and

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staffed by persons of color that primarily serve communities of color, when allocating funds.

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This appropriation is in addition to any amount previously appropriated for this purpose.