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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Health and Human Services

1.1

A bill for an act

1.2 relating to human services; funding family supportive housing programs;
1.3 appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **FAMILY SUPPORTIVE HOUSING GRANT PROGRAM.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. Establishment; purpose. The commissioner of human services must
1.7 establish a family supportive housing grant program to award competitive grants to eligible
1.8 applicants operating supportive housing for families.

1.9 Subd. 2. Definitions. (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

1.10 (b) "Family" means a nontemporary household unit that includes at least one child and
1.11 one parent or legal guardian.

1.12 (c) "Family permanent supportive housing" means housing that:

1.13 (1) is not time limited;

1.14 (2) is affordable for those at or below 30 percent of the area median income;

1.15 (3) offers specialized support services to residents tailored to the needs of children and
1.16 families; and

1.17 (4) is available to families with multiple barriers to obtaining and maintaining housing,
1.18 including but not limited to those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness; those with
1.19 mental illness, substance use disorders, and other disabilities; and those referred by child
1.20 protection services.

1.21 (d) "Resident" means a resident of family permanent supportive housing.

2.1 **Subd. 3. Eligibility.** To be eligible for a grant under this section, an applicant must be
2.2 a nonprofit organization or Tribal government operating family permanent supportive
2.3 housing.

2.4 **Subd. 4. Application and administration.** (a) When applying to the commissioner for
2.5 a grant under this section, each applicant must include the number of families they estimate
2.6 to serve.

2.7 (b) An eligible grantee shall receive \$15,000 per family to provide the services described
2.8 in subdivision 6. Up to available appropriations, the commissioner must award grant money
2.9 to eligible grantees based on the estimated number of families served. The commissioner
2.10 must use best efforts to ensure that 60 percent of the families served are within the
2.11 seven-county metropolitan area and 40 percent of the families served are outside the
2.12 seven-county metropolitan area. The commissioner must use best efforts to ensure that ten
2.13 percent of the overall families served are members of Minnesota's Tribal Nations.

2.14 (c) By June 30, 2026, each grantee must provide a report to the commissioner on how
2.15 many families the grantee served and what services the grantee provided.

2.16 **Subd. 5. Eligible uses of grant money.** An eligible applicant that receives grant money
2.17 under this section must use the money for the services described in subdivision 6.

2.18 **Subd. 6. Specialized family support services.** Specialized family support services are
2.19 nonmandatory, trauma-informed, and culturally appropriate services designed to help family
2.20 residents maintain secure, dignified housing and provide a safe, stable environment for
2.21 children. Services provided may include but are not limited to:

2.22 (1) age-appropriate child-centric services for education and enrichment;

2.23 (2) stabilization services such as:

2.24 (i) educational assessment and referrals to educational programs;

2.25 (ii) career planning, work skills training, job placement, and employment retention;

2.26 (iii) budgeting and money management;

2.27 (iv) referral for counseling regarding violence and sexual exploitation;

2.28 (v) referral for medical or psychiatric services or substance use disorder treatment;

2.29 (vi) parenting skills training;

2.30 (vii) self-sufficiency support services or life skills training, including tenant education
2.31 and support to sustain housing; and

3.1 (viii) aftercare and follow-up services; and

3.2 (3) 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week on-site staffing, including but not limited to front

3.3 desk and security.

3.4 **Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION; FAMILY SUPPORTIVE HOUSING GRANT**

3.5 **PROGRAM.**

3.6 \$..... in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of

3.7 human services for the family supportive housing grant program. This is a onetime

3.8 appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.