

S.F. No. 2423 – African American Workforce and Affordable Homeownership Development Program

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S.F. 2423 establishes the African American Workforce and Affordable Homeownership Development Program in section 1, which codifies a new program in chapter 462A.

Subdivision 1 establishes the program and describes the purpose of the grant program as increasing the supply of affordable housing for African Americans using an African American production workforce.

Subdivision 2 specifies that grants can be used for land acquisition, environmental cleanup, design costs, rehabilitation costs, job training and placement, and affordable housing. Grants must also be used for creating or expanding African American-run business development and job training and placement programs, and creating or expanding African American-run housing organization capacity.

Subdivision 3 describes the application process and the requirement for the commissioner to consult with stakeholders in developing the program. The commissioner will also be required to have semiannual application deadlines.

Section 2 appropriates money from the general fund for the program.

