# **Generation Hope: Expanding Culturally Responsive Peer Recovery Support**

### Overview

Generation Hope is a Minneapolis-based Recovery Community Organization (RCO) dedicated to supporting individuals in recovery through culturally responsive peer support, workforce development, and advocacy. Our programs address the unique needs of immigrant and BIPOC communities, ensuring equitable access to recovery support services.

### Why SF2347 Matters

The proposed legislation, SF2347, will enhance culturally relevant peer recovery services by:

- 1. **Expanding culturally specific peer recovery support services** to meet the diverse needs of individuals in recovery.
- 2. **Conducting targeted outreach** to underserved communities to increase access to recovery resources.
- 3. **Providing training and professional development** for Peer Recovery Support Specialists (PRSS) to ensure culturally informed care.
- 4. **Partnering with community-based organizations** to strengthen connections and provide wraparound support services for participants.

This is a **one-time appropriation** aimed at increasing the number of PRSS in our community to meet the growing demand for peer support. By training more individuals within our communities, we can ensure that people seeking recovery receive the culturally competent care they need.

### **Impact of Generation Hope**

Since 2021, Generation Hope has:

- Provided recovery support services to over a thousand of individuals
- Trained **Peer Recovery Support Specialists** specifically within the East-African community to meet the demand for culturally competent recovery services
- Conducted outreach to underserved communities to bridge access gaps.
- Partnered with local organizations to provide holistic recovery pathways
- Reached over 3.5 million people through various media outreach initiatives.

#### **How SF2347 Supports Minnesotans**

• Expands Access to Recovery Services: Ensures culturally relevant peer support is available to more individuals in need.

- **Invests in Workforce Development:** Trains more PRSS to provide culturally informed care.
- **Increases Community Outreach:** Helps underserved populations access vital recovery resources.
- Strengthens Community Partnerships: Enhances wraparound services through collaboration with local organizations.

## **Call to Action**

We urge lawmakers and community leaders to support SF2347 to ensure continued access to culturally competent recovery services. Your support will help train the next generation of Peer Recovery Support Specialists and expand access to essential services for those in need.

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