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A bill for an act

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relating to public safety; appropriating money for grants to certain organizations

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providing direct services and advocacy for victims.

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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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\$..... in fiscal year 2026 and \$..... in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated from the general

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fund to the commissioner of public safety for the Office of Justice Programs to provide

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grants to organizations that received a grant from the crime victim services unit in fiscal

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year 2024. Grants must be used for direct services and advocacy for victims of sexual assault,

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general crime, domestic violence, and child abuse. Funding must support the direct needs

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of organizations serving victims of crime by providing: direct client assistance to crime

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victims; competitive wages for direct service staff; hotel stays and other housing-related

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supports and services; culturally responsive programming; prevention programming,

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including domestic abuse transformation and restorative justice programming; and for other

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needs of organizations and crime victim survivors. Services funded must include services

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for victims of crime in underserved communities most impacted by violence and reflect the

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ethnic, racial, economic, cultural, and geographic diversity of the state. Up to ten percent

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of the appropriation is available for grant administration.