



# Self-Directed Caregiver Grants Progress Report

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## II. Legislation

Minnesota Statutes section 256.975 MINNESOTA BOARD ON AGING.

Subd. 12. Self-directed caregiver grants. The Minnesota Board on Aging shall, in consultation with area agencies on aging and other community caregiver stakeholders, administer self-directed caregiver grants to support at-risk family caregivers of older adults or others eligible under the Older Americans Act of 1965, United States Code, title 42, chapter 35, sections 3001 to 3058ff, to sustain family caregivers in the caregivers' roles so older adults can remain at home longer. The board shall submit by January 15, 2022, and each January 15 thereafter, a progress report on the self-directed caregiver grants program to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives committees and divisions with jurisdiction over human services. The progress report must include metrics on the use of the grant program.

## III. Progress Update

The Legislature authorized the Self-Directed Caregiver Grants Program during the 2019 session with an authorized start date of July 1, 2019. The funding for the program included funding for one FTE. In April 2020, at the time that the position was established and was to be posted for hiring, a state agency hiring freeze was implemented due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. The hiring freeze was lifted in June 2021. The incumbent was hired in November 2021. Staff are preparing an implementation plan for the grants program with an expected launch date of July 2022.