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Senator Port, Chair, Housing and Homelessness Prevention
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From: Ryan Baumtrog, Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Housing 

Subject: Availability of Appropriations for Administrative Expenses Report

The following language was included in Laws 2024, Chapter 127, Article 14, Section 12:

Sec. 12. AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.

(a) Money appropriated in section 2 and section 11, paragraph (b), clauses (1) and (2), for grants must not be spent on institutional overhead charges that are not directly related to and necessary for the grant.

(b) By February 15, 2025, the commissioner shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over housing finance and policy on the anticipated costs for administering each grant in section 2 and section 11, paragraph (b), clauses (1) and (2). Within 90 days after a grantee has fulfilled the obligations of their grant agreement, the commissioner shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over housing finance and policy on the final cost for administering each grant in section 2 and section 11, paragraph (b), clauses (1) and (2).

The legislatively-named grants under Section 2 and Section 11, paragraph (b), clauses (1) and (2) are:

- (1) \$100,000 for a grant to the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation for the Minnesota homeless study
- (2) \$10 million for a grant to AEON for Huntington Place and
- (3) \$3.250 million for a grant to Wilder Park Association to assist with the cost of a major capital repair project.

Minnesota Housing is not anticipating allocating any agency costs for the grants to Wilder Foundation or Wilder Park Association. We have estimated up to \$100,000 (or 1%) of total administration for the grant to Aeon for Huntington Place. As of February 12, 2025, approximately \$8.97 million has been disbursed to Aeon, with the remaining funds allocated primarily for property improvements. These funds are disbursed on a reimbursement basis as work progresses.