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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Housing Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to housing; establishing a grant program administered by the Housing
1.3 Finance Agency for sprinkler systems in certain residential buildings; appropriating
1.4 money.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **HIGH-RISE SPRINKLER SYSTEM GRANT PROGRAM.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

1.8 (b) "Eligible building" means an existing residential building owned by a nonprofit
1.9 organization in which:

1.10 (1) at least one story used for human occupancy is 75 feet or more above the lowest
1.11 level of fire department vehicle access; and

1.12 (2) at least 2/3 of its units are rented to an individual or family with an annual income
1.13 of up to 50 percent of the area median income as determined by the United States Department
1.14 of Housing and Urban Development, adjusted for family size, that is paying no more than
1.15 30 percent of annual income on rent.

1.16 (c) "Sprinkler system" means the same as the term "fire protection system" as defined
1.17 in Minnesota Statutes, section 299M.01.

1.18 Subd. 2. **Grant program.** The Housing Finance Agency must establish and administer
1.19 a program to make grants to nonprofit organizations for installation of sprinkler systems in
1.20 eligible buildings owned by the organization. The agency shall develop forms and procedures
1.21 for soliciting and reviewing applications for grants under this section. The maximum grant
1.22 per eligible building shall be \$250,000.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Appropriation.** \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general
2.2 fund to the Housing Finance Agency for the grant program in subdivision 2. The
2.3 appropriation is available until expended.

2.4 Subd. 4. **Expiration.** This section expires June 30, 2025.