

CHAPTER 3—H.F.No. 121

An act relating to youth initiative grants; adding the Harrison neighborhood to the Summer-Glenwood neighborhood for purposes of eligibility for certain enrichment grants; amending Laws 1996, chapter 463, section 4, subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Laws 1996, chapter 463, section 4, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Youth Initiative Grants**16,000,000**

For grants to local government units to design, furnish, equip, repair, replace, or construct parks and recreation buildings and school buildings to provide youth, with preference for youth in grades four through eight, with regular enrichment activities during nonschool hours, including after school, evenings, weekends, and school vacation periods, and that will provide equal access and programming for girls. The buildings may be leased to nonprofit community organizations, subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.695, for the same purposes. Enrichment programs include academic enrichment, homework assistance, computer and technology use, arts and cultural activities, clubs, school-to-work and work force development, athletic, and recreational activities. Grants must be used to expand the number of children participating in enrichment programs or improve the quality or range of program offerings. The facilities must be fully available for programming sponsored by youth-serving nonprofit and community groups, or school, county, or city programs, for maximum hours after school, evenings, weekends, summers, and other school vacation periods. Priority must be given to proposals that demonstrate collaboration among private, nonprofit, and public agencies, including regional entities dealing with at-risk youth, and community and parent organizations in arranging for programming, staffing, transportation, and equipment. All proposals must include an inventory of existing facilities and an assessment of programming needs in the community.

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(a) Enrichment grants within the city of Minneapolis

5,000,000

Of this amount, at least \$2,500,000 must be used in the neighborhoods of the Near North Side, Hawthorne, Sumner—Glenwood—Harrison, Powderhorn, Central, Whittier, and Phillips.

(b) Enrichment grants within the city of St. Paul

5,000,000

Of this amount, at least \$2,500,000 must be used in the neighborhoods of Summit—University, Thomas—Dale, North End, Payne—Phalen, Daytons Bluff, and the West Side.

The remaining \$2,500,000 is available city-wide, with priority for some of the remaining amount given to proposals by public/private partnerships currently offering after-school enrichment programs in low-income areas in conjunction with a neighborhood-based organization. Up to \$100,000 of the remaining \$2,500,000 may be used to develop urban sports facilities for at-risk inner city youth, including those older than eighth grade.

(c) Enrichment grants outside of the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul

6,000,000

Priority must be given to school attendance areas with high concentrations of children eligible for free or reduced school lunch and to government units demonstrating a commitment to collaborative youth efforts.

\$500,000 is to the city of Bloomington for after school enrichment activities in the northeast Bloomington study area.

The commissioner of children, families, and learning must make a grant of at least \$1,000,000 to a school district that is a part of a collaborative effort that has at least two other school districts, is multicultural and multijurisdictional, and has previously received a facility planning grant for collaborative purposes.

(d) Each grant must be matched by \$1 from local sources for each \$2 of state money. In—

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kind contributions of facilities may be used for the local match. The value of in-kind contributions must be determined by the commissioner of finance.

(e) Preference must be given to projects for which at least ten percent of the youth initiative grant is expended using youthbuild under Minnesota Statutes, sections 268.361 to 268.367, or other youth employment and training programs, for the labor portion of the construction. Eligible programs must consult with appropriate labor organizations to deliver education and training.

Presented to the governor February 24, 1997

Signed by the governor February 25, 1997, 2:35 p.m.

CHAPTER 4—S.F.No. 264

An act relating to housing; providing temporary authority for certain loans.

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

Section 1. HOME IMPROVEMENT LOANS TO PREVENT WEATHER DAMAGE.

Notwithstanding any rule to the contrary, the Minnesota housing finance agency may make home improvement loans that do not result in a permanent general improvement to the property provided such loans are for the purpose of preventing damage to the property from severe weather conditions that cause a failure of plumbing, heating, or electrical systems, or that cause a defect in the roof or foundation.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 is in effect the day following final enactment and is effective until July 1, 1997.

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