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State of Minnesota  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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**H. F. No. 62**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Policy  
03/11/2019 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to health; directing commissioner of health to award grants for voice  
1.3 response suicide prevention, crisis connection, and referral activities; appropriating  
1.4 money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145.

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

1.6 Section 1. [145.9275] VOICE RESPONSE SUICIDE PREVENTION, CRISIS  
1.7 CONNECTION, AND REFERRAL PROGRAM.

1.8 (a) The commissioner of health shall award grants to eligible nonprofit organizations  
1.9 and counties for the purposes of maximizing resources to provide access to crisis services  
1.10 across the state and educating communities on how to access local resources and suicide  
1.11 lifelines.

1.12 (b) A grantee must use the grant funds to:

1.13 (1) provide a method of response that triages inquiries and provides immediate access  
1.14 to suicide prevention and crisis counseling over the telephone;

1.15 (2) connect individuals with trained crisis counselors and local resources, including  
1.16 referrals to community mental health options, emergency departments, and locally available  
1.17 mobile crisis teams, when appropriate; or

1.18 (3) host an accredited suicide lifeline.

2.1 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.2 \$1,386,534 in fiscal year 2020 and \$1,386,534 in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from  
2.3 the general fund to the commissioner of health for a voice response suicide prevention,  
2.4 crisis connection, and referral program described in Minnesota Statutes, section 145.9275.