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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2246

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

03/12/2014 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to housing finance; modifying an appropriation for high-risk adults;

1.3 amending Laws 2013, chapter 85, article 1, section 4, subdivisions 3, 11.

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

1.5 Section 1. Laws 2013, chapter 85, article 1, section 4, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.6		13,276,000	
1.7	Subd. 3. Housing Trust Fund	<u>12,776,000</u>	10,276,000

1.8 (a) This appropriation is for deposit in the

1.9 housing trust fund account created under

1.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 462A.201, and

1.11 may be used for the purposes provided in

1.12 that section. To the extent that these funds

1.13 are used for the acquisition of housing, the

1.14 agency shall give priority among comparable

1.15 projects to projects that focus on creating

1.16 safe and stable housing for homeless youth

1.17 or projects that provide housing to trafficked

1.18 women and children.

1.19 (b) \$2,000,000 in the first year is a onetime

1.20 appropriation for temporary rental assistance

1.21 for families with school-age children who

1.22 have changed school or home at least

1.23 once in the last school year. The agency,

1.24 in consultation with the Department of

2.1 Education, may establish additional targeting
2.2 criteria.

2.3 (c) Of this amount, \$500,000 the first year
2.4 is a onetime appropriation for temporary
2.5 rental assistance for adults who are in
2.6 the process of being released from state
2.7 correctional facilities or on supervised
2.8 release in the community who are homeless
2.9 or at risk of becoming homeless. The
2.10 agency, in consultation with the Department
2.11 of Corrections, may establish additional
2.12 targeting criteria to identify those adults
2.13 most at risk of reentering state correctional
2.14 facilities.

2.15 ~~(d) Of this amount, \$500,000 the first year~~
2.16 ~~is a onetime appropriation for a grant to the~~
2.17 ~~nonprofit organization selected to administer~~
2.18 ~~the state demonstration project for high-risk~~
2.19 ~~adults established under Laws 2007, chapter~~
2.20 ~~54, article 1, section 19.~~

2.21 ~~(e)~~ (d) The base funding for this program in
2.22 fiscal years 2016 and 2017 is \$11,471,000
2.23 each year.

2.24 Sec. 2. Laws 2013, chapter 85, article 1, section 4, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

2.25		445,000	
2.26	Subd. 11. Grants	<u>945,000</u>	445,000

2.27 (a) This appropriation is for the grants in
2.28 paragraphs (b) to ~~(d)~~ (e) and is available until
2.29 expended. This appropriation is added to the
2.30 agency's base.

2.31 (b) \$70,000 each year is for a grant to Open
2.32 Access Connection to provide free voice mail
2.33 services for homeless and low-income people
2.34 so that they have a reliable and consistent

3.1 communication tool to aid in their search
3.2 for affordable housing and their search for
3.3 and maintenance of jobs so that they have
3.4 income to maintain affordable housing. This
3.5 service is provided in the metropolitan area
3.6 and through a toll-free number in greater
3.7 Minnesota.

3.8 (c) \$200,000 each year is for a grant to
3.9 HOME Line for the tenant's rights advocacy
3.10 and services program.

3.11 (d) \$175,000 each year is for a grant to the
3.12 Voice of East African Women Organization
3.13 to provide safe housing for victims of
3.14 domestic abuse and trafficking. The program
3.15 shall provide shelter to East African women
3.16 and children in Minnesota and other victims
3.17 of domestic violence. This appropriation is
3.18 available in either year.

3.19 (e) \$500,000 the first year is a onetime
3.20 appropriation for a grant to the nonprofit
3.21 organization selected to administer the state
3.22 demonstration project for high-risk adults
3.23 established under Laws 2007, chapter 54,
3.24 article 1, section 19. This appropriation is
3.25 available until June 30, 2015.

3.26 Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

3.27 Sections 1 and 2 are effective the day following final enactment.