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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1440

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Housing Finance and Policy
02/27/2023 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
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Read for the Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to housing; appropriating money for the family homeless prevention and
1.3 assistance program; requiring a report.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION.

1.6 (a) \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the Housing
1.7 Finance Agency for transfer to the housing development fund for the family homeless
1.8 prevention and assistance program under Minnesota Statutes, section 462A.204. This
1.9 appropriation is onetime. Notwithstanding procurement provisions outlined in Minnesota
1.10 Statutes, section 16C.06, subdivisions 1, 2, and 6, the agency may award grants to existing
1.11 program grantees. The agency shall make best efforts to spend the appropriation by June
1.12 30, 2024.

1.13 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 462A.204, subdivision 5, qualified
1.14 families may receive more than 24 months of rental assistance.

1.15 (c) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 462A.204, subdivision 3, a
1.16 community-based nonprofit organization without a sponsoring resolution may apply for
1.17 and receive grants outside the metropolitan area.

1.18 (d) If the agency determines that the metropolitan area is in need of additional support
1.19 to serve households that are homeless or at risk of homelessness, the agency may grant
1.20 funds to entities other than counties in the metropolitan area, including but not limited to
1.21 nonprofit organizations.

2.1 (e) In circumstances where more than one grantee operates in a given geographic area,
2.2 grantees may work with either an advisory committee as required under Minnesota Statutes,
2.3 section 462A.204, subdivision 6, or the local Continuum of Care and are not required to
2.4 meet the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 462A.204, subdivision 4.

2.5 (f) By January 15, 2024, and 60 days after the appropriation in paragraph (a) has been
2.6 expended, the commissioner shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
2.7 legislative committees of housing finance the following:

2.8 (1) the number of applicants and the total amount receiving rental assistance under this
2.9 section;

2.10 (2) the geographic distribution of the rental assistance; and

2.11 (3) for the January 15, 2024, report, the remaining balance of the appropriation in this
2.12 section.

2.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.