

A bill for an act

relating to public safety; establishing disaster recovery grant program;
authorizing Department of Public Safety to provide technical assistance to
local governments in a presidentially declared disaster; appropriating money;
amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, sections 12.09, by adding a subdivision;
12A.15, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 12.09, is amended by adding a subdivision
to read:

Subd. 11. **Disaster recovery grant program.** The division must establish a grant
program to provide permanent, year-round recovery preparedness assistance to coordinate
local long-term recovery from a natural disaster and the regional use of resources to serve
individuals and families impacted by a natural disaster. Local governments, regional
consortia, and nonprofit organizations may apply to the state director for grants under
this subdivision according to requirements established by the state director. The grants
funded under this subdivision may be used for disaster case management, volunteer
coordination, assistance in rebuilding, mental health support, financial counseling, and
other related disaster recovery services.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2011.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 12A.15, is amended by adding a subdivision
to read:

Subd. 4. **Technical assistance to local jurisdictions.** The commissioner may use
state appropriations to provide technical assistance to local jurisdictions or to make grants

2.1 to counties, regional consortia, and nonprofit organizations working the disaster area to
2.2 provide assistance in coordinating long-term recovery activities related to the disaster.

2.3 Sec. 3. **DISASTER RECOVERY GRANT PROGRAM.**

2.4 \$..... from the general fund in fiscal year 2012 is appropriated to the commissioner
2.5 of public safety for the disaster recovery grant program under section 1 and is available
2.6 until June 30, 2013. The base appropriation for the disaster recovery grant program for the
2.7 biennium ending June 30, 2015, is \$.....

2.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2011.