

A bill for an act

relating to public safety; modifying grants for youth intervention programs; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 299A.73, subdivisions 1, 2, 3.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 299A.73, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Grants.** The commissioner may make grants to nonprofit agencies administering youth intervention programs in communities where the programs are or may be established.

"The youth intervention program" means a consists of nonresidential community-based ~~program~~ programs providing advocacy, education, counseling, mentoring, restorative justice, and referral services to youth and their families experiencing personal, familial, school, legal, or chemical problems with the goal of resolving the present problems and preventing the occurrence of the problems in the future. The intent of the youth intervention program is to provide an ongoing stable funding source to community-based early intervention programs for youth. Program design may be different for the grantees depending on youth service needs of the communities being served.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 299A.73, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Applications.** Applications for a grant-in-aid shall be made by the administering agency to the commissioner.

The grant-in-aid is contingent upon the agency having obtained from the community in which the youth intervention program is established local matching money two times

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the amount of the grant that is sought. The matching requirement is intended to leverage the investment of state and community dollars in supporting the efforts of the grantees to provide early intervention services to youth and their families.

The commissioner shall provide the application form, procedures for making application form, criteria for review of the application, and kinds of contributions in addition to cash that qualify as local matching money. No grant to any agency may exceed ~~\$50,000~~ \$75,000.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 299A.73, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Grant allocation formula.** (a) Up to ~~one~~ five percent of the appropriations to the grants-in-aid to the youth intervention program may be used for a grant to the Minnesota Youth Intervention Programs Association for expenses in providing collaborative training and technical assistance to community-based grantees of the program.

(b) If a program is terminated or elects not to receive some or all of the grant money made available to it, the available grant money shall be redistributed to the remaining grantees. If two youth intervention program organizations funded under this section merge, the funding may be continued as long as the merged organization maintains both programs as originally approved by the commissioner.

Sec. 4. **APPROPRIATION.**

\$1,603,300 in fiscal year 2012 and \$1,603,300 in fiscal year 2013 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of public safety for youth intervention programs under Minnesota Statutes, section 299A.73. This appropriation must be used for grants to eligible organizations to provide early intervention youth services in the organizations' communities. The appropriations must be included in the department's base budget for grants to youth intervention programs. These appropriations are available until expended.