

A bill for an act
relating to crime victims; authorizing the Department of Public Safety to make
emergency grants to crime victims; appropriating money; amending Minnesota
Statutes 2006, section 611A.675.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 611A.675, is amended to read:

611A.675 FUND FOR EMERGENCY NEEDS OF CRIME VICTIMS.

Subdivision 1. **Grants authorized.** The ~~Crime Victim and Witness Advisory Council~~ commissioner of public safety shall make grants to prosecutors and victim assistance programs for the purpose of providing emergency assistance to victims. As used in this section, "emergency assistance" includes but is not limited to:

(1) replacement of necessary property that was lost, damaged, or stolen as a result of the crime;

(2) purchase and installation of necessary home security devices;

(3) transportation to locations related to the victim's needs as a victim, such as medical facilities and facilities of the criminal justice system;

(4) cleanup of the crime scene; and

(5) reimbursement for reasonable travel and living expenses the victim incurred to attend court proceedings that were held at a location other than the place where the crime occurred due to a change of venue.

Subd. 2. **Application for grants.** A city or county attorney's office or victim assistance program may apply to the ~~council~~ commissioner of public safety for a grant for any of the purposes described in subdivision 1 or for any other emergency assistance purpose approved by the ~~council~~ commissioner. The application must be on forms and

pursuant to procedures developed by the ~~council~~ commissioner. The application must describe the type or types of intended emergency assistance, estimate the amount of money required, and include any other information deemed necessary by the ~~council~~ commissioner.

Subd. 3. **Reporting by local agencies required.** A city or county attorney's office or victim assistance program that receives a grant under this section shall file an annual report with the ~~council~~ commissioner of public safety itemizing the expenditures made during the preceding year, the purpose of those expenditures, and the ultimate disposition, if any, of each assisted victim's criminal case.

Subd. 4. **Report to legislature.** On or before February 1, ~~1999~~ 2008, the ~~council~~ commissioner of public safety shall report to the chairs ~~of the senate Crime Prevention and house of representatives Judiciary Committees~~ and ranking members of the senate and house committees and divisions having jurisdiction over criminal justice policy and funding on the implementation, use, and administration of the grant program created under this section.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2007.

Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

\$150,000 in fiscal year 2008 and \$150,000 in fiscal year 2009 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of public safety to administer section 1.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2007.