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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; establishing a grant program for case management services
1.3 to individuals released from incarceration; requiring reports; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. REENTRY PROGRAMS; APPROPRIATION.

1.6 (a) \$125,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.7 of public safety for grants administered by the Office of Justice Programs that support case
1.8 management services for men reentering the community after release from commitment to
1.9 the commissioner of corrections. Grants must be made to one or more organizations that
1.10 provide programs and supportive services that prevent recidivism, intervene in negative
1.11 behaviors, assist in the transition from incarceration to the community, and establish
1.12 connections to integrate released individuals into the community. Priority must be given to
1.13 applicants whose leadership and staff reflect the demographics of the state's incarcerated
1.14 population and whose programs provide services to a population at least half of whom are
1.15 Black, Indigenous, or other persons of color.

1.16 (b) Recipients may use grant funds to provide case management services that support
1.17 community reentry, assist with job and housing searches, establish prosocial connections
1.18 and support groups, identify and facilitate mental and chemical health interventions, and
1.19 promote prerelease college attendance. Services must include policies, procedures, and
1.20 specific programs that are culturally appropriate for the population being served.

1.21 (c) Recipients must collect data on the programs delivered and the impact of those
1.22 programs. Data collection must track recidivism rates and other outcomes in order to test
1.23 specific approaches including anger management interventions and programs that build

2.1 family support systems. Data must be desegregated by race in order to identify racial
2.2 disparities. Data must specifically assess the number of program participants who commit
2.3 new offenses while participating in programs and the number returned to incarceration for
2.4 technical violations of supervision, and compare those rates to the population of other
2.5 individuals released from custody.

2.6 (d) By January 15 of each year, recipients must report to the commissioner of public
2.7 safety on the use of grant funds, the programs provided, the outcomes including rates of
2.8 recidivism, and any other data collected by the recipient. The commissioner of public safety
2.9 shall compile all reports and provide them to the chairs and ranking minority members of
2.10 the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over public safety.