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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION

H. F. No. 2245

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Housing Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to housing finance; modifying an appropriation for the Voice of East
1.3 African Women Organization; amending Laws 2013, chapter 85, article 1,
1.4 section 4, subdivision 11.

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

1.6 Section 1. Laws 2013, chapter 85, article 1, section 4, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 11. Grants 445,000 445,000

1.8 (a) This appropriation is for the grants in
1.9 paragraphs (b) to (d) and is available until
1.10 expended. This appropriation is added to the
1.11 agency's base.

1.12 (b) \$70,000 each year is for a grant to Open
1.13 Access Connection to provide free voice mail
1.14 services for homeless and low-income people
1.15 so that they have a reliable and consistent
1.16 communication tool to aid in their search
1.17 for affordable housing and their search for
1.18 and maintenance of jobs so that they have
1.19 income to maintain affordable housing. This
1.20 service is provided in the metropolitan area
1.21 and through a toll-free number in greater
1.22 Minnesota.

- 2.1 (c) \$200,000 each year is for a grant to
2.2 HOME Line for the tenant's rights advocacy
2.3 and services program.
- 2.4 (d) \$175,000 each year is for a ~~grant~~
2.5 payment to the Voice of East African Women
2.6 Organization to provide safe housing for
2.7 victims of domestic abuse and trafficking.
2.8 The program shall provide shelter to East
2.9 African women and children in Minnesota
2.10 and other victims of domestic violence. This
2.11 payment is not subject to the grant-making
2.12 process or the rules governing state grants.
2.13 This appropriation is available ~~in either year~~
2.14 until June 30, 2015.