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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Job Growth and Energy Affordability Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to housing; appropriating money for a grant to the Little Earth of United
1.3 Tribes Housing Corporation; amending Laws 2017, chapter 94, article 1, section
1.4 3, subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Laws 2017, chapter 94, article 1, section 3, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. Challenge Program 14,925,000 14,925,000

1.8 (a)(1) This appropriation is for the economic
1.9 development and housing challenge program
1.10 under Minnesota Statutes, section 462A.33.
1.11 The agency must continue to strengthen its
1.12 efforts to address the disparity rate between
1.13 white households and indigenous American
1.14 Indians and communities of color. Of this
1.15 amount, \$1,208,000 each year shall be made
1.16 available during the first 11 months of the
1.17 fiscal year exclusively for housing projects
1.18 for American Indians. Any funds not
1.19 committed to housing projects for American
1.20 Indians in the first 11 months of each fiscal
1.21 year shall be available for any eligible activity
1.22 under Minnesota Statutes, section 462A.33.

2.1 (2) The appropriation may be used to finance  
2.2 the construction or replacement of real  
2.3 property that is located in Melrose affected by  
2.4 the fire on September 8, 2016.

2.5 (3) The commissioner may allocate a portion  
2.6 of the appropriation for the economic  
2.7 development and housing challenge program  
2.8 for assistance in the area included in DR-4290,  
2.9 as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section  
2.10 12A.09. The maximum loan amount per  
2.11 housing structure is \$20,000. Within the limits  
2.12 of available appropriations, the agency may  
2.13 increase the maximum amount if the cost of  
2.14 repair or replacement of the residential  
2.15 property exceeds the total of the maximum  
2.16 loan amount and any assistance available from  
2.17 FEMA, other federal government agencies,  
2.18 including the Small Business Administration,  
2.19 and private insurance and flood insurance  
2.20 benefits.

2.21 (b) \$2,000,000 each year is for the purposes  
2.22 of the workforce housing development  
2.23 program under Minnesota Statutes, section  
2.24 462A.39. The commissioner of housing  
2.25 finance may hire staff sufficient for the  
2.26 purposes of this paragraph.

2.27 (c) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
2.28 section 462A.33, \$200,000 in the second year  
2.29 is for a matching grant to the Little Earth of  
2.30 United Tribes Housing Corporation for the  
2.31 costs associated with repairs for fire damage.