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H. F. No. 616

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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; creating the lead safe homes grant program; appropriating
1.3 money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 462A.

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

1.5 Section 1. 462A.2095] LEAD SAFE HOMES GRANT PROGRAM.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Establishment. The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency shall establish
1.7 a lead safe homes grant program to provide grants to increase lead testing and make
1.8 residential rental units lead safe. The initial pilot program shall provide one grant to a project
1.9 serving an area in a metropolitan county, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 4, and
1.10 one grant to a project serving an area outside a metropolitan county with a priority for
1.11 targeting grant resources to landlords and tenants where there are high concentrations of
1.12 lead poisoning in children based on information provided by the commissioner of health.

1.13 Subd. 2. Eligibility. (a) Eligible grantees must be a nonprofit or political subdivision
1.14 capable of providing funding and services to a defined geographic area. The grant programs
1.15 receiving funding under this section must provide lead risk assessments completed by a
1.16 lead inspector or a lead risk assessor licensed by the commissioner of health pursuant to
1.17 section 144.9505 for properties built before 1978 to determine the presence of lead hazards
1.18 and to provide interim controls to reduce lead health hazards. The grant program must
1.19 provide funding for testing and lead hazard reduction to:

1.20 (1) landlords of residential buildings with 11 units or less where the tenant's income
1.21 does not exceed 60 percent of area median income;

2.1 (2) landlords of residential buildings with 12 units or more where at least 50 percent of
2.2 the tenants are below 60 percent of the median income; and

2.3 (3) to a tenant with an income that does not exceed 60 percent of area median income.

2.4 (b) A landlord or tenant must first access other available state and federal funding related
2.5 to lead testing and lead hazard reduction for which they are eligible.

2.6 (c) Up to ten percent of a grant award to a nonprofit or political subdivision may be used
2.7 to administer the grant and provide education and outreach about lead health hazards.

2.8 Subd. 3. **Short title.** This section shall be known as the "Dustin Luke Shields Act."

2.9 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; LEAD SAFE HOMES GRANT PROGRAM.**

2.10 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 are appropriated from
2.11 the general fund to the commissioner of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for pilot
2.12 program grants under the lead safe homes grant program under Minnesota Statutes, section
2.13 462A.2095.