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A bill for an act

relating to housing; authorizing Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to issue additional nonprofit housing bonds for three or more culturally specific transitional housing and counseling facilities for exploited American-Indian, East African, Latina, African-American, and Asian girls and women; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 462A.36, subdivisions 2, 4.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 462A.36, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. ~~**Authorization**~~ **Authorizations.** (a) The agency may issue up to $36,000,000 of nonprofit housing bonds in one or more series to which the payments made under this section may be pledged. The nonprofit housing bonds authorized in this subdivision may be issued for the purpose of making loans, on terms and conditions the agency deems appropriate, to finance the costs of the construction, acquisition, preservation, and rehabilitation of permanent supportive housing for individuals and families who: (1) either have been without a permanent residence for at least 12 months or at least four times in the last three years; or (2) are at significant risk of lacking a permanent residence for 12 months or at least four times in the last three years. The bonds may also be issued to finance the costs of the construction, acquisition, preservation, and rehabilitation of foreclosed or vacant housing to be used for affordable rental housing.

(b) An insubstantial portion of the bond proceeds of bonds issued under paragraph (a) may be used for permanent supportive housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness who do not meet the criteria of paragraph (a).

(c) In addition to the authorization in paragraphs (a) and (b), the agency may issue nonprofit housing bonds in any principal amount, in one or more series, such that the aggregate debt service on the bonds may be paid from the appropriation made in subdivision 4, paragraph (c). Bonds issued under this paragraph may only be used to make three or more grants, on terms and conditions the agency deems appropriate, to finance the costs to acquire, prepare a site for, predesign, design, construct or renovate, furnish, and equip three or more facilities in the metropolitan area that will provide culturally specific transitional housing and services to American-Indian, East African, Latina, African-American, or Asian girls and women to provide them protection from and the means to escape exploitation and trafficking.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 462A.36, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Appropriation; payment to agency or trustee.** (a) The agency must certify annually to the commissioner of management and budget the actual amount of annual debt service on each series of bonds issued under subdivision 2, subject to the limitations in paragraphs (b) and (c).

(b) Each July 15, beginning in 2009 and through 2031, if any nonprofit housing bonds issued under subdivision 2, paragraph (a) or (b), remain outstanding, the commissioner of management and budget must transfer to the nonprofit housing bond account established under section 462A.21, subdivision 32, the amount certified under paragraph (a), not to exceed $2,400,000 annually. The amounts necessary to make the transfers are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of management and budget.

(c) Each July 15, beginning in 2013 and through 2035, if any bonds issued under subdivision 2, paragraph (c), remain outstanding, the commissioner of management and budget must transfer to the nonprofit housing bond account established under section 462A.21, subdivision 32, the amount certified in paragraph (a), not to exceed $....... annually. The amounts necessary to make the transfers are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of management and budget.

(d) The agency may pledge to the payment of the nonprofit housing bonds the payments to be made by the state under this section.