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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to public safety; increasing funding for grants for direct services and

1.3 advocacy for victims of certain crimes; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO CRIME VICTIM SURVIVORS;**

1.6 **APPROPRIATION.**

1.7 \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner

1.8 of public safety for the Office of Justice Programs to provide grants for direct services and

1.9 advocacy for victims of sexual assault, general crime, domestic violence, and child abuse.

1.10 Funding must support the direct needs of organizations serving victims of crime by providing:

1.11 direct client assistance to crime victims; competitive wages for direct service staff; hotel

1.12 stays and other housing-related supports and services; culturally responsive programming;

1.13 prevention programming, including domestic abuse transformation and restorative justice

1.14 programming; and for other needs of organizations and crime victim survivors. Services

1.15 funded must include services for victims of crime in underserved communities most impacted

1.16 by violence and reflect the ethnic, racial, economic, cultural, and geographic diversity of

1.17 the state. The office shall prioritize culturally specific programs, or organizations led and

1.18 staffed by persons of color that primarily serve communities of color, when allocating funds.

1.19 This appropriation is in addition to any amount previously appropriated for this purpose.