

**144.1511 MENTAL HEALTH CULTURAL COMMUNITY CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM.**

The mental health cultural community continuing education grant program is established in the Department of Health to provide grants for the continuing education necessary for social workers, marriage and family therapists, psychologists, and professional clinical counselors to become supervisors for individuals pursuing licensure in mental health professions. The commissioner must consult with the relevant mental health licensing boards in creating the program. To be eligible for a grant under this section, a social worker, marriage and family therapist, psychologist, or professional clinical counselor must:

(1) be a member of a community of color or an underrepresented community as defined in section 148E.010, subdivision 20; and

(2) work for a community mental health provider and agree to deliver at least 25 percent of their yearly patient encounters to state public program enrollees or patients receiving sliding fee schedule discounts through a formal sliding fee schedule meeting the standards established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services under Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 51c.303.

**History:** 2023 c 70 art 5 s 9