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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1273

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; appropriating money for local emergency management
1.3 grants for local planning and preparedness efforts; requiring a report.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY
1.6 MANAGEMENT.

1.7 (a) \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated
1.8 from the general fund to the commissioner of public safety for the director of Homeland
1.9 Security and Emergency Management Division (HSEM) to award grants in equal amounts
1.10 to the emergency management organization of the 87 counties, 11 federally recognized
1.11 Tribes, and four cities of the first class for reimbursement of planning and preparedness
1.12 activities, including capital purchases, that are eligible under federal emergency management
1.13 grant guidelines. Local emergency management organizations must make a request to HSEM
1.14 for these grants. Current local funding for emergency management and preparedness activities
1.15 may not be supplanted by these additional state funds. Of this amount, up to one percent
1.16 may be used for the administrative costs of the agency. Funds appropriated for this purpose
1.17 do not cancel and are available until expended. Unspent money may be redistributed to
1.18 eligible local emergency management organizations.

1.19 (b) By March 15, 2024, the commissioner of public safety must submit a report on the
1.20 grant awards to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with
1.21 jurisdiction over emergency management and preparedness activities. At a minimum, the
1.22 report must identify grant recipients and give detailed information on how the grantees used
1.23 the money received.