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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 3971

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; appropriating money for shelter and support grants.

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

1.4 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; SHELTER AND SUPPORT GRANTS.

1.5 (a) \$60,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the
1.6 commissioner of human services for grants to the three metropolitan area continuums of
1.7 care and to two continuums of care from outside the seven-county metropolitan area. The
1.8 grants must be used to fill gaps unfilled by existing homelessness prevention programs,
1.9 including:

- 1.10 (1) crisis response services;
1.11 (2) shelters and outreach;
1.12 (3) diversion;
1.13 (4) unsheltered navigation services; and
1.14 (5) housing-focused case management.

1.15 (b) When choosing the two continuums of care from outside of the metropolitan area,
1.16 the commissioner must factor in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's
1.17 continuum of care program competitive scores. The commissioner may give grant money
1.18 to nonmetro continuums through a hosting nonprofit if requested by the continuum.

1.19 (c) After the commissioner has chosen the two nonmetropolitan continuums, the
1.20 commissioner shall divide the total appropriation so that all five continuums receive the

2.1 same amount per person experiencing homelessness, as published in the most recent  
2.2 point-in-time count.

2.3 (d) Each recipient continuum may contract with eligible nonprofit organizations and  
2.4 local and Tribal governmental units to provide services.

2.5 (e) Each recipient continuum may use up to ten percent of this appropriation for  
2.6 administrative expenses.

2.7 (f) The base for this purpose is \$60,000,000 in fiscal years 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029  
2.8 and \$0 in fiscal year 2030.