

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

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; HOUSING SUPPORT.**

1.6 (a) \$5,530,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to the  
 1.7 commissioner of human services to increase room and board limits and rates and  
 1.8 supplemental service limits and rates under Minnesota Statutes, section 256I.05, subdivisions  
 1.9 1 and 1a, by 15 percent for three consecutive months for purposes of maintaining access to  
 1.10 room and board from March 1, 2020, through May 31, 2020, including activities necessary  
 1.11 to comply with federal and state health and safety guidance, in response to the COVID-19  
 1.12 pandemic. This is a onetime appropriation.

1.13 (b) Prior to October 1, 2020, providers must submit documentation demonstrating  
 1.14 increased funding was used for needs related to COVID-19 for the time period from March  
 1.15 1, 2020, through May 31, 2020.

1.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

1.17 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY SERVICES GRANTS.**

1.18 (a) \$26,537,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to the  
 1.19 commissioner of human services for emergency services grants under Minnesota Statutes,  
 1.20 section 256E.36. Of this amount:

2.1 (1) \$15,206,000 is for providing additional shelter space; for purchasing vouchers for  
2.2 the cost of a motel or hotel room; or for funding other housing options, in order to provide  
2.3 housing that promotes health and safety, or to isolate homeless individuals exposed to the  
2.4 SARS-CoV-2 virus or who are experiencing respiratory illness. Vouchers for the cost of a  
2.5 motel or hotel room may not be issued to motels or hotels that receive funding from another  
2.6 source for the cost of the same motel or hotel room;

2.7 (2) \$5,000,000 is for purchasing hygiene, sanitation, and cleaning supplies to support  
2.8 compliance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance on sanitation and  
2.9 personal protective equipment; and

2.10 (3) \$6,331,000 is for hiring staff necessary to protect the health and wellness of program  
2.11 recipients, for increasing the number of persons served, or for providing staffing when  
2.12 workers are quarantined or cannot work because they are caring for someone with COVID-19.

2.13 (b) The commissioner may transfer funds among the activities in paragraph (a), clauses  
2.14 (1) to (3) as the commissioner determines necessary. The commissioner must report to the  
2.15 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over  
2.16 human services on any transfer of funds among the activities in paragraph (a), clauses (1)  
2.17 to (3), and whether grant applicants are requesting funds for activities other than those listed  
2.18 in paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (3).

2.19 (c) Notwithstanding any other law or rule to the contrary, the commissioner may allocate  
2.20 funds to programs, providers, and organizations providing or seeking to provide services  
2.21 to individuals experiencing homelessness through a single fiscal agent chosen by the  
2.22 commissioner.

2.23 (d) Grant applicants must describe how they intend to use grant funds for the purposes  
2.24 listed in paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (3). Grant funds may be used by grant recipients for  
2.25 the activities listed in paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (3).

2.26 (e) If a grant recipient receives funds from a nonstate source, other than a local unit of  
2.27 government or a tribe, for activities listed in paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (3), the grant  
2.28 recipient must notify the commissioner of the amount received from the nonstate source.  
2.29 If the commissioner determines that the total amount the grant recipient received under this  
2.30 section and from the nonstate source exceeds the grant recipient's costs for the activities in  
2.31 paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (3), the grant recipient must pay the commissioner the amount  
2.32 that exceeds the costs, up to the amount of funding provided under this section. All money  
2.33 paid to the commissioner under this section must be deposited in the general fund.

- 3.1 (f) This is a onetime appropriation and is available until February 1, 2021, or until 60  
3.2 days after expiration of the peacetime emergency declared by the governor in an executive  
3.3 order that relates to the infectious disease known as COVID-19, whichever occurs earlier.  
3.4 Any unobligated or unexpended amounts cancel on February 1, 2021, or 60 days after  
3.5 expiration of the peacetime emergency declared by the governor in an executive order that  
3.6 relates to the infectious disease known as COVID-19, whichever occurs earlier.
- 3.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.