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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 135

01/09/2023 Authored by Feist, Sencer-Mura, Frazier, Vang, Noor and others
The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Human Services Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; appropriating money for persons experiencing
1.3 homelessness in Hennepin County.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; HENNEPIN COUNTY FUNDING FOR SERVING
1.6 HOMELESS PERSONS.

1.7 (a) \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2023, \$12,000,000 in fiscal year 2024, and \$13,000,000 in
1.8 fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of human
1.9 services for a grant to fund and support Hennepin County shelters and services for persons
1.10 experiencing homelessness. The grant must be used for:

1.11 (1) up to \$4,000,000 in matching grant funding to design, construct, equip, and furnish
1.12 Simpson Housing Services shelter facility in the city of Minneapolis;

1.13 (2) up to \$10,000,000 in matching grant funding to design, construct, equip, and furnish
1.14 St. Stephens/House of Charity shelter facility in the city of Minneapolis; and

1.15 (3) maintaining current shelter and homeless response programming that had been funded
1.16 with federal funding from the CARES Act or American Rescue Plan Act, including:

1.17 (i) shelter operations and services to maintain services at Avivo Village, including a
1.18 shelter comprised of 100 private dwellings and the American Indian Community
1.19 Development Corporation Homeward Bound 50-bed shelter;

1.20 (ii) shelter operations and services to maintain 24/7 shelter services;

1.21 (iii) housing-focused case management; and

- 2.1 (iv) shelter diversion services.
- 2.2 (b) Hennepin County may contract with eligible nonprofit organizations and local and
- 2.3 Tribal governmental units to provide services under the grant program.
- 2.4 (c) The unencumbered balance in the first year does not cancel but is available for the
- 2.5 second year.
- 2.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.