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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. **135**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Human Services Finance

03/06/2023 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Children and Families Finance and Policy

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) \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2023, \$12,000,000 in fiscal year 2024, and \$13,500,000  
1.8 in 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 \$10,000,000 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 Agate Housing Services shelter facility in the city of Minneapolis; and

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

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

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

- 2.1 (iii) housing-focused case management; and
- 2.2 (iv) shelter diversion services.
- 2.3 (b) Hennepin County may contract with eligible nonprofit organizations and local and
- 2.4 Tribal governmental units to provide services under the grant program.
- 2.5 (c) The unencumbered balance in the first year does not cancel but is available for the
- 2.6 second year. The base for this appropriation is \$13,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and
- 2.7 \$13,500,000 in fiscal year 2027.
- 2.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.