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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Health and Human Services Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to health; appropriating money for culturally competent behavioral health  
1.3 services.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; CULTURALLY COMPETENT BEHAVIORAL**  
1.6 **HEALTH SERVICES.**

1.7 (a) \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the  
1.8 commissioner of health for grants to fund culturally competent behavioral health services.  
1.9 The commissioner shall provide grants to behavioral health provider organizations based  
1.10 in federally qualified health centers and Tribal health programs and those providers with  
1.11 50 percent of clients from African American, Somali and other African populations, Native  
1.12 American, Latino, Hmong, Asian-Pacific, and other communities of color.

1.13 (b) Providers from nonmetropolitan areas are eligible for the grant if 20 percent of the  
1.14 provider's client population is from African American, Somali and other African populations,  
1.15 Native American, Latino, Hmong, Asian-Pacific, and other communities of color if the  
1.16 provider can demonstrate it has on staff culturally competent therapists to treat communities  
1.17 of color listed in this section.

1.18 (c) Grants shall be used for outreach, assessment, and behavioral health programming  
1.19 and to provide behavioral health education for communities listed in paragraph (a).