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Appropriates \$75,000 from the state lottery prize fund in F.Y. 2005 to the commissioner of human services for a grant to the Northstar Problem Gambling Alliance in Arlington, MN. Requires the alliance to provide services to increase public awareness of:

- problem gambling
 - education and training for individuals and organizations that provide effective treatment service to problem gamblers and their families
 - research related to problem gambling, including research conducted at the University of Minnesota medical school on compulsive gambling

Makes the appropriation contingent on an equal amount in nonstate matching funds. Allows the grant to be disbursed in two equal payments of \$37,500 on receipt a commitment for equal amounts of nonstate matching funds.