Overview

This bill sets up an inclusionary housing program to encourage newly constructed housing developments to include a certain percentage of affordable housing units. For the metropolitan area, a new account will be set up under the metropolitan livable communities fund, and grants from the account will be made by the metropolitan council to municipalities for the purpose of funding inclusionary housing developments. For the non-metropolitan areas of the state, the Minnesota housing finance agency will administer the program. Funding priority will be given to projects in municipalities that give incentives to developers to create inclusionary housing developments.

Section

1. Provides for the housing finance agency to make grants from the community rehabilitation fund and the affordable rental investment fund to promote inclusionary housing developments in the areas of the state outside the metropolitan council's jurisdiction. Specifies the requirements for making an application to the agency for funding under the program.

2. Adds the inclusionary housing account to the list of accounts within the metropolitan livable communities fund.

3. Provides for the metropolitan council to administer the inclusionary housing program in the metropolitan area. Provides for the council to make grants from the inclusionary housing account to promote inclusionary housing developments in metropolitan municipalities. Allows the metropolitan council to provide incentives for metropolitan municipalities to encourage inclusionary housing developments. Specifies the requirements for making an application to the council for funding under the program.

4. Appropriates an unspecified amount from the general fund. Provides that half of the amount is appropriated to the metropolitan council for the inclusionary housing account of the livable communities fund. Provides that the appropriation to the inclusionary housing account will not cancel and is available until expended. Provides that the other half of the amount is for transfer
to the housing development fund for the community rehabilitation fund and the affordable rental investment fund, both administered by the housing finance agency. Also appropriates an unspecified amount from the general fund for marketing units in inclusionary housing developments to communities of color.