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Overview

This bill establishes a senior care workforce innovation grant program administered by the commissioner of health, and appropriates money for the grant program.

Section

1 Senior care workforce innovation grant program. Adds § 144.1504. Establishes a senior care workforce innovation grant program.

Subd. 1. Establishment. Establishes a grant program to fund new pilot programs or expand existing programs that increase the pool of caregivers providing senior care services.

Subd. 2. Competitive grants. Directs the commissioner to make competitive grants, to expand the senior care services workforce.

Subd. 3. Eligibility. Specifies that applicants eligible for a grant under this section must (1) recruit and train individuals to work primarily with people 65 years of age and older and (2) provide services in a home and community-based setting, in an adult day care setting, through home care, or in a nursing home.

Subd. 4. Application. Requires applicants to apply for grants on forms and according to timelines established by the commissioner. Requires applicants to propose a project to expand the number of workers in the senior care services field, and specifies what proposals must include.

Section

Subd. 5. Commissioner's duties; requests for proposals; grantee selections. Requires the commissioner to annually publish a request for proposals (RFP) for the grant program. Requires the commissioner to give priority to proposals that target employment of individuals who have multiple employment barriers, have been unemployed long-term, or are veterans. Directs the commissioner to determine maximum grant awards and to make grant selections.

Subd. 6. Grant funding. Specifies that grant awards do not lapse until the grant agreement expires.

Subd. 7. Reporting requirements. Establishes reporting requirements for grant recipients and the commissioner of health. Authorizes the commissioner to collect information from grant recipients as necessary to evaluate the grant program.

2 Appropriation; senior care workforce innovation grant program. Makes blank appropriations for the 2018-2019 biennium from the general fund to the commissioner of health for the grant program.