

Subject Housing supports for persons with a mental illness

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Overview

This bill appropriates money for rental housing programs for persons with mental illness.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Bridges rental assistance.</p> <p>Increases the base appropriation from \$4,088,000 each year of the biennium to \$5,088,000 each year, for the Bridges program. (The base is in Laws 2017, chapter 94, article 1, section 3, subdivision 4.)</p> <p>Bridges provides rent assistance to low-income persons with a mental illness or families with an adult member with mental illness. Low-income means up to 50 percent of the area median income as determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, adjusted for families of five or more. The housing for the mentally ill must be operated in coordination with social service providers who provide services requested by tenants.</p>
2	<p>Housing options for person with serious mental illness.</p> <p>Appropriates \$1 million each year of the biennium from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for housing options with supports for persons with serious mental illness. In Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 6, article 18, section 2, subdivision 30, paragraph (b), the program was appropriated \$575,000 for 2018 and 2019 as a onetime appropriation.</p>
3	<p>Landlord risk mitigation fund.</p> <p>Appropriates an unspecified amount from the general fund to the Housing Finance Agency for grants to nonprofit organizations and providers of housing options with supports for persons with serious mental illness. The grants are to mitigate the risk to landlords renting to persons participating in the family homeless prevention program or to persons with serious mental illness by reimbursing landlords for nonpayment of rent or damage over the amount of a security deposit. Priority for grants is to organizations that provide matching funds.</p>



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