

Subject Community solutions for healthy child development grant program

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Overview

This bill establishes the community solutions for healthy child development grant program administered by the commissioner of health, and appropriates money for that program.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Community solutions for healthy child development grant program.</p> <p>Adds § 145.9285. Establishes the program, establishes duties for the commissioner of health, creates a Community Solutions Advisory Council, specifies organizations eligible for grants, requires the commissioner to develop a request for proposals for grants, requires grants to be prioritized and awarded to organizations and entities in counties with higher proportions of people of color and American Indians, and requires grant recipients to report grant outcomes to the commissioner.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Establishment. Directs the commissioner of health to establish the community solutions for healthy child development grant program, and establishes purposes for the program.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Commissioner's duties. Requires the commissioner of health to develop a request for proposals for this program; provide outreach, technical assistance, and program development; review responses to the RFP; communicate with the ethnic councils, the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, and the governor's early learning council; establish an accountability process; maintain outcomes data; and contract with a third party to conduct evaluations.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Community Solutions Advisory Council. Requires the commissioner to appoint 12 people to a Community Solutions Advisory Council, requires at least 3 of these members to come from greater Minnesota, and lists duties for the advisory council. Also provides for compensation of advisory council members.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Eligible grantees. Provides that organizations eligible to receive grants include organizations that work with communities of color and American Indian</p>

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	<p>communities, tribal nations and tribal organizations, and organizations focused on supporting healthy child development.</p>
	<p>Subd. 5. Strategic considerations and priority of proposals; eligible populations; grant awards. Directs the commissioner, in developing the RFP, to consider building on community capacity to promote child development and family well-being and to address social determinants of healthy child development. In awarding grants, requires the commissioner to give priority to proposals from organizations led by and serving people of color, led by and serving American Indians, with proposals focused on prenatal to grade 3 healthy development, with proposals focused on multigenerational solutions, located in or proposing to serve communities in moderate to high risk counties, or community-based organizations that have historically served communities of color and American Indians but have not had access to state grant funding. Requires initial grants to be awarded by April 15, 2020, and annually thereafter, and provides that grants are awarded for 3-year periods.</p>
	<p>Subd. 6. Geographic distribution of grants. Requires the commissioner and the advisory council to ensure that grants are prioritized and awarded to organizations in counties with a higher proportion of people of color and American Indians than the state average, to the extent possible.</p>
	<p>Subd. 7. Report. Requires grant recipients to report grant outcomes to the commissioner.</p>
2	<p>Appropriation; community solutions for healthy child development grant program. Appropriates \$2,719,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$5,219,000 in fiscal year 2021 from the general fund to the commissioner for this grant program. Specifies amounts to be used each fiscal year for planning grants, administrative costs, evaluations, and grant recipient training and capacity building.</p>



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