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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Housing Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to housing; establishing the Home Heroes Act to provide seniors with  
1.3 services to age in place.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **HOMES HEROES ACT.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Appropriation.** \$..... in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general  
1.7 fund to the commissioner of the Housing Finance Agency for the purposes of this section.

1.8 Subd. 2. **Establishment.** (a) The Home Heroes Act is established under the administration  
1.9 of the Housing Finance Agency to provide stable housing services in times of home  
1.10 emergencies and crisis to a targeted population of low-income individuals and families, to  
1.11 help them age in place.

1.12 (b) For the purposes of this section, "targeted population" means low-income individuals  
1.13 who are seniors, veterans, military service personnel, first responders, and disabled persons,  
1.14 including their families.

1.15 Subd. 3. **Use of funds.** The agency may use the funds to provide the following services  
1.16 to the targeted population:

1.17 (1) rental assistance; and

1.18 (2) emergency assistance.

1.19 Subd. 4. **Education and training resources.** The agency must collaborate with entities  
1.20 in subdivision 5 to create digital educational material to inform the targeted population of  
1.21 services and help the targeted population age in place. The educational material may include

2.1 fix-it workshops, home improvement programs, sweat equity programming, academic  
2.2 seminars, and other programming modeled after the Habitat for Humanity material.

2.3 Subd. 5. **Interagency coordination.** The agency must coordinate services and activities  
2.4 with other entities to accomplish the purposes of this section and provide housing services  
2.5 to the targeted population. The entities the agency must work with include but are not limited  
2.6 to the following:

2.7 (1) the Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness;

2.8 (2) private and public businesses;

2.9 (3) nonprofit service providers;

2.10 (4) academia; and

2.11 (5) private and public funders and sponsors.