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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; establishing a grant program to fund immunization-related
1.3 activities for geographic areas and populations experiencing or at risk of
1.4 experiencing an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease; appropriating money.

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

1.6 Section 1. TARGETED GRANT PROGRAM TO ADDRESS OUTBREAKS OF
1.7 VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASES.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Grant program established. The commissioner of health shall establish
1.9 and administer a two-year, targeted grant program to fund immunization-related activities
1.10 to address outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases and lower the risk of outbreaks of
1.11 vaccine-preventable diseases in communities with low immunization rates. Grant recipients
1.12 shall use grant funds to provide immunization information and education to, and engage in
1.13 immunization awareness and support activities with, individuals in geographic areas or
1.14 populations who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing a vaccine-preventable disease
1.15 outbreak. Entities eligible for grants under this section are community health boards, as
1.16 defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 145A.02, subdivision 5, and community-based
1.17 nonprofit organizations experienced in serving geographic areas or populations experiencing
1.18 or at risk of experiencing an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease.

1.19 Subd. 2. Application. Entities seeking a grant shall apply to the commissioner in a form
1.20 and manner and according to timelines established by the commissioner. The application
1.21 must include a complete description of the immunization-related activities the entity proposes,
1.22 the geographic area or population to be served, the amount of funding sought, and a proposed
1.23 budget detailing how the funds will be spent.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Information and education materials; content.** The commissioner must  
2.2 develop or provide grant recipients with culturally competent information and educational  
2.3 materials on immunizations, based on materials available from the Centers for Disease  
2.4 Control and Prevention. The information and educational materials must be available in the  
2.5 primary languages of the populations experiencing or at risk of experiencing a  
2.6 vaccine-preventable disease outbreak, and must at least address:

2.7 (1) the benefits of immunizations to individuals and communities;

2.8 (2) health information about the safety of immunizations;

2.9 (3) the recommended schedules of immunizations for children, adolescents, and adults;

2.10 (4) programs that provide free or reduced-cost immunizations to eligible individuals;

2.11 and

2.12 (5) health clinics, health care providers, and other locations at which individuals may  
2.13 obtain immunizations.

2.14 **Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.**

2.15 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
2.16 of health for the targeted grant program to address outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases  
2.17 under section 1. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2019.