

**SENATE  
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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Housing Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to housing; appropriating money for housing supports for persons with a  
1.3 mental illness.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS; BRIDGES RENTAL ASSISTANCE.**

1.6 \$..... in fiscal year 2022 and \$..... in fiscal year 2023 are appropriated from the general  
1.7 fund to the commissioner of the Housing Finance Agency for the rental housing assistance  
1.8 program for persons with a mental illness or families with an adult member with a mental  
1.9 illness under Minnesota Statutes, section 462A.2097. This appropriation is added to the  
1.10 base.

1.11 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATIONS; HOUSING OPTIONS FOR PERSONS WITH SERIOUS**  
1.12 **MENTAL ILLNESS.**

1.13 \$..... in fiscal year 2022 and \$..... in fiscal year 2023 are appropriated from the general  
1.14 fund to the commissioner of human services to provide adult mental health grants under  
1.15 Minnesota Statutes, section 245.4661, subdivision 9, paragraph (a), clause (2), to support  
1.16 increased availability of housing options with supports for persons with serious mental  
1.17 illness. This appropriation is added to the base.

1.18 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION; LANDLORD RISK MITIGATION FUND.**

1.19 \$..... in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of  
1.20 the Housing Finance Agency for grants to eligible applicants to create or expand risk  
1.21 mitigation programs to reduce landlord financial risks for renting to persons eligible under

2.1 Minnesota Statutes, sections 245.4661, subdivision 9, paragraph (a), clause (2); 462A.204;  
2.2 and 462A.2097. Eligible programs may reimburse landlords for costs including but not  
2.3 limited to nonpayment of rent, or damage costs above those costs covered by security  
2.4 deposits. The agency may give higher priority to applicants that demonstrate a matching  
2.5 amount of money by a local unit of government, business, or nonprofit organization. Grantees  
2.6 must establish a procedure to review and validate claims and reimbursements under this  
2.7 grant program. Eligible grantees include but are not limited to nonprofit organizations under  
2.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 462A.03, subdivision 22, and supportive housing providers  
2.9 under Minnesota Statutes, section 245.4661, subdivision 9, paragraph (a), clause (2).