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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Health and Human Services Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; clarifying the grants to be awarded by the commissioner of
1.3 human services from the opiate epidemic response fund; appropriating money;
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 256.042, subdivisions 4,
1.5 5.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 256.042, subdivision 4, is amended
1.8 to read:

1.9 Subd. 4. **Grants.** (a) The commissioner of human services shall submit a report of the
1.10 grants proposed by the advisory council to be awarded for the upcoming fiscal year to the
1.11 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over
1.12 health and human services policy and finance, by March 1 of each year, beginning March
1.13 1, ~~2020~~ 2021.

1.14 (b) The commissioner of human services shall award grants from the opiate epidemic
1.15 response account under section 256.043. The grants shall be awarded to proposals selected
1.16 by the advisory council that address the priorities in subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clauses
1.17 (1) to (4), unless otherwise appropriated by the legislature. No more than three percent of
1.18 the grant amount may be used by a grantee for administration. No grants shall be awarded
1.19 to proposals that were not included in the report submitted to the legislature under paragraph
1.20 (a) unless appropriated by the legislature.

1.21 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) and section 256.043, subdivision 3, paragraph (c), if
1.22 the commissioner of human services fails to submit the report by March 1 as required in
1.23 paragraph (a) the appropriation to the commissioner for the upcoming fiscal year as specified

2.1 in section 256.043, subdivision 3, paragraph (c), shall not occur and the amount that was
2.2 to be appropriated to the commissioner to be awarded as grants shall be appropriated by the
2.3 legislature.

2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from February 29, 2020.

2.5 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2019 Supplement, section 256.042, subdivision 5, is amended
2.6 to read:

2.7 Subd. 5. **Reports.** (a) The advisory council shall report annually to the chairs and ranking
2.8 minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human
2.9 services policy and finance by January 31 of each year, beginning January 31, ~~2021~~ 2022.
2.10 The report shall include information about the individual projects that receive grants and
2.11 the overall role of the project in addressing the opioid addiction and overdose epidemic in
2.12 Minnesota. The report must describe the grantees and the activities implemented, along
2.13 with measurable outcomes as determined by the council in consultation with the
2.14 commissioner of human services and the commissioner of management and budget. At a
2.15 minimum, the report must include information about the number of individuals who received
2.16 information or treatment, the outcomes the individuals achieved, and demographic
2.17 information about the individuals participating in the project; an assessment of the progress
2.18 toward achieving statewide access to qualified providers and comprehensive treatment and
2.19 recovery services; and an update on the evaluations implemented by the commissioner of
2.20 management and budget for the promising practices and theory-based projects that receive
2.21 funding.

2.22 (b) The commissioner of management and budget, in consultation with the Opiate
2.23 Epidemic Response Advisory Council, shall report to the chairs and ranking minority
2.24 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services
2.25 policy and finance when an evaluation study described in subdivision 1, paragraph (c), is
2.26 complete on the promising practices or theory-based projects that are selected for evaluation
2.27 activities. The report shall include demographic information; outcome information for the
2.28 individuals in the program; the results for the program in promoting recovery, employment,
2.29 family reunification, and reducing involvement with the criminal justice system; and other
2.30 relevant outcomes determined by the commissioner of management and budget that are
2.31 specific to the projects that are evaluated. The report shall include information about the
2.32 ability of grant programs to be scaled to achieve the statewide results that the grant project
2.33 demonstrated.

3.1 (c) The advisory council, in its annual report to the legislature under paragraph (a) due
3.2 by January 31, 2024, shall include recommendations on whether the appropriations to the
3.3 specified entities under Laws 2019, chapter 63, should be continued, adjusted, or
3.4 discontinued; whether funding should be appropriated for other purposes related to opioid
3.5 abuse prevention, education, and treatment; and on the appropriate level of funding for
3.6 existing and new uses.

3.7 **Sec. 3. APPROPRIATION; FISCAL YEAR 2021.**

3.8 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 256.042 and 256.043, subdivision 3,
3.9 paragraph (c), \$3,703,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the Opiate Epidemic
3.10 Response Fund to the commissioner of human services to award as grants to the state
3.11 recipients of opioid response grants received from the federal state opioid response program
3.12 in accordance with paragraphs (b) and (c). The grants under this section shall be added to
3.13 the grants awarded in December 2019 and the duration of the grants shall be extended to
3.14 allow expenditure of the additional funding.

3.15 (b) For the appropriation described in paragraph (a):

3.16 (1) \$2,281,000 shall be awarded to grantees in the category of medication-assisted
3.17 treatment expansion and recovery resources. The additional grant funding shall be allocated
3.18 to each grantee according to each grantee's proportion of the total grants for
3.19 medication-assisted treatment expansion and recovery resources in the December 2019
3.20 grants;

3.21 (2) \$324,000 shall be awarded to grantees in the category of increasing the treatment
3.22 workforce. The additional grant funding shall be allocated to each grantee according to each
3.23 grantee's proportion of the total grants for increasing the treatment workforce in the December
3.24 2019 grants;

3.25 (3) \$328,000 shall be awarded to grantees in the category of naloxone training and
3.26 distribution. The additional grant funding shall be allocated to each grantee according to
3.27 each grantee's proportion of the total grants for naloxone training and distribution in the
3.28 December 2019 grants;

3.29 (4) \$328,000 shall be awarded to grantees in the category of expanding the availability
3.30 of medication-assisted therapy. The additional grant funding shall be allocated to each
3.31 grantee according to each grantee's proportion of the total grants for expanding the availability
3.32 of medication-assisted therapy in the December 2019 grants; and

4.1 (5) \$442,000 shall be awarded to grantees in the category of innovative response to
4.2 Minnesota's opioid epidemic. The additional grant funding shall be allocated to each grantee
4.3 according to each grantee's proportion of the total grants for innovative response to
4.4 Minnesota's opioid epidemic in the December 2019 grants.

4.5 (c) If the commissioner determines that a grant awarded in December 2019 was for a
4.6 proposal that was fully funded and required only onetime funding, the commissioner may
4.7 allocate the portion of funding that would have gone to that grant among the other grantees
4.8 in the same category of funding. If an entire category of funding was fully funded and
4.9 required only onetime funding, the commissioner may allocate the funding for that category
4.10 among the other categories according to the proportion of each category relative to the total
4.11 appropriation in paragraph (a).