

Subject Landlord-tenant mediation program

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Overview

This bill would appropriate \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund to the Housing Finance Agency for grants to community dispute resolution programs. Community Mediation Minnesota would administer the program. Grants could be used both on providing and promoting access to alternative dispute resolution in housing disputes and on developing evaluative criteria to replicate effective program outcomes.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Minnesota housing mediation grant program.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Establishment; purpose. Requires the agency to establish a housing mediation program.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Selection criteria. Requires the agency to develop selection criteria and application forms for certified community dispute programs which can receive grants under this section.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Administration. Requires the agency to award a grant to Community Mediation Minnesota to administer the program.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Eligible uses of grant. Requires that grants be spent on providing housing dispute resolution services; increasing awareness of and access to these services; providing training and assistance to culturally specific dispute resolution programs; increasing the diversity and cultural competency of housing mediators; integrating housing mediation services into resource connection services, legal assistance, and court service programs; and developing and administering evaluation tools so that effective outcomes can be replicated.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Appropriation; stable rental housing mediation.</p> <p>Appropriates \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund to the Housing Finance Agency to fund housing mediation grants.</p> |

Section	Description
	Sets aside an unspecified amount for the administrative costs of Community Mediation Minnesota for administering the program.



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