

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to public safety; establishing an Office of Community-Led Public Safety

1.3 Coordination; establishing grants to promote co-responder teams; establishing

1.4 grants to promote community healing; appropriating money; proposing coding for

1.5 new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 299A.

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

1.7 Section 1. **[299A.625] OFFICE OF COMMUNITY-LED PUBLIC SAFETY**

1.8 **COORDINATION.**

1.9 Subdivision 1. **Office of Community-Led Public Safety Coordination established.** The

1.10 Office of Community-Led Public Safety Coordination is established in the Office of Justice

1.11 Programs. The commissioner of public safety shall appoint a coordinator who shall serve

1.12 in the unclassified service. The commissioner of public safety shall appoint or hire other

1.13 staff as necessary.

1.14 Subd. 2. **Duties.** The office shall:

1.15 (1) promote and monitor alternatives to traditional policing models;

1.16 (2) identify effective forms of community-led intervention to promote public safety;

1.17 (3) strengthen connections between community members and local law enforcement

1.18 agencies;

1.19 (4) encourage the use of restorative justice programs including, but not limited to,

1.20 sentencing circles; and

1.21 (5) administer grants to promote co-responder models of crisis intervention and promote

1.22 community healing.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2020.

2.2 Sec. 2. **COMMUNITY-LED PUBLIC SAFETY GRANTS.**

2.3 Subdivision 1. **Appropriation.** \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from  
2.4 the general fund to the commissioner of public safety to promote community-led public  
2.5 safety.

2.6 Subd. 2. **Community-led public safety coordinator.** Of the amount appropriated in  
2.7 subdivision 1, \$100,000 is for one community-led public safety coordinator position at the  
2.8 Department of Public Safety.

2.9 Subd. 3. **Grants to promote co-responder teams.** (a) Of the amount appropriated in  
2.10 subdivision 1, \$7,450,000 is for grants to promote co-responder teams as provided in this  
2.11 subdivision.

2.12 (b) The Office of Community-Led Public Safety Coordination shall award grants to  
2.13 local units of government or tribal governments that form a partnership with  
2.14 community-based organizations to develop and establish independent crisis-response teams  
2.15 to de-escalate volatile situations; respond to situations involving a mental health crisis;  
2.16 promote community-based efforts designed to enhance community safety and wellness;  
2.17 and support community-based strategies to interrupt, intervene in, or respond to violence.

2.18 Subd. 4. **Grants to promote community healing.** (a) Of the amount appropriated in  
2.19 subdivision 1, \$7,450,000 is for grants to promote healing support in the black indigenous  
2.20 people of color communities in Minnesota.

2.21 (b) The Office of Community-Led Public Safety Coordination shall award grants to  
2.22 community based organizations that provide programs and direct intervention to promote  
2.23 wellness and healing justice. In awarding grants, the coordinator may collaborate with  
2.24 organizations that provide supportive professional community and mutual aid networks for  
2.25 wellness and healing justice practitioners. Grants are available for:

2.26 (1) programmatic and community care support for wellness and healing justice  
2.27 practitioners;

2.28 (2) the establishment and expansion of community organizations that provide wellness  
2.29 and healing justice services;

2.30 (3) placing wellness and healing justice practitioners in organizations that provide direct  
2.31 service to the black indigenous people of color communities in Minnesota;

2.32 (4) providing healing circles;

3.1 (5) establishing and expanding Community Coach Certification programs to train  
3.2 community healers and establish a long term strategy to build the infrastructure for  
3.3 community healers to be available during times of tragedy; and

3.4 (6) restorative justice programs including, but not limited to, sentencing circles.

3.5 Subd. 5. **Report.** (a) On or before January 15 of each year, the community-led public  
3.6 safety coordinator shall submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the  
3.7 house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over public  
3.8 safety that includes:

3.9 (1) the number of grants issued under subdivision 3;

3.10 (2) the number of grants issued under subdivision 4;

3.11 (3) the amount of funding awarded for each project;

3.12 (4) a description of the programs and services funded;

3.13 (5) plans for the long-term sustainability of the projects; and

3.14 (6) data on outcomes for the programs and services funded.

3.15 (b) Grantees must provide information and data requested by the coordinator to support  
3.16 the development of this report.

3.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2020.