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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Security Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; establishing a grant to Voice of East African Women for
1.3 programs to reduce recruitment of East African youth by violent organizations;
1.4 establishing a grant to local governments with populations at risk for recruitment
1.5 by violent organizations; appropriating money.

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

1.7 Section 1. EAST AFRICAN YOUTH AND FAMILY ANTIVIOLENCE OUTREACH
1.8 PROGRAM; APPROPRIATION.

1.9 (a) \$600,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$600,000 in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated from
1.10 the general fund to the commissioner of public safety for a grant to Voice of East African
1.11 Women for a youth and family antiviolence outreach program. Funds under this section
1.12 may be used to:

1.13 (1) identify behaviors indicating that an individual is vulnerable to committing or being
1.14 the victim of bullying or interfamily, community, or domestic abuse;

1.15 (2) identify and assess factors and influences that make East African youth vulnerable
1.16 to recruitment by violent organizations including but not limited to family dysfunction and
1.17 cultural disengagement;

1.18 (3) develop strategies to reduce and eliminate abusive and bullying behaviors among
1.19 youth and adults within the East African community;

1.20 (4) develop and implement strategies to reduce and eliminate the factors and influences
1.21 that make East African youth vulnerable to recruitment by violent organizations;

2.1 (5) develop strategies, programs, and services to educate parents and other family
2.2 members to recognize and address behaviors indicating that youth are being recruited by
2.3 violent organizations; and

2.4 (6) develop strategies, programs, and services, in collaboration with public entities and
2.5 other community and private organizations that provide services to at-risk youth and families,
2.6 to reduce and eliminate bullying, abusive behavior, and the vulnerability of East African
2.7 youth to recruitment by violent organizations. Prevention strategies, programs, and services
2.8 may include but are not limited to:

2.9 (i) expressive and receptive communications programs including music, art, theater,
2.10 dance, and play designed to teach and develop appropriate skills for interfamily
2.11 communication;

2.12 (ii) development of protective skills and positive coping skills to deal with bullying,
2.13 domestic abuse and interfamily violence, and violent confrontations in the community;

2.14 (iii) culturally appropriate individual and family counseling focusing on communication
2.15 and interpersonal relations with the family and the East African community;

2.16 (iv) after-school and summer programs for East African youth that are structured and
2.17 include components offering physical recreation, education enrichment, art, music, and
2.18 social activities that are culturally appropriate;

2.19 (v) individual and family-oriented financial planning and management skill building;

2.20 (vi) culturally appropriate individual and family counseling focusing on education and
2.21 employment counseling; and

2.22 (vii) information regarding, and direct links to, entities that provide employment skills
2.23 training, job search and placement, and employment support activities and services.

2.24 (b) Activities and services supported with funds available under this section may be
2.25 provided in collaboration with other organizations including but not limited to law
2.26 enforcement, state and local public agencies, interfaith organizations, nonprofit organizations,
2.27 and East African community organizations and stakeholders.

2.28 (c) Voice of East African Women must direct one-third of the funds received under this
2.29 section to programs targeted at communities outside the seven-county metropolitan area,
2.30 as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 4, with identified populations who are at risk for
2.31 recruitment by violent organizations.

3.1 Sec. 2. **COMBATING VIOLENT ORGANIZATION RECRUITMENT;**
3.2 **APPROPRIATION.**

3.3 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
3.4 of public safety for grants to local governments with identified populations who are at risk
3.5 for recruitment by violent organizations.