

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

SB 2166

INTRODUCED BY

SEN DAVID CLEMENS

DISTRICT 16

I am here to introduce SB 2166.

This proposal has been submitted on behalf of Lighthouse Recovery Organization of Fargo, ND. The bill is requesting funds from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Department of Commerce to financially support this organization in a community and at a time that has seen a dramatic increase in mental health and substance use crises.

The Lighthouse is meeting the needs in our state related to long term support for people suffering from substance use disorder and various mental health disorders, services for state programs Free Through Recovery and Community Connect, Peer Support Services for people struggling with various behavioral health issues, community based support and networking with the F/M homeless population, and is striving to provide a variety of services to meet the growing population serviced by the ND Medicaid Billable 1915i program.

This concludes my introduction, and I would ask for a Do Pass consideration on SB 2166.

Respectfully submitted,

Sen David Clemens

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Sixty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2166

Introduced by

Senators Clemens, Paulson, Piepkorn

Representatives Koppelman, Satrom

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for a grant for substance use disorder and mental
2 health recovery services.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - FEDERAL STATE**
5 **FISCAL RECOVERY FUND.** There is appropriated from federal funds derived from the state
6 fiscal recovery fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$2,000,000, or so much of the sum
7 as may be necessary, to the department of commerce for the purpose of providing a grant to an
8 organization that provides recovery and support services for individuals with a substance use
9 disorder, other mental health disorder, or combination of disorders, for the biennium beginning
10 July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, an
11 organization must have provided peer support services to individuals with a substance use
12 disorder, including those served through the federal Medicaid 1915(i) state plan amendment,
13 during the year ended December 31, 2022.