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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
04/04/2024	13372	Introduction and first reading Referred to Jobs and Economic Development
04/18/2024	14237a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance
04/25/2024	15437a	Comm report: To pass as amended
	15438	Second reading
04/29/2024	15566a	Special Order: Amended
	15568	Third reading Passed
	15569	Protest and Dissent
05/06/2024	16317	Returned from House with amendment
	16317	Senate not concur, conference committee of 3 requested
	16412	Senate conferees Champion; Mohamed; Gustafson
05/09/2024	16521	House conferees Hassan; Xiong; Zeleznikar

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A bill for an act

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relating to economic development; making supplemental budget adjustments for

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the Department of Employment and Economic Development and Explore

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Minnesota; requiring reports; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes

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2022, sections 116U.26; 116U.27, subdivisions 5, 6; Minnesota Statutes 2023

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Supplement, sections 116L.43, subdivision 1; 116U.27, subdivisions 1, 4; Laws

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2023, chapter 53, article 20, section 2, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 6; article 21, sections

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6; 7; Laws 2023, chapter 64, article 15, section 30; proposing coding for new law

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in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116U; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, section

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116J.439.

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

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ARTICLE 1

1.13

APPROPRIATIONS

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Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

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(a) The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are added to the

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appropriations in Laws 2023, chapter 53, or are appropriated to the agencies and for the

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purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund, or another

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named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figures

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"2024" and "2025" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under them are

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available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively. "The first

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year" is fiscal year 2024. "The second year" is fiscal year 2025. "The biennium" is fiscal

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years 2024 and 2025.

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(b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.98, subdivision 14, the

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commissioners of the agencies receiving grant appropriations in this article may not use

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any amount of the grant appropriations for administrative costs unless otherwise appropriated

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or stated in Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.035, subdivision 7.

2.1	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>		
2.2	<u>Available for the Year</u>		
2.3	<u>Ending June 30</u>		
2.4		<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
2.5	<u>Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT</u>		
2.6	<u>AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u>		
2.7	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$ 1,075,000</u>	<u>\$ 10,105,000</u>
2.8	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
2.9		<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
2.10	<u>General</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>6,305,000</u>
2.11	<u>Workforce</u>		
2.12	<u>Development</u>	<u>1,075,000</u>	<u>3,800,000</u>
2.13	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>		
2.14	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>		
2.15	<u>subdivisions.</u>		
2.16	<u>Subd. 2. Employment and Training Programs</u>	<u>\$ 1,075,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,050,000</u>
2.17	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
2.18		<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
2.19	<u>General</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>250,000</u>
2.20	<u>Workforce</u>		
2.21	<u>Development</u>	<u>1,075,000</u>	<u>3,800,000</u>
2.22	<u>(a) \$700,000 the first year is from the</u>		
2.23	<u>workforce development fund for a grant to the</u>		
2.24	<u>Shakopee Chamber Foundation for the</u>		
2.25	<u>Shakopee area workforce development</u>		
2.26	<u>scholarship pilot program in article 2, section</u>		
2.27	<u>9. This is a onetime appropriation and is</u>		
2.28	<u>available until June 30, 2027.</u>		
2.29	<u>(b) \$250,000 the second year is from the</u>		
2.30	<u>workforce development fund for a grant to</u>		
2.31	<u>Inspire Change Clinic for their health care</u>		
2.32	<u>fellowship program designed to create</u>		
2.33	<u>pathways to medicine for high school and</u>		
2.34	<u>college students interested in pursuing a career</u>		
2.35	<u>in the health care workforce. The health care</u>		
2.36	<u>fellowship program is intended to remove</u>		

3.1 barriers for minority students, foster
3.2 inclusivity and diversity in the health care
3.3 sector, and provide valuable opportunities for
3.4 students, including mentorship programs,
3.5 access to renowned health institutions in the
3.6 state of Minnesota, and hands-on work
3.7 experience. The commissioner must include
3.8 the number of participants served by the grant
3.9 and provide information about program
3.10 outcomes in addition to the reporting
3.11 requirements in section 14. This is a onetime
3.12 appropriation.

3.13 (c) \$250,000 the second year is from the
3.14 workforce development fund for a grant to
3.15 Bolder Options Youth Mentoring Program to
3.16 provide disadvantaged youth ages 12 to 22
3.17 with intensive one-to-one wellness,
3.18 goal-setting, and academic-focused
3.19 mentorship; programming that teaches life and
3.20 job-seeking skills; career and college
3.21 achievement coaches; and connections to
3.22 employment, job training, and education
3.23 opportunities. The grant must serve youth in
3.24 the Bolder Options program in the Twin Cities
3.25 and the city of Rochester. The commissioner
3.26 must include the number of participants served
3.27 by the grant in addition to the reporting
3.28 requirements in section 14. This is a onetime
3.29 appropriation.

3.30 (d) \$1,000,000 the second year is from the
3.31 workforce development fund for a grant to
3.32 Change Starts With Community for a violence
3.33 prevention program. Grant money must be
3.34 used to establish a comprehensive workforce
3.35 development initiative, specifically tailored

4.1 for at-risk youth and adults, located on site at
4.2 Shiloh Cares Food Shelf in the city of
4.3 Minneapolis. This is a onetime appropriation.

4.4 (e) \$375,000 the first year is from the
4.5 workforce development fund to the
4.6 commissioner of employment and economic
4.7 development to provide grants to secondary
4.8 career and technical education programs for
4.9 the purpose of offering instruction in meat
4.10 cutting and butchery. This is a onetime
4.11 appropriation. Notwithstanding Minnesota
4.12 Statutes, section 16A.28, any unencumbered
4.13 balance does not cancel at the end of fiscal
4.14 year 2024 and is available in fiscal year 2025.

4.15 Grants may be used for costs, including but
4.16 not limited to:

4.17 (1) equipment required for a meat cutting
4.18 program;

4.19 (2) facility renovation to accommodate meat
4.20 cutting; and

4.21 (3) training faculty to teach the fundamentals
4.22 of meat processing.

4.23 A grant recipient may be awarded a grant of
4.24 up to \$75,000 and may use up to ten percent
4.25 of the grant for faculty training.

4.26 In addition to the reporting requirements in
4.27 section 14, the commissioner must report to
4.28 the chairs and ranking minority members of
4.29 the legislative committees with jurisdiction
4.30 over agriculture finance, education finance,
4.31 and workforce development finance a list of
4.32 the grants made under this paragraph by
4.33 county and note the number and amount of
4.34 grant requests not fulfilled by January 15,

5.1 2025. The report may include additional
5.2 information as determined by the
5.3 commissioner, including but not limited to
5.4 information regarding the outcomes produced
5.5 by these grants. If additional grants are
5.6 awarded under this paragraph that were not
5.7 covered in the report due by January 15, 2025,
5.8 the commissioner must submit an additional
5.9 report to the chairs and ranking minority
5.10 members of the legislative committees with
5.11 jurisdiction over agriculture finance, education
5.12 finance, and workforce development finance
5.13 regarding all grants issued under this
5.14 paragraph by November 1, 2025.

5.15 Priority may be given to applicants who are
5.16 coordinating with meat cutting and butchery
5.17 programs at Minnesota State Colleges and
5.18 Universities institutions or with local industry
5.19 partners.

5.20 The Department of Employment and
5.21 Economic Development may enter into an
5.22 interagency agreement with the Department
5.23 of Agriculture, including agreements to
5.24 transfer funds, to administer the program.

5.25 (f) \$100,000 the second year is from the
5.26 workforce development fund for a grant to
5.27 InspireMSP to develop programming to assist
5.28 middle school-aged children in Minneapolis
5.29 and St. Paul to develop an interest in and
5.30 connect with the creative industry in
5.31 Minnesota. Money must be used for program
5.32 development and career exploration in the
5.33 creative industry for historically excluded
5.34 youth by providing access to essential
5.35 resources, networks, and hands-on experience

6.1 at a pivotal stage in their career journey. This
6.2 is a onetime appropriation.

6.3 (g) \$1,000,000 the second year is from the
6.4 workforce development fund for the
6.5 commissioner to contract with a vendor of
6.6 child care business management solutions that
6.7 provides comprehensive tools and
6.8 technological support, including:

6.9 (1) wraparound business management tools,
6.10 such as marketing, website creation,
6.11 enrollment support, automated billing,
6.12 attendance tracking, tax documentation, daily
6.13 activity tracking, family communication, and
6.14 revenue and expense tracking;

6.15 (2) technical assistance to child care providers
6.16 using software to manage their business;

6.17 (3) data dashboards for state and regional
6.18 monitoring of program implementation,
6.19 including real-time data;

6.20 (4) a Learning Management Solution to guide
6.21 new providers through the licensing process
6.22 and a licensing handbook developed
6.23 specifically for Minnesota requirements;

6.24 (5) integration with existing state database
6.25 systems; and

6.26 (6) language access services to meet
6.27 community needs.

6.28 The vendor must provide services free of
6.29 charge to child care businesses. The
6.30 commissioner of employment and economic
6.31 development must develop an application and
6.32 program materials for child care businesses
6.33 seeking access to the business management

7.1 solutions and must distribute licenses to the
7.2 product to applicants. Among comparable
7.3 proposals, the commissioner must prioritize
7.4 businesses providing family child care. This
7.5 is a onetime appropriation.

7.6 (h) \$100,000 the second year is from the
7.7 workforce development fund to the
7.8 commissioner of employment and economic
7.9 development for a grant to Lake County
7.10 Ambulance Service to establish a training
7.11 program for Cook County and Lake County
7.12 high school students interested in pursuing
7.13 careers as emergency medical technicians.

7.14 This is a onetime appropriation.

7.15 (i) \$350,000 the second year is from the
7.16 workforce development fund for a grant to the
7.17 city of Austin to develop and implement
7.18 training programs for water operators and for
7.19 wastewater operators. The training programs
7.20 are to be offered by Riverland Community
7.21 College. This is a onetime appropriation and
7.22 is available until June 30, 2027.

7.23 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
7.24 16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not
7.25 cancel at the end of fiscal year 2025 and is
7.26 available until June 30, 2027, for any purpose
7.27 described in this paragraph. Of this amount,
7.28 the city of Austin may use up to five percent
7.29 for administration of the program.

7.30 The commissioner must provide an annual
7.31 report by January 5 of each year until January
7.32 5, 2028, regarding the use of grant funds to
7.33 the chairs and ranking minority members of
7.34 the legislative committees with jurisdiction
7.35 over economic development and higher

8.1 education. The report must include the number
8.2 of students enrolled and number of students
8.3 who have completed courses funded by this
8.4 appropriation.

8.5 (j) \$250,000 the second year is from the
8.6 workforce development fund for a grant to the
8.7 Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches for
8.8 a STEM training and career preparation
8.9 program targeted at the needs of BIPOC youth.
8.10 The program shall serve youth who are at least
8.11 11 years of age and less than 24 years of age
8.12 and shall provide career training, job skills
8.13 development, mentorship, and employment
8.14 opportunities. This is a onetime appropriation
8.15 and is available until June 30, 2027.

8.16 (k) \$400,000 the second year is from the
8.17 workforce development fund for a grant to the
8.18 VoCul workforce development program to
8.19 address the shortage of skilled culinary
8.20 professionals in the local food industry. Grant
8.21 proceeds may be used to provide virtual and
8.22 hands-on training, practical experience, and
8.23 connections to jobs, industry professionals,
8.24 and continuing education. Of this amount,
8.25 VoCul may use up to five percent for
8.26 administration of the program. This is a
8.27 onetime appropriation.

8.28 (l) \$100,000 the second year is from the
8.29 workforce development fund for a grant to the
8.30 Community Animal Medicine Professionals
8.31 (CAMP) to provide training, professional
8.32 development workshops, mentorship and
8.33 leadership programs, and develop recruitment
8.34 and retention strategies for the CAMP program

9.1 at the North Minneapolis Pet Resource Center.

9.2 This is a onetime appropriation.

9.3 Subd. 3. **Vocational Rehabilitation** \$ -0- \$ 5,055,000

9.4 \$5,055,000 the second year is for grants to

9.5 programs that provide employment support

9.6 services to persons with mental illness under

9.7 Minnesota Statutes, sections 268A.13 and

9.8 268A.14. This is a onetime appropriation and

9.9 is available until June 30, 2027.

9.10 Sec. 3. **EXPLORE MINNESOTA TOURISM** \$ -0- \$ 6,672,000

9.11 \$2,903,000 the second year is for a grant to

9.12 the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games to

9.13 expend on providing food and housing to 2026

9.14 Special Olympics USA Games athletes. This

9.15 is a onetime appropriation.

9.16 Sec. 4. **PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY** \$ 0 \$ 3,922,000

9.17 \$3,922,000 the second year is for grants for

9.18 water systems that have per- and

9.19 polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at levels

9.20 above standards set by the United States

9.21 Environmental Protection Agency. The

9.22 following systems are eligible for grants under

9.23 this section:

9.24 (1) the municipal systems for Alexandria,

9.25 Battle Lake, Brooklyn Park, Cloquet, Hastings,

9.26 Lake Elmo, Newport, Pease, Pine City,

9.27 Princeton, Sauk Rapids, South St. Paul,

9.28 Stillwater, Swanville, Wabasha, Waite Park,

9.29 and Woodbury;

9.30 (2) the Minnesota Veterans Home in the city

9.31 of Hastings; and

9.32 (3) the following systems at manufactured

9.33 home parks: Austin Mobile Home Park in

Mower County, Cimarron Park in Washington
County, Mobile Manor Mobile Home Park in
Scott County, and Roosevelt Court in Beltrami
County.

Sec. 5. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 20, section 2, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

		382,802,000	310,131,000
Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation	\$	<u>383,802,000</u>	\$ <u>307,251,000</u>

Appropriations by Fund			
		2024	2025
		352,525,000	279,854,000
General		<u>353,525,000</u>	<u>276,974,000</u>
Remediation		700,000	700,000
Workforce			
Development		30,277,000	30,277,000

The amounts that may be spent for each
purpose are specified in the following
subdivisions.

Sec. 6. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 20, section 2, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

		195,061,000	139,929,000
Subd. 2. Business and Community Development		<u>196,061,000</u>	<u>142,104,000</u>

Appropriations by Fund			
		193,011,000	137,879,000
General		<u>194,011,000</u>	<u>140,054,000</u>
Remediation		700,000	700,000
Workforce			
Development		1,350,000	1,350,000

(a) \$2,287,000 each year is for the greater
Minnesota business development public
infrastructure grant program under Minnesota
Statutes, section 116J.431. This appropriation
is available until June 30, 2027.

(b) \$500,000 each year is for grants to small
business development centers under Minnesota
Statutes, section 116J.68. Money made
available under this paragraph may be used to

11.1 match funds under the federal Small Business
11.2 Development Center (SBDC) program under
11.3 United States Code, title 15, section 648, to
11.4 provide consulting and technical services or
11.5 to build additional SBDC network capacity to
11.6 serve entrepreneurs and small businesses.

11.7 (c) \$2,500,000 each year is for Launch
11.8 Minnesota. These are onetime appropriations.
11.9 Of this amount:

11.10 (1) \$1,500,000 each year is for innovation
11.11 grants to eligible Minnesota entrepreneurs or
11.12 start-up businesses to assist with their
11.13 operating needs;

11.14 (2) \$500,000 each year is for administration
11.15 of Launch Minnesota; and

11.16 (3) \$500,000 each year is for grantee activities
11.17 at Launch Minnesota.

11.18 (d)(1) \$500,000 each year is for grants to
11.19 MNSBIR, Inc., to support moving scientific
11.20 excellence and technological innovation from
11.21 the lab to the market for start-ups and small
11.22 businesses by securing federal research and
11.23 development funding. The purpose of the grant
11.24 is to build a strong Minnesota economy and
11.25 stimulate the creation of novel products,
11.26 services, and solutions in the private sector;
11.27 strengthen the role of small business in
11.28 meeting federal research and development
11.29 needs; increase the commercial application of
11.30 federally supported research results; and
11.31 develop and increase the Minnesota
11.32 workforce, especially by fostering and
11.33 encouraging participation by small businesses
11.34 owned by women and people who are Black,

12.1 Indigenous, or people of color. This is a
12.2 onetime appropriation.

12.3 (2) MNSBIR, Inc., shall use the grant money
12.4 to be the dedicated resource for federal
12.5 research and development for small businesses
12.6 of up to 500 employees statewide to support
12.7 research and commercialization of novel ideas,
12.8 concepts, and projects into cutting-edge
12.9 products and services for worldwide economic
12.10 impact. MNSBIR, Inc., shall use grant money
12.11 to:

12.12 (i) assist small businesses in securing federal
12.13 research and development funding, including
12.14 the Small Business Innovation Research and
12.15 Small Business Technology Transfer programs
12.16 and other federal research and development
12.17 funding opportunities;

12.18 (ii) support technology transfer and
12.19 commercialization from the University of
12.20 Minnesota, Mayo Clinic, and federal
12.21 laboratories;

12.22 (iii) partner with large businesses;

12.23 (iv) conduct statewide outreach, education,
12.24 and training on federal rules, regulations, and
12.25 requirements;

12.26 (v) assist with scientific and technical writing;

12.27 (vi) help manage federal grants and contracts;
12.28 and

12.29 (vii) support cost accounting and sole-source
12.30 procurement opportunities.

12.31 (e) \$10,000,000 the first year is for the
12.32 Minnesota Expanding Opportunity Fund
12.33 Program under Minnesota Statutes, section

- 13.1 116J.8733. This is a onetime appropriation
13.2 and is available until June 30, 2025.
- 13.3 (f) \$6,425,000 each year is for the small
13.4 business assistance partnerships program
13.5 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.682.
13.6 All grant awards shall be for two consecutive
13.7 years. Grants shall be awarded in the first year.
13.8 The department may use up to five percent of
13.9 the appropriation for administrative purposes.
13.10 The base for this appropriation is \$2,725,000
13.11 in fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter.
- 13.12 (g) \$350,000 each year is for administration
13.13 of the community energy transition office.
- 13.14 (h) \$5,000,000 each year is transferred from
13.15 the general fund to the community energy
13.16 transition account for grants under Minnesota
13.17 Statutes, section 116J.55. This is a onetime
13.18 transfer.
- 13.19 (i) \$1,772,000 each year is for contaminated
13.20 site cleanup and development grants under
13.21 Minnesota Statutes, sections 116J.551 to
13.22 116J.558. This appropriation is available until
13.23 expended.
- 13.24 (j) \$700,000 each year is from the remediation
13.25 fund for contaminated site cleanup and
13.26 development grants under Minnesota Statutes,
13.27 sections 116J.551 to 116J.558. This
13.28 appropriation is available until expended.
- 13.29 (k) \$389,000 each year is for the Center for
13.30 Rural Policy and Development. The base for
13.31 this appropriation is \$139,000 in fiscal year
13.32 2026 and each year thereafter.
- 13.33 (l) \$25,000 each year is for the administration
13.34 of state aid for the Destination Medical Center

14.1 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 469.40 to
14.2 469.47.

14.3 (m) \$875,000 each year is for the host
14.4 community economic development program
14.5 established in Minnesota Statutes, section
14.6 116J.548.

14.7 (n) \$6,500,000 each year is for grants to local
14.8 communities to increase the number of quality
14.9 child care providers to support economic
14.10 development. Fifty percent of grant money
14.11 must go to communities located outside the
14.12 seven-county metropolitan area as defined in
14.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121,
14.14 subdivision 2. The base for this appropriation
14.15 is \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each year
14.16 thereafter.

14.17 Grant recipients must obtain a 50 percent
14.18 nonstate match to grant money in either cash
14.19 or in-kind contribution, unless the
14.20 commissioner waives the requirement. Grant
14.21 money available under this subdivision must
14.22 be used to implement projects to reduce the
14.23 child care shortage in the state, including but
14.24 not limited to funding for child care business
14.25 start-ups or expansion, training, facility
14.26 modifications, direct subsidies or incentives
14.27 to retain employees, or improvements required
14.28 for licensing, and assistance with licensing
14.29 and other regulatory requirements. In awarding
14.30 grants, the commissioner must give priority
14.31 to communities that have demonstrated a
14.32 shortage of child care providers.

14.33 Within one year of receiving grant money,
14.34 grant recipients must report to the
14.35 commissioner on the outcomes of the grant

15.1 program, including but not limited to the
15.2 number of new providers, the number of
15.3 additional child care provider jobs created, the
15.4 number of additional child care openings, and
15.5 the amount of cash and in-kind local money
15.6 invested. Within one month of all grant
15.7 recipients reporting on program outcomes, the
15.8 commissioner must report the grant recipients'
15.9 outcomes to the chairs and ranking members
15.10 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
15.11 over early learning and child care and
15.12 economic development.

15.13 (o) \$500,000 each year is for the Office of
15.14 Child Care Community Partnerships. Of this
15.15 amount:

15.16 (1) \$450,000 each year is for administration
15.17 of the Office of Child Care Community
15.18 Partnerships; and

15.19 (2) \$50,000 each year is for the Labor Market
15.20 Information Office to conduct research and
15.21 analysis related to the child care industry.

15.22 (p) \$3,500,000 each year is for grants in equal
15.23 amounts to each of the Minnesota Initiative
15.24 Foundations. This appropriation is available
15.25 until June 30, 2027. The base for this
15.26 appropriation is \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026
15.27 and each year thereafter. The Minnesota
15.28 Initiative Foundations must use grant money
15.29 under this section to:

15.30 (1) facilitate planning processes for rural
15.31 communities resulting in a community solution
15.32 action plan that guides decision making to
15.33 sustain and increase the supply of quality child

16.1 care in the region to support economic
16.2 development;

16.3 (2) engage the private sector to invest local
16.4 resources to support the community solution
16.5 action plan and ensure quality child care is a
16.6 vital component of additional regional
16.7 economic development planning processes;

16.8 (3) provide locally based training and technical
16.9 assistance to rural business owners
16.10 individually or through a learning cohort.
16.11 Access to financial and business development
16.12 assistance must prepare child care businesses
16.13 for quality engagement and improvement by
16.14 stabilizing operations, leveraging funding from
16.15 other sources, and fostering business acumen
16.16 that allows child care businesses to plan for
16.17 and afford the cost of providing quality child
16.18 care; and

16.19 (4) recruit child care programs to participate
16.20 in quality rating and improvement
16.21 measurement programs. The Minnesota
16.22 Initiative Foundations must work with local
16.23 partners to provide low-cost training,
16.24 professional development opportunities, and
16.25 continuing education curricula. The Minnesota
16.26 Initiative Foundations must fund, through local
16.27 partners, an enhanced level of coaching to
16.28 rural child care providers to obtain a quality
16.29 rating through measurement programs.

16.30 (q) \$8,000,000 each year is for the Minnesota
16.31 job creation fund under Minnesota Statutes,
16.32 section 116J.8748. Of this amount, the
16.33 commissioner of employment and economic
16.34 development may use up to three percent for
16.35 administrative expenses. This appropriation

17.1 is available until expended. Notwithstanding
17.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8748, money
17.3 appropriated for the job creation fund may be
17.4 used for redevelopment under Minnesota
17.5 Statutes, sections 116J.575 and 116J.5761, at
17.6 the discretion of the commissioner.

17.7 (r) \$12,370,000 each year is for the Minnesota
17.8 investment fund under Minnesota Statutes,
17.9 section 116J.8731. Of this amount, the
17.10 commissioner of employment and economic
17.11 development may use up to three percent for
17.12 administration and monitoring of the program.
17.13 This appropriation is available until expended.
17.14 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
17.15 116J.8731, money appropriated to the
17.16 commissioner for the Minnesota investment
17.17 fund may be used for the redevelopment
17.18 program under Minnesota Statutes, sections
17.19 116J.575 and 116J.5761, at the discretion of
17.20 the commissioner. Grants under this paragraph
17.21 are not subject to the grant amount limitation
17.22 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731.

17.23 (s) \$4,246,000 each year is for the
17.24 redevelopment program under Minnesota
17.25 Statutes, sections 116J.575 and 116J.5761.
17.26 The base for this appropriation is \$2,246,000
17.27 in fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter.
17.28 This appropriation is available until expended.

17.29 (t) \$1,000,000 each year is for the Minnesota
17.30 emerging entrepreneur loan program under
17.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 116M.18. Money
17.32 available under this paragraph is for transfer
17.33 into the emerging entrepreneur program
17.34 special revenue fund account created under
17.35 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116M, and are

18.1 available until expended. Of this amount, up
18.2 to four percent is for administration and
18.3 monitoring of the program.

18.4 (u) \$325,000 ~~each year~~ the first year is for the
18.5 Minnesota Film and TV Board. The
18.6 appropriation each year is available only upon
18.7 receipt by the board of \$1 in matching
18.8 contributions of money or in-kind
18.9 contributions from nonstate sources for every
18.10 \$3 provided by this appropriation, except that
18.11 ~~each~~ the first year up to \$50,000 is available
18.12 on July 1 even if the required matching
18.13 contribution has not been received by that
18.14 date.

18.15 (v) \$12,000 each year is for a grant to the
18.16 Upper Minnesota Film Office.

18.17 (w) \$500,000 ~~each year~~ the first year is for a
18.18 grant to the Minnesota Film and TV Board for
18.19 the film production jobs program under
18.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 116U.26. This
18.21 appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.

18.22 (x) \$4,195,000 each year is for the Minnesota
18.23 job skills partnership program under
18.24 Minnesota Statutes, sections 116L.01 to
18.25 116L.17. If the appropriation for either year
18.26 is insufficient, the appropriation for the other
18.27 year is available. This appropriation is
18.28 available until expended.

18.29 (y) \$1,350,000 each year from the workforce
18.30 development fund is for jobs training grants
18.31 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.41.

18.32 (z) ~~\$47,475,000~~ \$48,475,000 the first year and
18.33 \$50,475,000 the second year ~~are each year is~~
18.34 for the PROMISE grant program. This is a

19.1 onetime appropriation and is available until
19.2 June 30, 2027. Of this amount:

19.3 (1) \$475,000 each year is for administration
19.4 of the PROMISE grant program;

19.5 (2) \$7,500,000 each year is for grants in equal
19.6 amounts to each of the Minnesota Initiative
19.7 Foundations to serve businesses in greater
19.8 Minnesota. Of this amount, \$600,000 each
19.9 year is for grants to businesses with less than
19.10 \$100,000 in revenue in the prior year; and

19.11 (3) ~~\$39,500,000 each year~~ \$40,500,000 the
19.12 first year and \$42,500,000 the second year is
19.13 for grants to the Neighborhood Development
19.14 Center. Of this amount, the following amounts
19.15 are designated for the following areas:

19.16 (i) \$16,000,000 each year is for North
19.17 Minneapolis' West Broadway, Camden, or
19.18 other Northside neighborhoods. Of this
19.19 amount, \$1,000,000 each year is for grants to
19.20 businesses with less than \$100,000 in revenue
19.21 in the prior year;

19.22 (ii) \$13,500,000 each year is for South
19.23 Minneapolis' Lake Street, 38th and Chicago,
19.24 Franklin, Nicollet, and Riverside corridors.
19.25 Of this amount, \$750,000 each year is for
19.26 grants to businesses with less than \$100,000
19.27 in revenue in the prior year; ~~and~~

19.28 (iii) \$10,000,000 each year is for St. Paul's
19.29 University Avenue, Midway, Eastside, or other
19.30 St. Paul neighborhoods. Of this amount,
19.31 \$750,000 each year is for grants to businesses
19.32 with less than \$100,000 in revenue in the prior
19.33 year;

- 20.1 (iv) \$1,000,000 the first year is for South
20.2 Minneapolis' Hennepin Avenue Commercial
20.3 corridor, South Hennepin Community
20.4 corridor, and Uptown Special Service District;
20.5 and
- 20.6 (v) \$3,000,000 the second year is for grants
20.7 to businesses in the counties of Anoka, Carver,
20.8 Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and
20.9 Washington, excluding the cities of
20.10 Minneapolis and St. Paul.
- 20.11 (aa) \$15,150,000 each year is for the
20.12 PROMISE loan program. This is a onetime
20.13 appropriation and is available until June 30,
20.14 2027. Of this amount:
- 20.15 (1) \$150,000 each year is for administration
20.16 of the PROMISE loan program;
- 20.17 (2) \$3,000,000 each year is for grants in equal
20.18 amounts to each of the Minnesota Initiative
20.19 Foundations to serve businesses in greater
20.20 Minnesota; and
- 20.21 (3) \$12,000,000 each year is for grants to the
20.22 Metropolitan Economic Development
20.23 Association (MEDA). Of this amount, the
20.24 following amounts are designated for the
20.25 following areas:
- 20.26 (i) \$4,500,000 each year is for North
20.27 Minneapolis' West Broadway, Camden, or
20.28 other Northside neighborhoods;
- 20.29 (ii) \$4,500,000 each year is for South
20.30 Minneapolis' Lake Street, 38th and Chicago,
20.31 Franklin, Nicollet, and Riverside corridors;
20.32 and

21.1 (iii) \$3,000,000 each year is for St. Paul's
21.2 University Avenue, Midway, Eastside, or other
21.3 St. Paul neighborhoods.

21.4 (bb) \$1,500,000 each year is for a grant to the
21.5 Metropolitan Consortium of Community
21.6 Developers for the community wealth-building
21.7 grant program pilot project. Of this amount,
21.8 up to two percent is for administration and
21.9 monitoring of the community wealth-building
21.10 grant program pilot project. This is a onetime
21.11 appropriation.

21.12 (cc) \$250,000 each year is for the publication,
21.13 dissemination, and use of labor market
21.14 information under Minnesota Statutes, section
21.15 116J.401.

21.16 (dd) \$5,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
21.17 the Bloomington Port Authority to provide
21.18 funding for the Expo 2027 host organization.
21.19 The Bloomington Port Authority must enter
21.20 into an agreement with the host organization
21.21 over the use of money, which may be used for
21.22 activities, including but not limited to
21.23 finalizing the community dossier and staffing
21.24 the host organization and for infrastructure
21.25 design and planning, financial modeling,
21.26 development planning and coordination of
21.27 both real estate and public private partnerships,
21.28 and reimbursement of costs the Bloomington
21.29 Port Authority incurred. In selecting vendors
21.30 and exhibitors for Expo 2027, the host
21.31 organization shall prioritize outreach to,
21.32 collaboration with, and inclusion of businesses
21.33 that are majority owned by people of color,
21.34 women, and people with disabilities. The host
21.35 organization and Bloomington Port Authority

22.1 may be reimbursed for expenses 90 days prior
22.2 to encumbrance. This appropriation is
22.3 contingent on approval of the project by the
22.4 Bureau International des Expositions. If the
22.5 project is not approved by the Bureau
22.6 International des Expositions, the money shall
22.7 transfer to the Minnesota investment fund
22.8 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731.
22.9 Any unencumbered balance remaining at the
22.10 end of the first year does not cancel but is
22.11 available for the second year.

22.12 (ee) \$5,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
22.13 the Neighborhood Development Center for
22.14 small business programs, including training,
22.15 lending, business services, and real estate
22.16 programming; small business incubator
22.17 development in the Twin Cities and outside
22.18 the seven-county metropolitan area; and
22.19 technical assistance activities for partners
22.20 outside the seven-county metropolitan area;
22.21 and for high-risk, character-based loan capital
22.22 for nonrecourse loans. This is a onetime
22.23 appropriation. Any unencumbered balance
22.24 remaining at the end of the first year does not
22.25 cancel but is available for the second year.

22.26 (ff) \$5,000,000 the first year is for transfer to
22.27 the emerging developer fund account in the
22.28 special revenue fund. Of this amount, up to
22.29 five percent is for administration and
22.30 monitoring of the emerging developer fund
22.31 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
22.32 116J.9926, and the remainder is for a grant to
22.33 the Local Initiatives Support Corporation -
22.34 Twin Cities to serve as a partner organization

23.1 under the program. This is a onetime
23.2 appropriation.

23.3 (gg) \$5,000,000 the first year is for the
23.4 Canadian border counties economic relief
23.5 program under article 5. Of this amount, up
23.6 to \$1,000,000 is for Tribal economic
23.7 development and \$2,100,000 is for a grant to
23.8 Lake of the Woods County for the forgivable
23.9 loan program for remote recreational
23.10 businesses. This is a onetime appropriation
23.11 and is available until June 30, 2026.

23.12 (hh) \$1,000,000 each year is for a grant to
23.13 African Economic Development Solutions.
23.14 This is a onetime appropriation and is
23.15 available until June 30, 2026. Of this amount:

23.16 (1) \$500,000 each year is for a loan fund that
23.17 must address pervasive economic inequities
23.18 by supporting business ventures of
23.19 entrepreneurs in the African immigrant
23.20 community; and

23.21 (2) \$250,000 each year is for workforce
23.22 development and technical assistance,
23.23 including but not limited to business
23.24 development, entrepreneur training, business
23.25 technical assistance, loan packing, and
23.26 community development services.

23.27 (ii) \$1,500,000 each year is for a grant to the
23.28 Latino Economic Development Center. This
23.29 is a onetime appropriation and is available
23.30 until June 30, 2025. Of this amount:

23.31 (1) \$750,000 each year is to assist, support,
23.32 finance, and launch microentrepreneurs by
23.33 delivering training, workshops, and
23.34 one-on-one consultations to businesses; and

24.1 (2) \$750,000 each year is to guide prospective
24.2 entrepreneurs in their start-up process by
24.3 introducing them to key business concepts,
24.4 including business start-up readiness. Grant
24.5 proceeds must be used to offer workshops on
24.6 a variety of topics throughout the year,
24.7 including finance, customer service,
24.8 food-handler training, and food-safety
24.9 certification. Grant proceeds may also be used
24.10 to provide lending to business startups.

24.11 (jj) \$627,000 the first year is for a grant to
24.12 Community and Economic Development
24.13 Associates (CEDA) to provide funding for
24.14 economic development technical assistance
24.15 and economic development project grants to
24.16 small communities across rural Minnesota and
24.17 for CEDA to design, implement, market, and
24.18 administer specific types of basic community
24.19 and economic development programs tailored
24.20 to individual community needs. Technical
24.21 assistance grants shall be based on need and
24.22 given to communities that are otherwise
24.23 unable to afford these services. Of the amount
24.24 appropriated, up to \$270,000 may be used for
24.25 economic development project implementation
24.26 in conjunction with the technical assistance
24.27 received. This is a onetime appropriation. Any
24.28 unencumbered balance remaining at the end
24.29 of the first year does not cancel but is available
24.30 the second year.

24.31 (kk) \$2,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
24.32 Women Venture to:

24.33 (1) support child care providers through
24.34 business training and shared services programs
24.35 and to create materials that could be used, free

25.1 of charge, for start-up, expansion, and
25.2 operation of child care businesses statewide,
25.3 with the goal of helping new and existing child
25.4 care businesses in underserved areas of the
25.5 state become profitable and sustainable; and
25.6 (2) support business expansion for women
25.7 food entrepreneurs throughout Minnesota's
25.8 food supply chain to help stabilize and
25.9 strengthen their business operations, create
25.10 distribution networks, offer technical
25.11 assistance and support to beginning women
25.12 food entrepreneurs, develop business plans,
25.13 develop a workforce, research expansion
25.14 strategies, and for other related activities.
25.15 Eligible uses of the money include but are not
25.16 limited to:
25.17 (i) leasehold improvements;
25.18 (ii) additions, alterations, remodeling, or
25.19 renovations to rented space;
25.20 (iii) inventory or supplies;
25.21 (iv) machinery or equipment purchases;
25.22 (v) working capital; and
25.23 (vi) debt refinancing.
25.24 Money distributed to entrepreneurs may be
25.25 loans, forgivable loans, and grants. Of this
25.26 amount, up to five percent may be used for
25.27 the WomenVenture's technical assistance and
25.28 administrative costs. This is a onetime
25.29 appropriation and is available until June 30,
25.30 2026.
25.31 By December 15, 2026, WomenVenture must
25.32 submit a report to the chairs and ranking
25.33 minority members of the legislative

26.1 committees with jurisdiction over agriculture
26.2 and employment and economic development.
26.3 The report must include a summary of the uses
26.4 of the appropriation, including the amount of
26.5 the appropriation used for administration. The
26.6 report must also provide a breakdown of the
26.7 amount of funding used for loans, forgivable
26.8 loans, and grants; information about the terms
26.9 of the loans issued; a discussion of how money
26.10 from repaid loans will be used; the number of
26.11 entrepreneurs assisted; and a breakdown of
26.12 how many entrepreneurs received assistance
26.13 in each county.

26.14 (ll) \$2,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
26.15 African Career, Education, and Resource, Inc.,
26.16 for operational infrastructure and technical
26.17 assistance to small businesses. This
26.18 appropriation is available until June 30, 2025.

26.19 (mm) \$5,000,000 the first year is for a grant
26.20 to the African Development Center to provide
26.21 loans to purchase commercial real estate and
26.22 to expand organizational infrastructure. This
26.23 appropriation is available until June 30, 2025.
26.24 Of this amount:

26.25 (1) \$2,800,000 is for loans to purchase
26.26 commercial real estate targeted at African
26.27 immigrant small business owners;

26.28 (2) \$364,000 is for loan loss reserves to
26.29 support loan volume growth and attract
26.30 additional capital;

26.31 (3) \$836,000 is for increasing organizational
26.32 capacity;

27.1 (4) \$300,000 is for the safe 2 eat project of
27.2 inclusive assistance with required restaurant
27.3 licensing examinations; and

27.4 (5) \$700,000 is for a center for community
27.5 resources for language and technology
27.6 assistance for small businesses.

27.7 (nn) \$7,000,000 the first year is for grants to
27.8 the Minnesota Initiative Foundations to
27.9 capitalize their revolving loan funds, which
27.10 address unmet financing needs of for-profit
27.11 business start-ups, expansions, and ownership
27.12 transitions; nonprofit organizations; and
27.13 developers of housing to support the
27.14 construction, rehabilitation, and conversion
27.15 of housing units. Of the amount appropriated:

27.16 (1) \$1,000,000 is for a grant to the Southwest
27.17 Initiative Foundation;

27.18 (2) \$1,000,000 is for a grant to the West
27.19 Central Initiative Foundation;

27.20 (3) \$1,000,000 is for a grant to the Southern
27.21 Minnesota Initiative Foundation;

27.22 (4) \$1,000,000 is for a grant to the Northwest
27.23 Minnesota Foundation;

27.24 (5) \$2,000,000 is for a grant to the Initiative
27.25 Foundation of which \$1,000,000 is for
27.26 redevelopment of the St. Cloud Youth and
27.27 Family Center; and

27.28 (6) \$1,000,000 is for a grant to the Northland
27.29 Foundation.

27.30 (oo) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
27.31 Enterprise Minnesota, Inc., to reach and
27.32 deliver talent, leadership, employee retention,
27.33 continuous improvement, strategy, quality

28.1 management systems, revenue growth, and
28.2 manufacturing peer-to-peer advisory services
28.3 to small manufacturing companies employing
28.4 35 or fewer full-time equivalent employees.
28.5 This is a onetime appropriation. No later than
28.6 February 1, 2025, and February 1, 2026,
28.7 Enterprise Minnesota, Inc., must provide a
28.8 report to the chairs and ranking minority
28.9 members of the legislative committees with
28.10 jurisdiction over economic development that
28.11 includes:

28.12 (1) the grants awarded during the past 12
28.13 months;

28.14 (2) the estimated financial impact of the grants
28.15 awarded to each company receiving services
28.16 under the program;

28.17 (3) the actual financial impact of grants
28.18 awarded during the past 24 months; and

28.19 (4) the total amount of federal funds leveraged
28.20 from the Manufacturing Extension Partnership
28.21 at the United States Department of Commerce.

28.22 (pp) \$375,000 each year is for a grant to
28.23 PFund Foundation to provide grants to
28.24 LGBTQ+-owned small businesses and
28.25 entrepreneurs. Of this amount, up to five
28.26 percent may be used for PFund Foundation's
28.27 technical assistance and administrative costs.
28.28 This is a onetime appropriation and is
28.29 available until June 30, 2026. To the extent
28.30 practicable, money must be distributed by
28.31 PFund Foundation as follows:

28.32 (1) at least 33.3 percent to businesses owned
28.33 by members of racial minority communities;
28.34 and

29.1 (2) at least 33.3 percent to businesses outside
29.2 of the seven-county metropolitan area as
29.3 defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
29.4 473.121, subdivision 2.

29.5 (qq) \$125,000 each year is for a grant to
29.6 Quorum to provide business support, training,
29.7 development, technical assistance, and related
29.8 activities for LGBTQ+-owned small
29.9 businesses that are recipients of a PFund
29.10 Foundation grant. Of this amount, up to five
29.11 percent may be used for Quorum's technical
29.12 assistance and administrative costs. This is a
29.13 onetime appropriation and is available until
29.14 June 30, 2026.

29.15 (rr) \$5,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
29.16 the Metropolitan Economic Development
29.17 Association (MEDA) for statewide business
29.18 development and assistance services to
29.19 minority-owned businesses. This is a onetime
29.20 appropriation. Any unencumbered balance
29.21 remaining at the end of the first year does not
29.22 cancel but is available the second year. Of this
29.23 amount:

29.24 (1) \$3,000,000 is for a revolving loan fund to
29.25 provide additional minority-owned businesses
29.26 with access to capital; and

29.27 (2) \$2,000,000 is for operating support
29.28 activities related to business development and
29.29 assistance services for minority business
29.30 enterprises.

29.31 By February 1, 2025, MEDA shall report to
29.32 the commissioner and the chairs and ranking
29.33 minority members of the legislative
29.34 committees with jurisdiction over economic

30.1 development policy and finance on the loans
30.2 and operating support activities, including
30.3 outcomes and expenditures, supported by the
30.4 appropriation under this paragraph.

30.5 (ss) \$2,500,000 each year is for a grant to a
30.6 Minnesota-based automotive component
30.7 manufacturer and distributor specializing in
30.8 electric vehicles and sensor technology that
30.9 manufactures all of their parts onshore to
30.10 expand their manufacturing. The grant
30.11 recipient under this paragraph shall submit
30.12 reports on the uses of the money appropriated,
30.13 the number of jobs created due to the
30.14 appropriation, wage information, and the city
30.15 and state in which the additional
30.16 manufacturing activity was located to the
30.17 chairs and ranking minority members of the
30.18 legislative committees with jurisdiction over
30.19 economic development. An initial report shall
30.20 be submitted by December 15, 2023, and a
30.21 final report is due by December 15, 2025. This
30.22 is a onetime appropriation.

30.23 (tt)(1) \$125,000 each year is for grants to the
30.24 Latino Chamber of Commerce Minnesota to
30.25 support the growth and expansion of small
30.26 businesses statewide. Funds may be used for
30.27 the cost of programming, outreach, staffing,
30.28 and supplies. This is a onetime appropriation.

30.29 (2) By January 15, 2026, the Latino Chamber
30.30 of Commerce Minnesota must submit a report
30.31 to the legislative committees with jurisdiction
30.32 over economic development that details the
30.33 use of grant funds and the grant's economic
30.34 impact.

31.1 (uu) \$175,000 the first year is for a grant to
31.2 the city of South St. Paul to study options for
31.3 repurposing the 1927 American Legion
31.4 Memorial Library after the property is no
31.5 longer used as a library. This appropriation is
31.6 available until the project is completed or
31.7 abandoned, subject to Minnesota Statutes,
31.8 section 16A.642.

31.9 (vv) \$250,000 the first year is for a grant to
31.10 LatinoLEAD for organizational
31.11 capacity-building.

31.12 (ww) \$80,000 the first year is for a grant to
31.13 the Neighborhood Development Center for
31.14 small business competitive grants to software
31.15 companies working to improve employee
31.16 engagement and workplace culture and to
31.17 reduce turnover.

31.18 (xx)(1) \$3,000,000 in the first year is for a
31.19 grant to the Center for Economic Inclusion for
31.20 strategic, data-informed investments in job
31.21 creation strategies that respond to the needs
31.22 of underserved populations statewide. This
31.23 may include forgivable loans, revenue-based
31.24 financing, and equity investments for
31.25 entrepreneurs with barriers to growth. Of this
31.26 amount, up to five percent may be used for
31.27 the center's technical assistance and
31.28 administrative costs. This appropriation is
31.29 available until June 30, 2025.

31.30 (2) By January 15, 2026, the Center for
31.31 Economic Inclusion shall submit a report on
31.32 the use of grant funds, including any loans
31.33 made, to the legislative committees with
31.34 jurisdiction over economic development.

32.1 (yy) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to the
32.2 Asian Economic Development Association
32.3 for asset building and financial empowerment
32.4 for entrepreneurs and small business owners,
32.5 small business development and technical
32.6 assistance, and cultural placemaking. This is
32.7 a onetime appropriation.

32.8 (zz) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
32.9 Isuroon to support primarily African
32.10 immigrant women with entrepreneurial
32.11 training to start, manage, and grow
32.12 self-sustaining microbusinesses, develop
32.13 incubator space for these businesses, and
32.14 provide support with financial and language
32.15 literacy, systems navigation to eliminate
32.16 capital access disparities, marketing, and other
32.17 technical assistance. This is a onetime
32.18 appropriation.

32.19 Sec. 7. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 20, section 2, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

32.20	Subd. 3. Employment and Training Programs	112,038,000	104,499,000
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32.21	Appropriations by Fund		
32.22		2024	2025
32.23	General	91,036,000	83,497,000
32.24	Workforce		
32.25	Development	21,002,000	21,002,000

32.26 (a) \$500,000 each year from the general fund
32.27 and \$500,000 each year from the workforce
32.28 development fund are for rural career
32.29 counseling coordinators in the workforce
32.30 service areas and for the purposes specified
32.31 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.667.

32.32 (b) \$25,000,000 each year is for the targeted
32.33 population workforce grants under Minnesota
32.34 Statutes, section 116L.43. The department

33.1 may use up to five percent of this
33.2 appropriation for administration, monitoring,
33.3 and oversight of the program. Of this amount:
33.4 (1) \$18,500,000 each year is for job and
33.5 entrepreneurial skills training grants under
33.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.43,
33.7 subdivision 2;
33.8 (2) \$1,500,000 each year is for diversity and
33.9 inclusion training for small employers under
33.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.43,
33.11 subdivision 3; and
33.12 (3) \$5,000,000 each year is for capacity
33.13 building grants under Minnesota Statutes,
33.14 section 116L.43, subdivision 4.
33.15 The base for this appropriation is \$1,275,000
33.16 in fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter.
33.17 (c) \$750,000 each year is for the women and
33.18 high-wage, high-demand, nontraditional jobs
33.19 grant program under Minnesota Statutes,
33.20 section 116L.99. Of this amount, up to five
33.21 percent is for administration and monitoring
33.22 of the program.
33.23 (d) \$10,000,000 each year is for the Drive for
33.24 Five Initiative to conduct outreach and provide
33.25 job skills training, career counseling, case
33.26 management, and supportive services for
33.27 careers in (1) technology, (2) labor, (3) the
33.28 caring professions, (4) manufacturing, and (5)
33.29 educational and professional services. This is
33.30 a onetime appropriation.
33.31 (e) Of the amounts appropriated in paragraph
33.32 (d), the commissioner must make \$7,000,000
33.33 each year available through a competitive
33.34 request for proposal process. The grant awards

34.1 must be used to provide education and training
34.2 in the five industries identified in paragraph
34.3 (d). Education and training may include:
34.4 (1) student tutoring and testing support
34.5 services;
34.6 (2) training and employment placement in high
34.7 wage and high growth employment;
34.8 (3) assistance in obtaining industry-specific
34.9 certifications;
34.10 (4) remedial training leading to enrollment in
34.11 employment training programs or services;
34.12 (5) real-time work experience;
34.13 (6) career and educational counseling;
34.14 (7) work experience and internships; and
34.15 (8) supportive services.
34.16 (f) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph
34.17 (d), \$2,000,000 each year must be awarded
34.18 through competitive grants made to trade
34.19 associations or chambers of commerce for job
34.20 placement services. Grant awards must be used
34.21 to encourage workforce training efforts to
34.22 ensure that efforts are aligned with employer
34.23 demands and that graduates are connected with
34.24 employers that are currently hiring. Trade
34.25 associations or chambers must partner with
34.26 employers with current or anticipated
34.27 employment opportunities and nonprofit
34.28 workforce training partners participating in
34.29 this program. The trade associations or
34.30 chambers must work closely with the industry
34.31 sector training providers in the five industries
34.32 identified in paragraph (d). Grant awards may
34.33 be used for:

35.1 (1) employer engagement strategies to align
35.2 employment opportunities for individuals
35.3 exiting workforce development training
35.4 programs. These strategies may include
35.5 business recruitment, job opening
35.6 development, employee recruitment, and job
35.7 matching. Trade associations must utilize the
35.8 state's labor exchange system;

35.9 (2) diversity, inclusion, and retention training
35.10 of their members to increase the business'
35.11 understanding of welcoming and retaining a
35.12 diverse workforce; and

35.13 (3) industry-specific training.

35.14 (g) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph
35.15 (d), \$1,000,000 each year is to hire, train, and
35.16 deploy business services representatives in
35.17 local workforce development areas throughout
35.18 the state. Business services representatives
35.19 must work with an assigned local workforce
35.20 development area to address the hiring needs
35.21 of Minnesota's businesses by connecting job
35.22 seekers and program participants in the
35.23 CareerForce system. Business services
35.24 representatives serve in the classified service
35.25 of the state and operate as part of the agency's
35.26 Employment and Training Office. The
35.27 commissioner shall develop and implement
35.28 training materials and reporting and evaluation
35.29 procedures for the activities of the business
35.30 services representatives. The business services
35.31 representatives must:

35.32 (1) serve as the primary contact for businesses
35.33 in that area;

36.1 (2) actively engage employers by assisting
36.2 with matching employers to job seekers by
36.3 referring candidates, convening job fairs, and
36.4 assisting with job announcements; and

36.5 (3) work with the local area board and its
36.6 partners to identify candidates for openings in
36.7 small and midsize companies in the local area.

36.8 (h) \$2,546,000 each year from the general fund
36.9 and \$4,604,000 each year from the workforce
36.10 development fund are for the pathways to
36.11 prosperity competitive grant program. Of this
36.12 amount, up to five percent is for administration
36.13 and monitoring of the program.

36.14 (i) \$500,000 each year is from the workforce
36.15 development fund for current Minnesota
36.16 affiliates of OIC of America, Inc. This
36.17 appropriation shall be divided equally among
36.18 the eligible centers.

36.19 (j) \$1,000,000 each year is for competitive
36.20 grants to organizations providing services to
36.21 relieve economic disparities in the Southeast
36.22 Asian community through workforce
36.23 recruitment, development, job creation,
36.24 assistance of smaller organizations to increase
36.25 capacity, and outreach. Of this amount, up to
36.26 five percent is for administration and
36.27 monitoring of the program.

36.28 (k) \$1,000,000 each year is for a competitive
36.29 grant program to provide grants to
36.30 organizations that provide support services for
36.31 individuals, such as job training, employment
36.32 preparation, internships, job assistance to
36.33 parents, financial literacy, academic and
36.34 behavioral interventions for low-performing

37.1 students, and youth intervention. Grants made
37.2 under this section must focus on low-income
37.3 communities, young adults from families with
37.4 a history of intergenerational poverty, and
37.5 communities of color. Of this amount, up to
37.6 five percent is for administration and
37.7 monitoring of the program.

37.8 (l) \$750,000 each year from the general fund
37.9 and \$6,698,000 each year from the workforce
37.10 development fund are for the youth-at-work
37.11 competitive grant program under Minnesota
37.12 Statutes, section 116L.562. Of this amount,
37.13 up to five percent is for administration and
37.14 monitoring of the youth workforce
37.15 development competitive grant program. All
37.16 grant awards shall be for two consecutive
37.17 years. Grants shall be awarded in the first year.
37.18 The base for this appropriation is \$750,000
37.19 from the general fund and \$3,348,000 from
37.20 the workforce development fund beginning in
37.21 fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter.

37.22 (m) \$1,093,000 each year is from the general
37.23 fund and \$1,000,000 each year is from the
37.24 workforce development fund for the
37.25 youthbuild program under Minnesota Statutes,
37.26 sections 116L.361 to 116L.366. The base for
37.27 this appropriation is \$1,000,000 from the
37.28 workforce development fund in fiscal year
37.29 2026 and each year thereafter.

37.30 (n) \$4,511,000 each year from the general fund
37.31 and \$4,050,000 each year from the workforce
37.32 development fund are for the Minnesota youth
37.33 program under Minnesota Statutes, sections
37.34 116L.56 and 116L.561. The base for this
37.35 appropriation is \$0 from the general fund and

38.1 \$4,050,000 from the workforce development
38.2 fund in fiscal year 2026 and each year
38.3 thereafter.

38.4 (o) \$750,000 each year is for the Office of
38.5 New Americans under Minnesota Statutes,
38.6 section 116J.4231.

38.7 (p) \$1,000,000 each year from the workforce
38.8 development fund is for a grant to the
38.9 Minnesota Technology Association to support
38.10 the SciTech internship program, a program
38.11 that supports science, technology, engineering,
38.12 and math (STEM) internship opportunities for
38.13 two- and four-year college students and
38.14 graduate students in their fields of study. The
38.15 internship opportunities must match students
38.16 with paid internships within STEM disciplines
38.17 at small, for-profit companies located in
38.18 Minnesota having fewer than 250 employees
38.19 worldwide. At least 325 students must be
38.20 matched each year. No more than 15 percent
38.21 of the hires may be graduate students. Selected
38.22 hiring companies shall receive from the grant
38.23 50 percent of the wages paid to the intern,
38.24 capped at \$3,000 per intern. The program must
38.25 work toward increasing the participation
38.26 among women or other underserved
38.27 populations. This is a onetime appropriation.

38.28 (q) \$750,000 each year is for grants to the
38.29 Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's Teen
38.30 Teamworks youth employment and training
38.31 programs. This is a onetime appropriation and
38.32 available until June 30, 2027. Any
38.33 unencumbered balance remaining at the end
38.34 of the first year does not cancel but is available
38.35 in the second year.

39.1 (r) \$900,000 each year is for a grant to Avivo
39.2 to provide low-income individuals with career
39.3 education and job skills training that is fully
39.4 integrated with chemical and mental health
39.5 services. Of this amount, up to \$250,000 each
39.6 year is for a grant to Avivo to provide
39.7 resources and support services to survivors of
39.8 sex trafficking and domestic abuse in the
39.9 greater St. Cloud area as they search for
39.10 employment. Program resources include but
39.11 are not limited to costs for day care,
39.12 transportation, housing, legal advice, procuring
39.13 documents required for employment, interview
39.14 clothing, technology, and Internet access. The
39.15 program shall also include public outreach and
39.16 corporate training components to communicate
39.17 to the public and potential employers about
39.18 the specific struggles faced by survivors as
39.19 they re-enter the workforce. This is a onetime
39.20 appropriation.

39.21 (s) \$1,000,000 each year is for the getting to
39.22 work grant program under Minnesota Statutes,
39.23 section 116J.545. Of this amount, up to five
39.24 percent is for administration and monitoring
39.25 of the program. This is a onetime
39.26 appropriation.

39.27 (t) \$400,000 each year is for a grant to the
39.28 nonprofit 30,000 Feet to fund youth
39.29 apprenticeship jobs, wraparound services,
39.30 after-school programming, and summer
39.31 learning loss prevention efforts targeted at
39.32 African American youth. This is a onetime
39.33 appropriation.

39.34 (u) \$463,000 the first year is for a grant to the
39.35 Boys and Girls Club of Central Minnesota.

40.1 This is a onetime appropriation. Of this
40.2 amount:

40.3 (1) \$313,000 is to fund one year of free
40.4 full-service programming for a new program
40.5 in Waite Park that will employ part-time youth
40.6 development staff and provide community
40.7 volunteer opportunities for people of all ages.
40.8 Career exploration and life skills programming
40.9 will be a significant dimension of
40.10 programming at this new site; and

40.11 (2) \$150,000 is for planning and design for a
40.12 new multiuse facility for the Boys and Girls
40.13 Club of Waite Park and other community
40.14 partners, including the Waite Park Police
40.15 Department and the Whitney Senior Center.

40.16 (v) \$1,000,000 each year is for a grant to the
40.17 Minnesota Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs
40.18 to administer a statewide project of youth job
40.19 skills and career development. This project,
40.20 which may have career guidance components
40.21 including health and life skills, must be
40.22 designed to encourage, train, and assist youth
40.23 in early access to education and job-seeking
40.24 skills, work-based learning experience,
40.25 including career pathways in STEM learning,
40.26 career exploration and matching, and first job
40.27 placement through local community
40.28 partnerships and on-site job opportunities. This
40.29 grant requires a 25 percent match from
40.30 nonstate resources. This is a onetime
40.31 appropriation.

40.32 (w) \$1,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
40.33 the Owatonna Area Chamber of Commerce
40.34 Foundation for the Learn and Earn Initiative
40.35 to help the Owatonna and Steele County

41.1 region grow and retain a talented workforce.
41.2 This is a onetime appropriation and is
41.3 available until June 30, 2025. Of this amount:
41.4 (1) \$900,000 is to develop an advanced
41.5 manufacturing career pathway program for
41.6 youth and adult learners with shared learning
41.7 spaces, state-of-the-art equipment, and
41.8 instructional support to grow and retain talent
41.9 in Owatonna; and
41.10 (2) \$100,000 is to create the Owatonna
41.11 Opportunity scholarship model for the Learn
41.12 and Earn Initiative for students and employers.
41.13 (x) \$250,000 each year from the workforce
41.14 development fund is for a grant to the White
41.15 Bear Center for the Arts for establishing a paid
41.16 internship program for high school students
41.17 to learn professional development skills
41.18 through an arts perspective. This is a onetime
41.19 appropriation.
41.20 (y) \$250,000 each year is for the Minnesota
41.21 Family Resiliency Partnership under
41.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.96. The
41.23 commissioner, through the adult career
41.24 pathways program, shall distribute the money
41.25 to existing nonprofit and state displaced
41.26 homemaker programs. This is a onetime
41.27 appropriation.
41.28 (z) \$600,000 each year is for a grant to East
41.29 Side Neighborhood Services. This is a onetime
41.30 appropriation of which:
41.31 (1) \$300,000 each year is for the senior
41.32 community service employment program,
41.33 which provides work readiness training to
41.34 low-income adults ages 55 and older to

42.1 provide ongoing support and mentoring
42.2 services to the program participants as well as
42.3 the transition period from subsidized wages
42.4 to unsubsidized wages; and

42.5 (2) \$300,000 each year is for the nursing
42.6 assistant plus program to serve the increased
42.7 need for growth of medical talent pipelines
42.8 through expansion of the existing program and
42.9 development of in-house training.

42.10 The amounts specified in clauses (1) and (2)
42.11 may also be used to enhance employment
42.12 programming for youth and young adults, ages
42.13 14 to 24, to introduce them to work culture,
42.14 develop essential work readiness skills, and
42.15 make career plans through paid internship
42.16 experiences and work readiness training.

42.17 (aa) \$1,500,000 each year from the workforce
42.18 development fund is for a grant to Ujamaa
42.19 Place to assist primarily African American
42.20 men with job training, employment
42.21 preparation, internships, education, vocational
42.22 housing, and organizational capacity building.
42.23 This is a onetime appropriation.

42.24 (bb) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
42.25 Comunidades Organizando el Poder y la
42.26 Acción Latina (COPAL) for worker center
42.27 programming that supports primarily
42.28 low-income, migrant, and Latinx workers with
42.29 career planning, workforce training and
42.30 education, workers' rights advocacy, health
42.31 resources and navigation, and wealth creation
42.32 resources. This is a onetime appropriation.

42.33 (cc) \$2,000,000 each year is for a grant to
42.34 Propel Nonprofits to provide capacity-building

43.1 grants and related technical assistance to small,
43.2 culturally specific organizations that primarily
43.3 serve historically underserved cultural
43.4 communities. Propel Nonprofits may only
43.5 award grants to nonprofit organizations that
43.6 have an annual organizational budget of less
43.7 than \$1,000,000. These grants may be used
43.8 for:

43.9 (1) organizational infrastructure
43.10 improvements, including developing database
43.11 management systems and financial systems,
43.12 or other administrative needs that increase the
43.13 organization's ability to access new funding
43.14 sources;

43.15 (2) organizational workforce development,
43.16 including hiring culturally competent staff,
43.17 training and skills development, and other
43.18 methods of increasing staff capacity; or

43.19 (3) creating or expanding partnerships with
43.20 existing organizations that have specialized
43.21 expertise in order to increase capacity of the
43.22 grantee organization to improve services to
43.23 the community.

43.24 Of this amount, up to five percent may be used
43.25 by Propel Nonprofits for administrative costs.
43.26 This is a onetime appropriation.

43.27 (dd) \$1,000,000 each year is for a grant to
43.28 Goodwill Easter Seals Minnesota and its
43.29 partners. The grant must be used to continue
43.30 the FATHER Project in Rochester, St. Cloud,
43.31 St. Paul, Minneapolis, and the surrounding
43.32 areas to assist fathers in overcoming barriers
43.33 that prevent fathers from supporting their
43.34 children economically and emotionally,

44.1 including with community re-entry following
44.2 confinement. This is a onetime appropriation.

44.3 (ee) \$250,000 the first year is for a grant to
44.4 the ProStart and Hospitality Tourism
44.5 Management Program for a well-established,
44.6 proven, and successful education program that
44.7 helps young people advance careers in the
44.8 hospitality industry and addresses critical
44.9 long-term workforce shortages in that industry.

44.10 (ff) \$450,000 each year is for grants to
44.11 Minnesota Diversified Industries to provide
44.12 inclusive employment opportunities and
44.13 services for people with disabilities. This is a
44.14 onetime appropriation.

44.15 (gg) \$1,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
44.16 Minnesota Diversified Industries to assist
44.17 individuals with disabilities through the
44.18 unified work model by offering virtual and
44.19 in-person career skills classes augmented with
44.20 virtual reality tools. Minnesota Diversified
44.21 Industries shall submit a report on the number
44.22 and demographics of individuals served, hours
44.23 of career skills programming delivered,
44.24 outreach to employers, and recommendations
44.25 for future career skills delivery methods to the
44.26 chairs and ranking minority members of the
44.27 legislative committees with jurisdiction over
44.28 labor and workforce development policy and
44.29 finance by January 15, 2026. This is a onetime
44.30 appropriation and is available until June 30,
44.31 2025.

44.32 (hh) \$1,264,000 each year is for a grant to
44.33 Summit Academy OIC to expand employment
44.34 placement, GED preparation and
44.35 administration, and STEM programming in

45.1 the Twin Cities, Saint Cloud, and Bemidji.

45.2 This is a onetime appropriation.

45.3 (ii) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to

45.4 Minnesota Independence College and

45.5 Community to provide employment

45.6 preparation, job placement, job retention, and

45.7 service coordination services to adults with

45.8 autism and learning differences. This is a

45.9 onetime appropriation.

45.10 (jj) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000

45.11 the second year are for a clean economy

45.12 equitable workforce grant program. Money

45.13 must be used for grants to support partnership

45.14 development, planning, and implementation

45.15 of workforce readiness programs aimed at

45.16 workers who are Black, Indigenous, and

45.17 People of Color. Programs must include

45.18 workforce training, career development,

45.19 workers' rights training, employment

45.20 placement, and culturally appropriate job

45.21 readiness and must prepare workers for careers

45.22 in the high-demand fields of construction,

45.23 clean energy, and energy efficiency. Grants

45.24 must be given to nonprofit organizations that

45.25 serve historically disenfranchised

45.26 communities, including new Americans, with

45.27 preference for organizations that are new

45.28 providers of workforce programming or which

45.29 have partnership agreements with registered

45.30 apprenticeship programs. This is a onetime

45.31 appropriation.

45.32 (kk) \$350,000 the first year and \$25,000 the

45.33 second year are for a grant to the University

45.34 of Minnesota Tourism Center for the creation

45.35 and operation of an online hospitality training

46.1 program in partnership with Explore
46.2 Minnesota Tourism. This training program
46.3 must be made available at no cost to
46.4 Minnesota residents in an effort to address
46.5 critical workforce shortages in the hospitality
46.6 and tourism industries and assist in career
46.7 development. The base for this appropriation
46.8 is \$25,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each year
46.9 thereafter for ongoing system maintenance,
46.10 management, and content updates.

46.11 (ll) \$3,000,000 the first year is for competitive
46.12 grants to support high school robotics teams
46.13 and prepare youth for careers in STEM fields.
46.14 Of this amount, \$2,000,000 is for creating
46.15 internships for high school students to work
46.16 at private companies in STEM fields,
46.17 including the payment of student stipends.
46.18 This is a onetime appropriation and is
46.19 available until June 30, 2028.

46.20 (mm) \$750,000 each year is for grants to the
46.21 nonprofit Sanneh Foundation to fund
46.22 out-of-school and summer programs focused
46.23 on mentoring and behavioral, social, and
46.24 emotional learning interventions and
46.25 enrichment activities directed toward
46.26 low-income students of color. This is a
46.27 onetime appropriation and available until June
46.28 30, 2026.

46.29 (nn) \$1,000,000 each year is for a grant to the
46.30 Hmong American Partnership to expand job
46.31 training and placement programs primarily
46.32 serving the Southeast Asian community. This
46.33 is a onetime appropriation.

46.34 (oo) \$1,000,000 each year is for a grant to
46.35 Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio

47.1 (CLUES) to address employment, economic,
47.2 and technology access disparities for
47.3 low-income unemployed or underemployed
47.4 individuals. Grant money must support
47.5 short-term certifications and transferable skills
47.6 in high-demand fields, workforce readiness,
47.7 customized financial capability, and
47.8 employment supports. At least 50 percent of
47.9 this amount must be used for programming
47.10 targeted at greater Minnesota. This is a
47.11 onetime appropriation.

47.12 (pp) \$300,000 each year is for a grant to All
47.13 Square. The grant must be used to support the
47.14 operations of All Square's Fellowship and
47.15 Prison to Law Pipeline programs which
47.16 operate in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and
47.17 surrounding correctional facilities to assist
47.18 incarcerated and formerly incarcerated
47.19 Minnesotans in overcoming employment
47.20 barriers that prevent economic and emotional
47.21 freedom. This is a onetime appropriation.

47.22 (qq) \$1,000,000 each year is for a grant to the
47.23 Redemption Project to provide employment
47.24 services to adults leaving incarceration,
47.25 including recruiting, educating, training, and
47.26 retaining employment mentors and partners.
47.27 This is a onetime appropriation.

47.28 (rr) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
47.29 Greater Twin Cities United Way to make
47.30 grants to partner organizations to provide
47.31 workforce training using the career pathways
47.32 model that helps students gain work
47.33 experience, earn experience in high-demand
47.34 fields, and transition into family-sustaining
47.35 careers. This is a onetime appropriation.

48.1 (ss) \$3,000,000 each year is for a grant to
48.2 Community Action Partnership of Hennepin
48.3 County. This is a onetime appropriation. Of
48.4 this amount:

48.5 (1) \$1,500,000 each year is for grants to 21
48.6 Days of Peace for social equity building and
48.7 community engagement activities; and

48.8 (2) \$1,500,000 each year is for grants to A
48.9 Mother's Love for community outreach,
48.10 empowerment training, and employment and
48.11 career exploration services.

48.12 (tt) \$750,000 each year is for a grant to Mind
48.13 the G.A.P.P. (Gaining Assistance to Prosperity
48.14 Program) to improve the quality of life of
48.15 unemployed and underemployed individuals
48.16 by improving their employment outcomes and
48.17 developing individual earnings potential. This
48.18 is a onetime appropriation. Any unencumbered
48.19 balance remaining at the end of the first year
48.20 does not cancel but is available in the second
48.21 year.

48.22 (uu) \$550,000 each year is for a grant to the
48.23 International Institute of Minnesota. Grant
48.24 money must be used for workforce training
48.25 for new Americans in industries in need of a
48.26 trained workforce. This is a onetime
48.27 appropriation.

48.28 (vv) \$400,000 each year from the workforce
48.29 development fund is for a grant to Hire to
48.30 expand their career pathway job training and
48.31 placement program that connects lower-skilled
48.32 job seekers to entry-level and gateway jobs in
48.33 high-growth sectors. This is a onetime
48.34 appropriation.

49.1 (ww) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to the
49.2 American Indian Opportunities and
49.3 Industrialization Center for workforce
49.4 development programming, including reducing
49.5 academic disparities for American Indian
49.6 students and adults. This is a onetime
49.7 appropriation.

49.8 (xx) \$500,000 each year from the workforce
49.9 development fund is for a grant to the Hmong
49.10 Chamber of Commerce to train ethnically
49.11 Southeast Asian business owners and
49.12 operators in better business practices. Of this
49.13 amount, up to \$5,000 may be used for
49.14 administrative costs. This is a onetime
49.15 appropriation.

49.16 (yy) \$275,000 each year is for a grant to
49.17 Southeast Minnesota Workforce Development
49.18 Area 8 and Workforce Development, Inc., to
49.19 provide career planning, career pathway
49.20 training and education, wraparound support
49.21 services, and job skills advancement in
49.22 high-demand careers to individuals with
49.23 barriers to employment in Steele County, and
49.24 to help families build secure pathways out of
49.25 poverty and address worker shortages in the
49.26 Owatonna and Steele County area, as well as
49.27 supporting Employer Outreach Services that
49.28 provide solutions to workforce challenges and
49.29 direct connections to workforce programming.
49.30 Money may be used for program expenses,
49.31 including but not limited to hiring instructors
49.32 and navigators; space rental; and supportive
49.33 services to help participants attend classes,
49.34 including assistance with course fees, child
49.35 care, transportation, and safe and stable

50.1 housing. Up to five percent of grant money
50.2 may be used for Workforce Development,
50.3 Inc.'s administrative costs. This is a onetime
50.4 appropriation and is available until June 30,
50.5 2027.

50.6 (zz) \$589,000 the first year and \$588,000 the
50.7 second year are for grants to the Black
50.8 Women's Wealth Alliance to provide
50.9 low-income individuals with job skills
50.10 training, career counseling, and job placement
50.11 assistance. This is a onetime appropriation.

50.12 (aaa) \$250,000 each year is for a grant to
50.13 Abijahs on the Backside to provide equine
50.14 experiential mental health therapy to first
50.15 responders suffering from job-related trauma
50.16 and post-traumatic stress disorder. For
50.17 purposes of this paragraph, a "first responder"
50.18 is a peace officer as defined in Minnesota
50.19 Statutes, section 626.84, subdivision 1,
50.20 paragraph (c); a full-time firefighter as defined
50.21 in Minnesota Statutes, section 299N.03,
50.22 subdivision 5; or a volunteer firefighter as
50.23 defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
50.24 299N.03, subdivision 7.

50.25 Abijahs on the Backside must report to the
50.26 commissioner of employment and economic
50.27 development and the chairs and ranking
50.28 minority members of the legislative
50.29 committees with jurisdiction over employment
50.30 and economic development policy and finance
50.31 on the equine experiential mental health
50.32 therapy provided to first responders under this
50.33 paragraph. The report must include an
50.34 overview of the program's budget, a detailed
50.35 explanation of program expenditures, the

51.1 number of first responders served by the
51.2 program, and a list and explanation of the
51.3 services provided to and benefits received by
51.4 program participants. An initial report is due
51.5 by January 15, 2024, and a final report is due
51.6 by January 15, 2026. This is a onetime
51.7 appropriation.

51.8 (bbb) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
51.9 Ramsey County to provide job training and
51.10 workforce development for underserved
51.11 communities. Grant money may be subgranted
51.12 to Milestone Community Development for the
51.13 Milestone Tech program. This is a onetime
51.14 appropriation.

51.15 (ccc) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
51.16 Ramsey County for a technology training
51.17 pathway program focused on intergenerational
51.18 community tech work for residents who are
51.19 at least 18 years old and no more than 24 years
51.20 old and who live in a census tract that has a
51.21 poverty rate of at least 20 percent as reported
51.22 in the most recently completed decennial
51.23 census published by the United States Bureau
51.24 of the Census. Grant money may be used for
51.25 program administration, training, training
51.26 stipends, wages, and support services. This is
51.27 a onetime appropriation.

51.28 (ddd) \$200,000 each year is for a grant to
51.29 Project Restore Minnesota for the Social
51.30 Kitchen project, a pathway program for careers
51.31 in the culinary arts. This is a onetime
51.32 appropriation and is available until June 30,
51.33 2027.

51.34 (eee) \$100,000 each year is for grants to the
51.35 Minnesota Grocers Association Foundation

52.1 for Carts to Careers, a statewide initiative to
52.2 promote careers, conduct outreach, provide
52.3 job skills training, and award scholarships for
52.4 students pursuing careers in the food industry.

52.5 This is a onetime appropriation.

52.6 (fff) \$1,200,000 each year is for a grant to
52.7 Twin Cities R!SE. Of this amount, \$700,000
52.8 each year is for performance grants under
52.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8747, to
52.10 Twin Cities R!SE to provide training to
52.11 individuals facing barriers to employment;
52.12 and \$500,000 each year is to increase the
52.13 capacity of the Empowerment Institute through
52.14 employer partnerships across Minnesota and
52.15 expansion of the youth personal empowerment
52.16 curriculum. This is a onetime appropriation
52.17 and available until June 30, 2026.

52.18 (ggg) \$750,000 each year is for a grant to
52.19 Bridges to Healthcare to provide career
52.20 education, wraparound support services, and
52.21 job skills training in high-demand health care
52.22 fields to low-income parents, nonnative
52.23 speakers of English, and other hard-to-train
52.24 individuals, helping families build secure
52.25 pathways out of poverty while also addressing
52.26 worker shortages in one of Minnesota's most
52.27 innovative industries. Grants may be used for
52.28 program expenses, including but not limited
52.29 to hiring instructors and navigators; space
52.30 rental; and supportive services to help
52.31 participants attend classes, including assistance
52.32 with course fees, child care, transportation,
52.33 and safe and stable housing. In addition, up to
52.34 five percent of grant money may be used for

53.1 Bridges to Healthcare's administrative costs.
53.2 This is a onetime appropriation.

53.3 (hhh) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to Big
53.4 Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities
53.5 to provide disadvantaged youth ages 12 to 21
53.6 with job-seeking skills, connections to job
53.7 training and education opportunities, and
53.8 mentorship while exploring careers. The grant
53.9 shall serve youth in the Big Brothers Big
53.10 Sisters chapters in the Twin Cities, central
53.11 Minnesota, and southern Minnesota. This is a
53.12 onetime appropriation.

53.13 (iii) \$3,000,000 each year is for a grant to
53.14 Youthprise to provide economic development
53.15 services designed to enhance long-term
53.16 economic self-sufficiency in communities with
53.17 concentrated African populations statewide.
53.18 Of these amounts, 50 percent is for subgrants
53.19 to Ka Joog and 50 percent is for competitive
53.20 subgrants to community organizations. This
53.21 is a onetime appropriation.

53.22 (jjj) \$350,000 each year is for a grant to the
53.23 YWCA Minneapolis to provide training to
53.24 eligible individuals, including job skills
53.25 training, career counseling, and job placement
53.26 assistance necessary to secure a child
53.27 development associate credential and to have
53.28 a career path in early education. This is a
53.29 onetime appropriation.

53.30 (kkk) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
53.31 Emerge Community Development to support
53.32 and reinforce critical workforce training at the
53.33 Emerge Career and Technical Center, Cedar
53.34 Riverside Opportunity Center, and Emerge

54.1 Second Chance programs in the city of
54.2 Minneapolis. This is a onetime appropriation.

54.3 (lll) \$425,000 each year is for a grant to Better
54.4 Futures Minnesota to provide job skills
54.5 training to individuals who have been released
54.6 from incarceration for a felony-level offense
54.7 and are no more than 12 months from the date
54.8 of release. This is a onetime appropriation.

54.9 Better Futures Minnesota shall annually report
54.10 to the commissioner on how the money was
54.11 spent and what results were achieved. The
54.12 report must include, at a minimum,
54.13 information and data about the number of
54.14 participants; participant homelessness,
54.15 employment, recidivism, and child support
54.16 compliance; and job skills training provided
54.17 to program participants.

54.18 (mmm) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
54.19 Pillsbury United Communities to provide job
54.20 training and workforce development services
54.21 for underserved communities. This is a
54.22 onetime appropriation.

54.23 (nnn) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
54.24 Project for Pride in Living for job training and
54.25 workforce development services for
54.26 underserved communities. This is a onetime
54.27 appropriation.

54.28 (ooo) \$300,000 each year is for a grant to
54.29 YMCA of the North to provide career
54.30 exploration, job training, and workforce
54.31 development services for underserved youth
54.32 and young adults. This is a onetime
54.33 appropriation.

55.1 (ppp) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to Al
55.2 Maa'uun, formerly the North at Work program,
55.3 for a strategic intervention program designed
55.4 to target and connect program participants to
55.5 meaningful, sustainable living wage
55.6 employment. This is a onetime appropriation.

55.7 (qqq) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
55.8 CAIRO to provide workforce development
55.9 services in health care, technology, and
55.10 transportation (CDL) industries. This is a
55.11 onetime appropriation.

55.12 (rrr) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to the
55.13 Central Minnesota Community Empowerment
55.14 Organization for providing services to relieve
55.15 economic disparities in the African immigrant
55.16 community through workforce recruitment,
55.17 development, job creation, assistance of
55.18 smaller organizations to increase capacity, and
55.19 outreach. Of this amount, up to five percent
55.20 is for administration and monitoring of the
55.21 program. This is a onetime appropriation.

55.22 (sss) \$270,000 each year is for a grant to the
55.23 Stairstep Foundation for community-based
55.24 workforce development efforts. This is a
55.25 onetime appropriation.

55.26 (ttt) \$400,000 each year is for a grant to
55.27 Building Strong Communities, Inc, for a
55.28 statewide apprenticeship readiness program
55.29 to prepare women, BIPOC community
55.30 members, and veterans to enter the building
55.31 and construction trades. This is a onetime
55.32 appropriation.

56.1 (uuu) \$150,000 each year is for prevailing
56.2 wage staff under Minnesota Statutes, section
56.3 116J.871, subdivision 2.

56.4 (vvv) \$250,000 each year is for the purpose
56.5 of awarding a grant to Minnesota Community
56.6 of African People with Disabilities
56.7 (MNCAPD), Roots Connect, and Fortune
56.8 Relief and Youth Empowerment Organization
56.9 (FRAYEO). This is a onetime appropriation.
56.10 MNCAPD, Roots Connect, and FRAYEO
56.11 must use grant proceeds to provide funding
56.12 for workforce development activities for
56.13 at-risk youth from low-income families and
56.14 unengaged young adults experiencing
56.15 disabilities, including:

56.16 (1) job readiness training for at-risk youth,
56.17 including resume building, interview skills,
56.18 and job search strategies;
56.19 (2) on-the-job training opportunities with local
56.20 businesses;
56.21 (3) support services such as transportation
56.22 assistance and child care to help youth attend
56.23 job training programs; and
56.24 (4) mentorship and networking opportunities
56.25 to connect youth with professionals in the
56.26 youth's desired fields.

56.27 (www)(1) \$250,000 each year is for a grant
56.28 to Greater Rochester Advocates for
56.29 Universities and Colleges (GRAUC), a
56.30 collaborative organization representing health
56.31 care, business, workforce development, and
56.32 higher education institutions, for expenses
56.33 relating to starting up a state-of-the-art
56.34 simulation center for training health care

57.1 workers in southeast Minnesota. Once
57.2 established, this center must be self-sustaining
57.3 through user fees. Eligible expenses include
57.4 leasing costs, developing and providing
57.5 training, and operational costs. This is a
57.6 onetime appropriation.

57.7 (2) By January 15, 2025, GRAUC must submit
57.8 a report, including an independent financial
57.9 audit of the use of grant money, to the chairs
57.10 and ranking minority members of the
57.11 legislative committees having jurisdiction over
57.12 higher education and economic development.

57.13 This report must include details on the training
57.14 provided at the simulation center, including
57.15 the names of all organizations that use the
57.16 center for training, the number of individuals
57.17 each organization trained, and the type of
57.18 training provided.

57.19 (xxx)(1) \$350,000 each year is for a grant to
57.20 the Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers
57.21 for a pilot program supporting black
57.22 undergraduate students pursuing admission to
57.23 law school. This is a onetime appropriation.

57.24 (2) The program must:

57.25 (i) enroll an initial cohort of ten to 20 black
57.26 Minnesota resident students attending a
57.27 baccalaureate degree-granting postsecondary
57.28 institution in Minnesota full time;

57.29 (ii) support each of the program's students with
57.30 an academic scholarship in the amount of
57.31 \$4,000 per academic year;

57.32 (iii) organize events and programming,
57.33 including but not limited to one-on-one

58.1 mentoring, to familiarize enrolled students
58.2 with law school and legal careers; and
58.3 (iv) provide the program's students free test
58.4 preparation materials, academic support, and
58.5 registration for the Law School Admission
58.6 Test (LSAT) examination.

58.7 (3) The Minnesota Association of Black
58.8 Lawyers may use grant funds under clause (1)
58.9 for costs related to:

58.10 (i) student scholarships;
58.11 (ii) academic events and programming,
58.12 including food and transportation costs for
58.13 students;
58.14 (iii) LSAT preparation materials, courses, and
58.15 registrations; and
58.16 (iv) hiring staff for the program.

58.17 (4) By January 30, 2024, and again by January
58.18 30, 2025, the Minnesota Association of Black
58.19 Lawyers must submit a report to the
58.20 commissioner and to the chairs and ranking
58.21 minority members of legislative committees
58.22 with jurisdiction over workforce development
58.23 finance and policy and higher education
58.24 finance and policy. The report must include
58.25 an accurate and detailed account of the pilot
58.26 program, its outcomes, and its revenues and
58.27 expenses, including the use of all state funds
58.28 appropriated in clause (1).

58.29 (yyy) \$2,000,000 the first year is for a grant
58.30 to the Power of People Leadership Institute
58.31 (POPLI) to expand pre- and post-release
58.32 personal development and leadership training
58.33 and community reintegration services, to

59.1 reduce recidivism, and increase access to
59.2 employment. This is a onetime appropriation
59.3 and is available until June 30, 2025.

59.4 (zzz) \$500,000 the first year is to the
59.5 Legislative Coordinating Commission for the
59.6 Working Group on Youth Interventions. This
59.7 is a onetime appropriation.

59.8 Sec. 8. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 20, section 2, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

59.9	Subd. 4. General Support Services	18,045,000	8,045,000
59.10	Appropriations by Fund		
59.11		2024	2025
59.12	General Fund	17,950,000	7,950,000
59.13	Workforce		
59.14	Development	95,000	95,000

59.15 The base for the general support services
59.16 division in fiscal year 2026 is \$5,950,000 for
59.17 the general fund and \$95,000 for the
59.18 workforce development fund.

59.19 (a) \$1,269,000 each year is for transfer to the
59.20 Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for
59.21 operating the Olmstead Compliance Office.

59.22 (b) \$10,000,000 the first year is for the
59.23 workforce digital transformation projects. This
59.24 appropriation is onetime and is available until
59.25 June 30, 2027.

59.26 Sec. 9. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 20, section 2, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

59.27			45,691,000
59.28	Subd. 6. Vocational Rehabilitation	45,691,000	<u>40,636,000</u>
59.29	Appropriations by Fund		
59.30		2024	2025
59.31			37,861,000
59.32	General	37,861,000	<u>32,806,000</u>
59.33	Workforce		
59.34	Development	7,830,000	7,830,000

- 60.1 (a) \$14,300,000 each year is for the state's
60.2 vocational rehabilitation program under
60.3 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 268A.
- 60.4 (b) \$11,495,000 each year from the general
60.5 fund and \$6,830,000 each year from the
60.6 workforce development fund are for extended
60.7 employment services for persons with severe
60.8 disabilities under Minnesota Statutes, section
60.9 268A.15. Of the amounts appropriated from
60.10 the general fund, \$4,500,000 each year is for
60.11 maintaining prior rate increases to providers
60.12 of extended employment services for persons
60.13 with severe disabilities under Minnesota
60.14 Statutes, section 268A.15.
- 60.15 (c) \$5,055,000 ~~each year~~ in the first year is for
60.16 grants to programs that provide employment
60.17 support services to persons with mental illness
60.18 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 268A.13
60.19 and 268A.14, and is available until June 30,
60.20 2025. The base for this appropriation is
60.21 \$2,555,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each year
60.22 thereafter.
- 60.23 (d) \$7,011,000 each year is for grants to
60.24 centers for independent living under
60.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 268A.11. This
60.26 appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.
60.27 The base for this appropriation is \$3,011,000
60.28 in fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter.
- 60.29 (e) \$1,000,000 each year is from the workforce
60.30 development fund for grants under Minnesota
60.31 Statutes, section 268A.16, for employment
60.32 services for persons, including transition-age
60.33 youth, who are deaf, deafblind, or
60.34 hard-of-hearing. If the amount in the first year

61.1 is insufficient, the amount in the second year
61.2 is available in the first year.

61.3 Sec. 10. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 21, section 6, is amended to read:

61.4 Sec. 6. **TRANSFERS.**

61.5 (a) In the biennium ending on June 30, 2025, the commissioner of management and
61.6 budget must transfer \$400,000,000 from the general fund to the Minnesota forward fund
61.7 account established in Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8752, subdivision 2. The base for
61.8 this transfer is \$0.

61.9 (b) In the biennium ending on June 30, 2025, the commissioner of management and
61.10 budget shall transfer \$25,000,000 from the general fund to the Minnesota climate innovation
61.11 authority account established in Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.441, subdivision 11. The
61.12 base for this transfer is \$0.

61.13 (c) In the biennium ending on June 30, 2025, the commissioner of management and
61.14 budget must transfer \$75,000,000 from the general fund to the state competitiveness fund
61.15 account established in Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.391, subdivision 2. Notwithstanding
61.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.391, subdivision 2, the commissioner of commerce must
61.17 use this transfer for grants to eligible entities for projects receiving federal loans or tax
61.18 credits where the benefits are in disadvantaged communities. The base for this transfer is
61.19 \$0. Up to three percent of money transferred under this paragraph is for administrative costs.

61.20 ~~(d) In the biennium ending on June 30, 2027,~~ The commissioners of management and
61.21 budget, in consultation with the commissioners of employment and economic development
61.22 and commerce, may transfer money between the Minnesota forward fund account, the
61.23 Minnesota climate innovation authority account, and the state competitiveness fund account.
61.24 The commissioner of management and budget must notify the Legislative Advisory
61.25 Commission within 15 days of making transfers under this paragraph.

61.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

61.27 Sec. 11. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 21, section 7, is amended to read:

61.28 Sec. 7. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

61.29 (a) \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the Minnesota forward fund
61.30 account to the commissioner of employment and economic development for providing
61.31 businesses with matching funds required by federal programs. Money awarded under this

program is made retroactive to February 1, 2023, for applications and projects. The commissioner may use up to two percent of this appropriation for administration. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027. Any funds that remain unspent are canceled to the general fund.

(b) \$100,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the Minnesota forward fund account to the commissioner of employment and economic development to match existing federal funds made available in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, Public Law 117-328. This appropriation must be used to (1) construct and operate a bioindustrial manufacturing pilot innovation facility, biorefinery, or commercial campus utilizing agricultural feedstocks or (2) for a Minnesota aerospace center for research, development, and testing, or both (1) and (2). This appropriation is not subject to the grant limit requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8752, subdivision subdivisions 4, paragraph (b), and 5. The commissioner may use up to two percent of this appropriation for administration. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027. Any funds that remain unspent are canceled to the general fund.

(c) \$250,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the Minnesota forward fund account to the commissioner of employment and economic development to match federal funds made available in the Chips and Science Act, Public Law 117-167. Money awarded under this program is made retroactive to February 1, 2023, for applications and projects. This appropriation is not subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8752, subdivision 5. The commissioner may use up two percent for administration. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027. Any funds that remain unspent are canceled to the general fund.

(d) The commissioner may use the appropriation under paragraph (c) to allocate up to 15 percent of the total project cost with a maximum of \$75,000,000 per project for the purpose of constructing, modernizing, or expanding commercial facilities on the front- and back-end fabrication of leading-edge, current-generation, and mature-node semiconductors; funding semiconductor materials and manufacturing equipment facilities; and for research and development facilities.

(e) The commissioner may use the appropriation under paragraph (c) to award:

(1) grants to institutions of higher education for developing and deploying training programs and to build pipelines to serve the needs of industry; and

(2) grants to increase the capacity of institutions of higher education to serve industrial requirements for research and development that coincide with current and future requirements

of projects eligible under this section. Grant money may be used to construct and equip facilities that serve the purpose of the industry. The maximum grant award per institution of higher education under this section is \$5,000,000 and may not represent more than 50 percent of the total project funding from other sources. Use of this funding must be supported by businesses receiving funds under clause (1).

(f) Money appropriated in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) may be transferred between appropriations within the Minnesota forward fund account by the commissioner of employment and economic development with approval of the commissioner of management and budget. The commissioner must notify the Legislative Advisory Commission at least 15 days prior to changing appropriations under this paragraph.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 12. Laws 2023, chapter 64, article 15, section 30, is amended to read:

Sec. 30. **APPROPRIATION; CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS; GRANT.**

(a) ~~\$10,000,000~~ \$9,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for a grant to the city of Minneapolis. This is a onetime appropriation. The grant must be paid by July 15, 2023. The city of Minneapolis may use up to one percent of the grant for administrative costs.

(b) Of the amount granted to the city of Minneapolis under paragraph (a), ~~\$8,000,000~~ \$7,000,000 must be used for a grant to a foundation that provides business advising, branding and marketing support, and real estate consulting to businesses located on Lake Street in Minneapolis, between 30th Avenue South and Nicollet Avenue. The organization must use the funds for direct business support or direct corridor support, including assistance with marketing, placemaking, and public relations services.

(c) Of the amount granted to the city of Minneapolis under paragraph (a), \$2,000,000 must be used for property acquisition in the city of Minneapolis at 1860 28th Street East and 2717 Longfellow Avenue.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 13. **JOB CREATION FUND; TRANSFER OUT.**

\$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 is transferred from the job creation fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8748, to the general fund. This is a onetime transfer.

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65.1 ~~(3)~~ (2) has its primary office located in a historically underserved community of color
65.2 or low-income community; and

65.3 ~~(4)~~ (3) serves a population that generally reflects the demographics of that local
65.4 community.

65.5 (c) "Entry level jobs" means part-time or full-time jobs that an individual can perform
65.6 without any prior education or experience.

65.7 (d) "High wage" means the income needed for a family to cover minimum necessary
65.8 expenses in a given geographic area, including food, child care, health care, housing, and
65.9 transportation.

65.10 (e) "Industry specific certification" means a credential an individual can earn to show
65.11 proficiency in a particular area or skill.

65.12 (f) "Remedial training" means additional training provided to staff following the
65.13 identification of a need and intended to increase proficiency in performing job tasks.

65.14 (g) "Small business" has the same meaning as section 645.445.

65.15 Sec. 2. [116U.255] EXPLORE MINNESOTA FILM.

65.16 Subdivision 1. Office established; director. (a) Explore Minnesota Film is established
65.17 as an office within Explore Minnesota.

65.18 (b) The director of Explore Minnesota shall appoint the director of Explore Minnesota
65.19 Film. The director of Explore Minnesota Film must be qualified by experience with issues
65.20 related to film and television production and economic development.

65.21 (c) The office may employ staff necessary to carry out the duties required in this section.

65.22 Subd. 2. Duties. The director of Explore Minnesota Film is authorized to:

65.23 (1) administer the film production jobs program and the film production credit program;

65.24 (2) promote Minnesota as a location for film and television production;

65.25 (3) assist in the establishment and implementation of programs related to film and
65.26 television production, including but not limited to permitting and workforce development;

65.27 (4) improve communication among local, state, federal, and private entities regarding
65.28 film and television production logistics and best practices;

65.29 (5) coordinate the development of statewide policies addressing film and television
65.30 production; and

66.1 (6) act as a liaison to production entities, workers, and state agencies.

66.2 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 116U.26, is amended to read:

66.3 **116U.26 FILM PRODUCTION JOBS PROGRAM.**

66.4 (a) The film production jobs program is created. The program shall be operated by ~~the~~
66.5 ~~Minnesota Film and TV Board~~ Explore Minnesota Film with administrative oversight and
66.6 control by the ~~commissioner of employment and economic development~~ director of Explore
66.7 Minnesota. The program shall make payment to producers of feature films, national television
66.8 or Internet programs, documentaries, music videos, and commercials that directly create
66.9 new film jobs in Minnesota. To be eligible for a payment, a producer must submit
66.10 documentation to ~~the Minnesota Film and TV Board~~ Explore Minnesota Film of expenditures
66.11 for production costs incurred in Minnesota that are directly attributable to the production
66.12 in Minnesota of a film product.

66.13 ~~The Minnesota Film and TV Board~~ Explore Minnesota Film shall make recommendations
66.14 to the ~~commissioner of employment and economic development~~ director of Explore
66.15 Minnesota about program payment, but the ~~commissioner~~ director has the authority to make
66.16 the final determination on payments. The ~~commissioner's~~ director's determination must be
66.17 based on proper documentation of eligible production costs submitted for payments. No
66.18 more than five percent of the funds appropriated for the program in any year may be expended
66.19 for administration, including costs for independent audits and financial reviews of projects.

66.20 (b) For the purposes of this section:

66.21 (1) "production costs" means the cost of the following:

66.22 (i) a story and scenario to be used for a film;

66.23 (ii) salaries of talent, management, and labor, including payments to personal services
66.24 corporations for the services of a performing artist;

66.25 (iii) set construction and operations, wardrobe, accessories, and related services;

66.26 (iv) photography, sound synchronization, lighting, and related services;

66.27 (v) editing and related services;

66.28 (vi) rental of facilities and equipment;

66.29 (vii) other direct costs of producing the film in accordance with generally accepted
66.30 entertainment industry practice;

66.31 (viii) above-the-line talent fees for nonresident talent; or

67.1 (ix) costs incurred during postproduction; and

67.2 (2) "film" means a feature film, television or Internet pilot, program, series, documentary,
67.3 music video, or television commercial, whether on film, video, or digital media. Film does
67.4 not include news, current events, public programming, or a program that includes weather
67.5 or market reports; a talk show; a production with respect to a questionnaire or contest; a
67.6 sports event or sports activity; a gala presentation or awards show; a finished production
67.7 that solicits funds; or a production for which the production company is required under
67.8 United States Code, title 18, section 2257, to maintain records with respect to a performer
67.9 portrayed in a single-media or multimedia program.

67.10 (c) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, ~~the Minnesota Film and TV Board~~
67.11 Explore Minnesota Film may make reimbursements of: (1) up to 25 percent of production
67.12 costs for films that locate production outside the metropolitan area, as defined in section
67.13 473.121, subdivision 2, or that incur a minimum Minnesota expenditure of \$1,000,000 in
67.14 the metropolitan area within a 12-month period; or (2) up to 20 percent of production costs
67.15 for films that incur less than \$1,000,000 in Minnesota production costs in the metropolitan
67.16 area within a 12-month period.

67.17 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 116U.27, subdivision 1, is amended
67.18 to read:

67.19 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have
67.20 the meanings given.

67.21 (b) "Allocation certificate" means a certificate issued by the commissioner to a taxpayer
67.22 upon receipt and approval of an initial application for a credit for a project that has not yet
67.23 been completed.

67.24 (c) "Application" means the application for a credit under subdivision 4.

67.25 ~~(d) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of employment and economic development.~~

67.26 ~~(e)~~ (d) "Credit certificate" means a certificate issued by the commissioner upon receipt
67.27 and approval of the cost verification report in subdivision 4, paragraph (e).

67.28 (e) "Director" means the director of Explore Minnesota.

67.29 (f) "Eligible production costs" means eligible production costs as defined in section
67.30 116U.26, paragraph (b), clause (1), incurred in Minnesota that are directly attributable to
67.31 the production of a film project in Minnesota.

67.32 (g) "Film" has the meaning given in section 116U.26, paragraph (b), clause (2).

68.1 (h) "Project" means a film:

68.2 (1) that includes the promotion of Minnesota;

68.3 (2) for which the taxpayer has expended at least \$1,000,000 in any consecutive 12-month
68.4 period beginning after expenditures are first paid in Minnesota for eligible production costs;
68.5 and

68.6 (3) to the extent practicable, that employs Minnesota residents.

68.7 Television commercials are exempt from the requirement under clause (1).

68.8 (i) "Promotion of Minnesota" or "promotion" means visible display of a static or animated
68.9 logo, approved by the ~~commissioner~~ and lasting approximately five seconds director, that
68.10 promotes Minnesota within its presentation in the end credits ~~before the below-the-line crew~~
68.11 ~~crawl~~ for the life of the project.

68.12 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 116U.27, subdivision 4, is amended
68.13 to read:

68.14 Subd. 4. **Applications; allocations.** (a) To qualify for a credit under this section, a
68.15 taxpayer must submit to the ~~commissioner~~ director an application for a credit in the form
68.16 prescribed by the ~~commissioner~~ director, in consultation with the commissioner of revenue.

68.17 (b) Upon approving an application for a credit that meets the requirements of this section,
68.18 the ~~commissioner~~ director shall issue allocation certificates that:

68.19 (1) verify eligibility for the credit;

68.20 (2) state the amount of credit anticipated for the eligible project, with the credit amount
68.21 up to 25 percent of eligible project costs; and

68.22 (3) state the taxable year in which the credit is allocated.

68.23 ~~The commissioner must consult with the Minnesota Film and TV Board prior to issuing an~~
68.24 ~~allocation certificate.~~

68.25 (c) The ~~commissioner~~ director must not issue allocation certificates for more than
68.26 \$24,950,000 of credits each year. If the entire amount is not allocated in that taxable year,
68.27 any remaining amount is available for allocation for the four following taxable years until
68.28 the entire allocation has been made. The ~~commissioner~~ director must not award any credits
68.29 for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2030, and any unallocated amounts cancel
68.30 on that date.

68.31 (d) The ~~commissioner~~ director must allocate credits on a first-come, first-served basis.

(e) Upon completion of a project, the taxpayer shall submit to the ~~commissioner~~ director a report prepared by an independent certified public accountant licensed in the state of Minnesota to verify the amount of eligible production costs related to the project. The report must be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Upon receipt and approval of the cost verification report and other documents required by the ~~commissioner~~ director, the ~~commissioner~~ director shall determine the final amount of eligible production costs and issue a credit certificate to the taxpayer. The credit may not exceed the anticipated credit amount on the allocation certificate. If the credit is less than the anticipated amount on the allocation credit, the difference is returned to the amount available for allocation under paragraph (c). To claim the credit under section 290.06, subdivision 39, or 297I.20, subdivision 4, a taxpayer must include a copy of the credit certificate as part of the taxpayer's return.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 116U.27, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Report required.** By January 15, 2025, the commissioner of revenue, in consultation with the ~~commissioner~~ director, must provide a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over economic development and taxes. The report must comply with sections 3.195 and 3.197, and must detail the following:

(1) the amount of credit certifications issued annually;

(2) the number of applications submitted, the number of allocation certificates issued, the amount of allocation certificates issued, the number of reports submitted upon completion of a project, and the number of credit certificates issued;

(3) the types of projects eligible for the credit;

(4) the total economic impact of the credit in Minnesota, including the calendar year over calendar year percentage changes in the number of jobs held by Minnesota residents in businesses having a primary North American Industry Classification System code of 512110 as reported to the commissioner, for calendar years 2019 through 2023;

(5) the number of taxpayers per tax type which are assignees of credit certificates under subdivision 3;

(6) annual Minnesota taxes paid by businesses having a primary North American Industry Classification System code of 512110, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018, and before January 1, 2024; and

(7) any other information the commissioner of revenue, in consultation with the ~~commissioner~~ director, deems necessary for purposes of claiming and administering the credit.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 116U.27, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **Appropriation.** Beginning in fiscal year 2022, \$50,000 is annually appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of revenue for a transfer to ~~the Department of Employment and Economic Development~~ Explore Minnesota for costs associated with personnel and administrative expenses related to administering the credit. This subdivision expires on June 30, 2025.

Sec. 8. **CHANGE STARTS WITH COMMUNITY VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM.**

Subdivision 1. **Objectives.** Change Starts With Community must:

(1) develop and implement year-round job training programs for at-risk youth and adults and provide trusted adult mentorship for at-risk BIPOC youth, providing them with the skills needed for gainful employment and career opportunities; and

(2) create on-site job opportunities at Shiloh Cares Food Shelf, promoting community engagement and economic development.

Subd. 2. **Partnerships.** (a) Change Starts With Community must partner with the Cargill Foundation to support at-risk youth educational career field trips and mental health check-ins, exposing participants to multiple career paths and preventing further trauma through mental health check-ins for youth.

(b) Change Starts With Community must partner with Hennepin County juvenile corrections and the Minneapolis Police Department to receive referrals for at-risk youth who would benefit from enrollment in the program to prevent risky behaviors and community violence.

Subd. 3. **At-risk youth and adult job program positions.** Change Starts With Community must use grant proceeds to add positions to the program's complement, including but not limited to youth mentorships, food service workers, an executive director, director, and program director.

Subd. 4. **Report.** Change Starts With Community must report to the commissioner of employment and economic development, outlining the utilization of grant money, program

71.1 outcomes, and the impact on the targeted population. The report must be submitted no later
71.2 than six months after the end of fiscal year 2025.

71.3 **Sec. 9. SHAKOPEE AREA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS**
71.4 **PILOT.**

71.5 **Subdivision 1. Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have
71.6 the meanings given.

71.7 (b) "Employer-sponsored applicant" means a student applicant with a local employer
71.8 scholarship equal to or greater than 25 percent of the workforce development scholarship.

71.9 (c) "Local employer" means an employer with a physical location in a county within the
71.10 service area of the foundation as listed in paragraph (d).

71.11 (d) "Shakopee Chamber Foundation" or "foundation" means a nonprofit organization
71.12 which provides workforce and charitable services to Scott County as well as the Shakopee
71.13 Mdewakanton Sioux Community.

71.14 **Subd. 2. Grants and administration.** (a) The commissioner of employment and
71.15 economic development must award appropriated grant funds to the foundation to administer
71.16 the Shakopee area workforce development scholarship pilot program. The foundation may
71.17 use up to ten percent of grant funds for administrative costs.

71.18 (b) The foundation and participating college or university from the Minnesota State
71.19 Colleges and Universities System must establish an application process and other guidelines
71.20 for implementing this program.

71.21 **Subd. 3. Scholarship recipient requirements.** (a) To be eligible for a scholarship from
71.22 the foundation, a student must:

71.23 (1) be enrolling or enrolled at least half-time in a program at a college or university from
71.24 the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System approved by the Dakota-Scott
71.25 Workforce Development Board under subdivision 4; and

71.26 (2) complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), if applicable to
71.27 the program for which they are enrolling or enrolled.

71.28 (b) A recipient of a scholarship awarded under this section must:

71.29 (1) adhere to any applicable participating local employer program requirements; and

71.30 (2) sign a contract agreeing to fulfill the employment obligation under paragraph (c).

72.1 (c) A scholarship recipient must fulfill a three-year full-time employment commitment
72.2 within the service area of the foundation as listed in subdivision 1, paragraph (d). The
72.3 employment may be with the local employer sponsoring the student or any qualified local
72.4 employer in a high-demand occupation as defined by the Dakota-Scott Workforce
72.5 Development Board. If a recipient of a scholarship fails to fulfill the requirements of this
72.6 paragraph, the foundation may convert the scholarship to a loan. Amounts repaid from a
72.7 loan must be used to fund scholarship awards under this section.

72.8 Subd. 4. **Program eligibility.** (a) The Dakota-Scott Workforce Development Board
72.9 must annually identify eligible undergraduate degree, diploma, or certificate or
72.10 industry-recognized credential programs in advanced manufacturing, health care, law
72.11 enforcement, hospitality, or other high-demand occupations. The Dakota-Scott Workforce
72.12 Development Board must consider data based on a workforce shortage for full-time
72.13 employment requiring postsecondary education that is unique to the region, as reported in
72.14 the most recent Department of Employment and Economic Development job vacancy survey
72.15 data for the economic development region. A workforce shortage area is one in which the
72.16 job vacancy rate for full-time employment in a specific occupation in the region is higher
72.17 than the state average vacancy rate for that same occupation.

72.18 (b) By December 1, 2024, and annually through December 1, 2029, the Dakota-Scott
72.19 Workforce Development Board must provide a list of eligible programs administered by
72.20 each Minnesota state college and university that are eligible for scholarships in the subsequent
72.21 year.

72.22 Subd. 5. **Employer partnerships.** The foundation and Minnesota State Colleges and
72.23 Universities must establish partnerships with qualified local employers to ensure that 25
72.24 percent of the Shakopee area workforce development scholarship is matched with employer
72.25 or foundation funds.

72.26 Subd. 6. **Scholarship awards.** (a) The foundation must coordinate available funds and
72.27 award scholarships to Minnesota state colleges and universities with programs approved
72.28 by the Dakota-Scott Workforce Development Board. Scholarships must be coordinated by
72.29 the individual colleges approved by the Dakota-Scott Workforce Development Board and
72.30 applied only after all other available tuition waivers and grant and scholarship funding
72.31 through a last dollar in model. Scholarships are intended to supplement all other tuition
72.32 waivers and grant and scholarship opportunities and to cover the full cost of attendance to
72.33 the eligible students.

(b) If the appropriated grant is insufficient to award scholarships to all eligible applicants, priority must first be given to applicants that are program continuing applicants. Priority must then be given to employer-sponsored applicants.

Subd. 7. **Renewal; cap.** A student who has been awarded a scholarship may apply in subsequent academic years until the student completes a qualifying program. A student who successfully completes an eligible program and the subsequent work period requirement is eligible for a scholarship for a second program, but total lifetime awards must not exceed scholarships for two programs.

Subd. 8. **Report required.** The foundation must submit an annual report by December 31 of each year regarding the scholarship program to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over employment and economic development policy. The first report is due no later than December 31, 2025. The annual report must describe the following:

(1) the number of students receiving a scholarship at each participating college during the previous calendar year;

(2) the number of scholarships awarded for each program and definition of type of program during the previous calendar year;

(3) the number of scholarship recipients who completed a program of study or certification;

(4) the number of scholarship recipients who secured employment by their graduation date and those who secured employment within three months of their graduation date;

(5) a list of the colleges that received funding, the amount of funding each institution received, and whether all withheld funds were distributed;

(6) a list of occupations scholarship recipients are entering;

(7) the number of students who were denied a scholarship;

(8) a list of participating local employers and amounts of any applicable employer contributions; and

(9) a list of recommendations to the legislature regarding potential program improvements.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

74.1 Sec. 10. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

74.2 The revisor of statutes shall codify Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 21, section 6, paragraph
74.3 (d), as Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8752, subdivision 4a. The revisor may make any
74.4 technical, grammatical, or cross-reference changes necessary to effectuate this recodification.

74.5 Sec. 11. **REPEALER.**

74.6 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 116J.439, is repealed.

116J.439 AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL (AIR) GRANT PROGRAM.

Subdivision 1. **Grant program established; purpose.** (a) The commissioner shall make grants to counties, airport authorities, or cities to provide up to 50 percent of the capital costs of redevelopment of an existing facility or construction of a new facility; and for public or private infrastructure costs, including broadband infrastructure costs, necessary for an eligible airport infrastructure renewal economic development project.

(b) The purpose of the grants made under this section is to keep or enhance jobs in the area, increase the tax base, or expand or create new economic development.

(c) In awarding grants under this section, the commissioner must adhere to the criteria under subdivision 5.

Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given.

(b) "City" means a statutory or home rule charter city located outside the metropolitan area as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2.

(c) "County" means a county located outside the metropolitan area as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2.

(d) "Airport authority" means an authority created pursuant to section 360.0426.

Subd. 3. **Eligible projects.** An economic development project for which a county, airport authority, or city may be eligible to receive a grant under this section includes: (1) manufacturing; (2) technology; (3) warehousing and distribution; or (4) research and development.

Subd. 4. **Ineligible projects.** The following projects are not eligible for a grant under this section: (1) retail development; or (2) office space development, except as incidental to an eligible purpose.

Subd. 5. **Application.** (a) The commissioner must develop forms and procedures for soliciting and reviewing applications for grants under this section. At a minimum, a county, airport authority, or city must include in its application a resolution of the governing body of the county, airport authority, or city certifying that half of the cost of the project is committed from nonstate sources. The commissioner must evaluate complete applications for eligible projects using the following criteria:

(1) the project is an eligible project as defined under subdivision 3;

(2) the project is expected to result in or will attract substantial public and private capital investment and provide substantial economic benefit to the county, airport authority, or city in which the project would be located; and

(3) the project is expected to or will create or retain full-time jobs.

(b) The determination of whether to make a grant for a site is within the discretion of the commissioner, subject to this section. The commissioner's decisions and application of the criteria are not subject to judicial review except for abuse of discretion.

Subd. 6. **Maximum grant amount.** A county, airport authority, or city may receive no more than \$250,000 in two years for one or more projects.

Subd. 7. **Cancellation of grant; return of grant money.** If after five years the commissioner determines that a project has not proceeded in a timely manner and is unlikely to be completed, the commissioner must cancel the grant and require the grantee to return all grant money awarded for that project.

Subd. 8. **Appropriation.** Grant money returned to the commissioner is appropriated to the commissioner to make additional grants under this section.