

2.1 (c) The commissioner must give first priority to grant applicants who are currently in
2.2 mediation under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 583, ~~and must give second priority to grant~~
2.3 ~~applicants who have received a mediation notice under Minnesota Statutes, section 583.26,~~
2.4 ~~subdivision 1, paragraph (a).~~

2.5 (d) The amount appropriated under this subdivision is onetime.

2.6 (e) The commissioner may use up to ten percent of the amount appropriated under this
2.7 section to administer the grant program.

2.8 (f) If money appropriated under this subdivision is not encumbered by November 15,
2.9 2020, the commissioner may award the unencumbered amount as grants of not more than
2.10 \$5,000 per farmer to eligible farmers who can otherwise demonstrate financial need due to
2.11 COVID-19 but have not been approved for a farm debt restructuring loan guaranteed by
2.12 USDA, Farm Service Agency or issued under a loan program administered by the Rural
2.13 Finance Authority. When awarding grants under this paragraph, the commissioner must
2.14 give preference to farmers in mediation as required under paragraph (c).

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