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04/18/2024	14237a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance
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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to economic development; making supplemental budget adjustments for

1.3 the Department of Employment and Economic Development and Explore

1.4 Minnesota; authorizing a tax credit; requiring reports; appropriating money;

1.5 amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 116U.26; 116U.27, subdivisions 5,

1.6 6; Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, sections 116L.43, subdivision 1; 116U.27,

1.7 subdivisions 1, 4; Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 20, section 2, subdivisions 1, 2,

1.8 3, 4, 6; article 21, sections 6; 7; Laws 2023, chapter 64, article 15, section 30;

1.9 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116U; repealing

1.10 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 116J.439; Laws 2021, First Special Session

1.11 chapter 14, article 11, section 42, as amended.

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

1.13 **ARTICLE 1**

1.14 **APPROPRIATIONS**

1.15 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

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

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

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

1.20 "2024" and "2025" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under them are

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

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

1.23 years 2024 and 2025.

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

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

2.1 any amount of the grant appropriations for administrative costs unless otherwise appropriated
2.2 or stated in Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.035, subdivision 7.

2.3		<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
2.4		<u>Available for the Year</u>	
2.5		<u>Ending June 30</u>	
2.6		<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>

2.7 **Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT**
2.8 **AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

2.9 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** **\$ 1,075,000 \$ 10,105,000**

2.10		<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
2.11		<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
2.12	<u>General</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>6,305,000</u>
2.13	<u>Workforce</u>		
2.14	<u>Development</u>	<u>1,075,000</u>	<u>3,800,000</u>

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

2.18 **Subd. 2. Business and Community Development** **\$ -0- \$ 1,000,000**

2.19 (a) \$300,000 the second year is for a grant to
2.20 Fortis Capital, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit
2.21 corporation, for a revolving loan fund to
2.22 provide risk-mitigating capital for commercial
2.23 development activities in underserved
2.24 communities and to entrepreneurs from
2.25 disadvantaged groups statewide. This
2.26 revolving loan fund must focus on partnerships
2.27 with private sector lenders and other sources
2.28 of nonstate funds to maximize the impact of
2.29 the fund by leveraging outside capital. Of this
2.30 amount, up to five percent may be used for
2.31 Fortis Capital's operating costs. This is a
2.32 onetime appropriation and is available until
2.33 June 30, 2027.

2.34 (b) \$100,000 the second year is for grants to
2.35 community butcher shops for costs associated
2.36 with relocation of community butcher shops.

3.1 This is a onetime appropriation. In order to be
3.2 eligible for a grant:

3.3 (1) the community butcher shop must cater to
3.4 residents and families that reside within census
3.5 tracts, based on the most recent data published
3.6 by the United States Census Bureau, where:

3.7 (i) 50 percent or more of the population are
3.8 persons of color; or

3.9 (ii) 25 percent or more of the households have
3.10 an income at or below 200 percent of the
3.11 federal poverty level; and

3.12 (2) the relocation of the community butcher
3.13 shop is as a result of reducing the
3.14 environmental impact of the city business.

3.15 (c) \$300,000 the second year is for a grant to
3.16 the Black Chamber of Commerce to support
3.17 business development and economic growth
3.18 within the African American community in
3.19 Minnesota. The funds may be used to provide
3.20 small businesses with technical assistance,
3.21 workforce training, and development programs
3.22 to foster entrepreneurship, job creation, and
3.23 sustainable economic development,
3.24 particularly in underserved communities. This
3.25 is a onetime appropriation.

3.26 (d) \$300,000 for a grant to the Coalition of
3.27 Asian American Leaders to support Asian
3.28 Minnesotan women to start, manage, and grow
3.29 micro and small businesses. Grant proceeds
3.30 must be used to support outreach, training,
3.31 and peer network development; direct financial
3.32 assistance for Asian Minnesotan women
3.33 entrepreneurs; and provide technical assistance
3.34 to gain financial literacy skills, identify and

4.1 connect individuals to sources of private
 4.2 capital, and navigate state and federal
 4.3 programs to support small business
 4.4 development. This is a onetime appropriation
 4.5 and is available until June 30, 2026.

4.6 **Subd. 3. Employment and Training Programs** \$ 1,075,000 \$ 4,050,000

4.7	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
4.8	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
4.9	<u>General</u>	<u>-0-</u> <u>250,000</u>
4.10	<u>Workforce</u>	
4.11	<u>Development</u>	<u>1,075,000</u> <u>3,800,000</u>

4.12 (a) \$700,000 the first year is from the
 4.13 workforce development fund for a grant to the
 4.14 Shakopee Chamber Foundation for the
 4.15 Shakopee area workforce development
 4.16 scholarship pilot program in article 2, section
 4.17 9. This is a onetime appropriation and is
 4.18 available until June 30, 2027.

4.19 (b) \$250,000 the second year is from the
 4.20 workforce development fund for a grant to
 4.21 Inspire Change Clinic for their health care
 4.22 fellowship program designed to create
 4.23 pathways to medicine for high school and
 4.24 college students interested in pursuing a career
 4.25 in the health care workforce. The health care
 4.26 fellowship program is intended to remove
 4.27 barriers for minority students, foster
 4.28 inclusivity and diversity in the health care
 4.29 sector, and provide valuable opportunities for
 4.30 students, including mentorship programs,
 4.31 access to renowned health institutions in the
 4.32 state of Minnesota, and hands-on work
 4.33 experience. The commissioner must include
 4.34 the number of participants served by the grant
 4.35 and provide information about program

5.1 outcomes in addition to the reporting
5.2 requirements in section 12. This is a onetime
5.3 appropriation.

5.4 (c) \$250,000 the second year is from the
5.5 workforce development fund for a grant to
5.6 Bolder Options Youth Mentoring Program to
5.7 provide disadvantaged youth ages 12 to 22
5.8 with intensive one-to-one wellness,
5.9 goal-setting, and academic-focused
5.10 mentorship; programming that teaches life and
5.11 job-seeking skills; career and college
5.12 achievement coaches; and connections to
5.13 employment, job training, and education
5.14 opportunities. The grant must serve youth in
5.15 the Bolder Options program in the Twin Cities
5.16 and the city of Rochester. The commissioner
5.17 must include the number of participants served
5.18 by the grant in addition to the reporting
5.19 requirements in section 12. This is a onetime
5.20 appropriation.

5.21 (d) \$1,000,000 the second year is from the
5.22 workforce development fund for a grant to
5.23 Change Starts With Community for a violence
5.24 prevention program. Grant money must be
5.25 used to establish a comprehensive workforce
5.26 development initiative, specifically tailored
5.27 for at-risk youth and adults, located on site at
5.28 Shiloh Cares Food Shelf in the city of
5.29 Minneapolis. This is a onetime appropriation.

5.30 (e) \$375,000 the first year is from the
5.31 workforce development fund to the
5.32 commissioner of employment and economic
5.33 development to provide grants to secondary
5.34 career and technical education programs for
5.35 the purpose of offering instruction in meat

6.1 cutting and butchery. This is a onetime
6.2 appropriation. Notwithstanding Minnesota
6.3 Statutes, section 16A.28, any unencumbered
6.4 balance does not cancel at the end of fiscal
6.5 year 2024 and is available in fiscal year 2025.
6.6 Grants may be used for costs, including but
6.7 not limited to:
6.8 (1) equipment required for a meat cutting
6.9 program;
6.10 (2) facility renovation to accommodate meat
6.11 cutting; and
6.12 (3) training faculty to teach the fundamentals
6.13 of meat processing.
6.14 A grant recipient may be awarded a grant of
6.15 up to \$75,000 and may use up to ten percent
6.16 of the grant for faculty training.
6.17 In addition to the reporting requirements in
6.18 section 12, the commissioner must report to
6.19 the chairs and ranking minority members of
6.20 the legislative committees with jurisdiction
6.21 over agriculture finance, education finance,
6.22 and workforce development finance a list of
6.23 the grants made under this paragraph by
6.24 county and note the number and amount of
6.25 grant requests not fulfilled by January 15,
6.26 2025. The report may include additional
6.27 information as determined by the
6.28 commissioner, including but not limited to
6.29 information regarding the outcomes produced
6.30 by these grants. If additional grants are
6.31 awarded under this paragraph that were not
6.32 covered in the report due by January 15, 2025,
6.33 the commissioner must submit an additional
6.34 report to the chairs and ranking minority

7.1 members of the legislative committees with
7.2 jurisdiction over agriculture finance, education
7.3 finance, and workforce development finance
7.4 regarding all grants issued under this
7.5 paragraph by November 1, 2025.

7.6 Priority may be given to applicants who are
7.7 coordinating with meat cutting and butchery
7.8 programs at Minnesota State Colleges and
7.9 Universities institutions or with local industry
7.10 partners.

7.11 The Department of Employment and
7.12 Economic Development may enter into an
7.13 interagency agreement with the Department
7.14 of Agriculture, including agreements to
7.15 transfer funds, to administer the program.

7.16 (f) \$100,000 the second year is from the
7.17 workforce development fund for a grant to
7.18 InspireMSP to develop programming to assist
7.19 middle school-aged children in Minneapolis
7.20 and St. Paul to develop an interest in and
7.21 connect with the creative industry in
7.22 Minnesota. Money must be used for program
7.23 development and career exploration in the
7.24 creative industry for historically excluded
7.25 youth by providing access to essential
7.26 resources, networks, and hands-on experience
7.27 at a pivotal stage in their career journey. This
7.28 is a onetime appropriation.

7.29 (g) \$1,000,000 the second year is from the
7.30 workforce development fund for the
7.31 commissioner to contract with a vendor of
7.32 child care business management solutions that
7.33 provides comprehensive tools and
7.34 technological support, including:

8.1 (1) wraparound business management tools,
8.2 such as marketing, website creation,
8.3 enrollment support, automated billing,
8.4 attendance tracking, tax documentation, daily
8.5 activity tracking, family communication, and
8.6 revenue and expense tracking;

8.7 (2) technical assistance to child care providers
8.8 using software to manage their business;

8.9 (3) data dashboards for state and regional
8.10 monitoring of program implementation,
8.11 including real-time data;

8.12 (4) a Learning Management Solution to guide
8.13 new providers through the licensing process
8.14 and a licensing handbook developed
8.15 specifically for Minnesota requirements;

8.16 (5) integration with existing state database
8.17 systems; and

8.18 (6) language access services to meet
8.19 community needs.

8.20 The vendor must provide services free of
8.21 charge to child care businesses. The
8.22 commissioner of employment and economic
8.23 development must develop an application and
8.24 program materials for child care businesses
8.25 seeking access to the business management
8.26 solutions and must distribute licenses to the
8.27 product to applicants. Among comparable
8.28 proposals, the commissioner must prioritize
8.29 businesses providing family child care. This
8.30 is a onetime appropriation.

8.31 (h) \$100,000 the second year is from the
8.32 workforce development fund to the
8.33 commissioner of employment and economic
8.34 development for a grant to Lake County

9.1 Ambulance Service to establish a training
9.2 program for Cook County and Lake County
9.3 high school students interested in pursuing
9.4 careers as emergency medical technicians.
9.5 This is a onetime appropriation.

9.6 (i) \$350,000 the second year is from the
9.7 workforce development fund for a grant to the
9.8 city of Austin to develop and implement
9.9 training programs for water operators and for
9.10 wastewater operators. The training programs
9.11 are to be offered by Riverland Community
9.12 College. This is a onetime appropriation and
9.13 is available until June 30, 2027.

9.14 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
9.15 16A.28, any unencumbered balance does not
9.16 cancel at the end of fiscal year 2025 and is
9.17 available until June 30, 2027, for any purpose
9.18 described in this paragraph. Of this amount,
9.19 the city of Austin may use up to five percent
9.20 for administration of the program.

9.21 The commissioner must provide an annual
9.22 report by January 5 of each year until January
9.23 5, 2028, regarding the use of grant funds to
9.24 the chairs and ranking minority members of
9.25 the legislative committees with jurisdiction
9.26 over economic development and higher
9.27 education. The report must include the number
9.28 of students enrolled and number of students
9.29 who have completed courses funded by this
9.30 appropriation.

9.31 (j) \$250,000 the second year is from the
9.32 workforce development fund for a grant to the
9.33 Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches for
9.34 a STEM training and career preparation
9.35 program targeted at the needs of BIPOC youth.

10.1 The program shall serve youth who are at least
10.2 11 years of age and less than 24 years of age
10.3 and shall provide career training, job skills
10.4 development, mentorship, and employment
10.5 opportunities. This is a onetime appropriation
10.6 and is available until June 30, 2027.

10.7 (k) \$400,000 the second year is from the
10.8 workforce development fund for a grant to the
10.9 VoCul workforce development program to
10.10 address the shortage of skilled culinary
10.11 professionals in the local food industry. Grant
10.12 proceeds may be used to provide virtual and
10.13 hands-on training, practical experience, and
10.14 connections to jobs, industry professionals,
10.15 and continuing education. Of this amount,
10.16 VoCul may use up to five percent for
10.17 administration of the program. This is a
10.18 onetime appropriation.

10.19 (l) \$100,000 the second year is from the
10.20 workforce development fund for a grant to the
10.21 Community Animal Medicine Professionals
10.22 (CAMP) to provide training, professional
10.23 development workshops, mentorship and
10.24 leadership programs, and develop recruitment
10.25 and retention strategies for the CAMP program
10.26 at the North Minneapolis Pet Resource Center.
10.27 This is a onetime appropriation.

10.28 (m) \$200,000 the second year is for a grant to
10.29 YWCA St. Paul for a strategic intervention
10.30 program designed to target and connect
10.31 program participants to meaningful,
10.32 sustainable living wage employment. Funds
10.33 in this paragraph must not be used for
10.34 administrative costs of the program. This is a
10.35 onetime appropriation. In addition to the

11.1 reporting requirements in section 10, the
 11.2 commissioner must include the following in
 11.3 the report:

11.4 (1) the rationale for the program;

11.5 (2) the number of people served by the grant;

11.6 (3) the number of people who graduated from
 11.7 the program;

11.8 (4) funds spent per person served and
 11.9 graduated;

11.10 (5) a summary of the intervention strategies
 11.11 and services used in the program; and

11.12 (6) a summary of post-graduation
 11.13 employment, including but not limited to
 11.14 where graduates are employed, how many
 11.15 hours per week they work on average, and
 11.16 their average hourly and annual wages.

11.17 (n) \$50,000 the second year is for a grant to
 11.18 Block Builders Foundation. This appropriation
 11.19 must be used for programming targeted toward
 11.20 at-risk youth coaching, financial literacy
 11.21 education, juvenile offender diversion
 11.22 programming, and community outreach. This
 11.23 is a onetime appropriation.

11.24 Subd. 4. Vocational Rehabilitation \$ -0- \$ 5,055,000

11.25 \$5,055,000 the second year is for grants to
 11.26 programs that provide employment support
 11.27 services to persons with mental illness under
 11.28 Minnesota Statutes, sections 268A.13 and
 11.29 268A.14. This is a onetime appropriation and
 11.30 is available until June 30, 2027.

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

12.1 (a) \$4,000,000 the second year is for a grant
 12.2 to the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games to
 12.3 expend on providing food and housing to 2026
 12.4 Special Olympics USA Games athletes. This
 12.5 is a onetime appropriation.

12.6 (b) \$825,000 the second year is for the Office
 12.7 of Explore Minnesota Film.

12.8 (c) \$1,847,000 the second year is for a grant
 12.9 to the Minneapolis Downtown Council for
 12.10 infrastructure and associated costs for the
 12.11 Taste of Minnesota event, including but not
 12.12 limited to buildout, permits, garbage services,
 12.13 staffing, security, equipment rentals, signage,
 12.14 and insurance. This is a onetime appropriation.

12.15 Sec. 4. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 20, section 2, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

12.18	Appropriations by Fund			
12.19		2024	2025	
12.20		352,525,000	279,854,000	
12.21	General	<u>353,525,000</u>	<u>276,974,000</u>	
12.22	Remediation	700,000	700,000	
12.23	Workforce			
12.24	Development	30,277,000	30,277,000	

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

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

12.29		195,061,000	139,929,000
12.30	Subd. 2. Business and Community Development	<u>196,061,000</u>	<u>142,104,000</u>

12.31	Appropriations by Fund		
12.32		193,011,000	137,879,000
12.33	General	<u>194,011,000</u>	<u>140,054,000</u>

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| 13.1 | Remediation | 700,000 | 700,000 |
| 13.2 | Workforce | | |
| 13.3 | Development | 1,350,000 | 1,350,000 |
- 13.4 (a) \$2,287,000 each year is for the greater
- 13.5 Minnesota business development public
- 13.6 infrastructure grant program under Minnesota
- 13.7 Statutes, section 116J.431. This appropriation
- 13.8 is available until June 30, 2027.
- 13.9 (b) \$500,000 each year is for grants to small
- 13.10 business development centers under Minnesota
- 13.11 Statutes, section 116J.68. Money made
- 13.12 available under this paragraph may be used to
- 13.13 match funds under the federal Small Business
- 13.14 Development Center (SBDC) program under
- 13.15 United States Code, title 15, section 648, to
- 13.16 provide consulting and technical services or
- 13.17 to build additional SBDC network capacity to
- 13.18 serve entrepreneurs and small businesses.
- 13.19 (c) \$2,500,000 each year is for Launch
- 13.20 Minnesota. These are onetime appropriations.
- 13.21 Of this amount:
- 13.22 (1) \$1,500,000 each year is for innovation
- 13.23 grants to eligible Minnesota entrepreneurs or
- 13.24 start-up businesses to assist with their
- 13.25 operating needs;
- 13.26 (2) \$500,000 each year is for administration
- 13.27 of Launch Minnesota; and
- 13.28 (3) \$500,000 each year is for grantee activities
- 13.29 at Launch Minnesota.
- 13.30 (d)(1) \$500,000 each year is for grants to
- 13.31 MNSBIR, Inc., to support moving scientific
- 13.32 excellence and technological innovation from
- 13.33 the lab to the market for start-ups and small
- 13.34 businesses by securing federal research and

14.1 development funding. The purpose of the grant
14.2 is to build a strong Minnesota economy and
14.3 stimulate the creation of novel products,
14.4 services, and solutions in the private sector;
14.5 strengthen the role of small business in
14.6 meeting federal research and development
14.7 needs; increase the commercial application of
14.8 federally supported research results; and
14.9 develop and increase the Minnesota
14.10 workforce, especially by fostering and
14.11 encouraging participation by small businesses
14.12 owned by women and people who are Black,
14.13 Indigenous, or people of color. This is a
14.14 onetime appropriation.

14.15 (2) MNSBIR, Inc., shall use the grant money
14.16 to be the dedicated resource for federal
14.17 research and development for small businesses
14.18 of up to 500 employees statewide to support
14.19 research and commercialization of novel ideas,
14.20 concepts, and projects into cutting-edge
14.21 products and services for worldwide economic
14.22 impact. MNSBIR, Inc., shall use grant money
14.23 to:

14.24 (i) assist small businesses in securing federal
14.25 research and development funding, including
14.26 the Small Business Innovation Research and
14.27 Small Business Technology Transfer programs
14.28 and other federal research and development
14.29 funding opportunities;

14.30 (ii) support technology transfer and
14.31 commercialization from the University of
14.32 Minnesota, Mayo Clinic, and federal
14.33 laboratories;

14.34 (iii) partner with large businesses;

- 15.1 (iv) conduct statewide outreach, education,
15.2 and training on federal rules, regulations, and
15.3 requirements;
- 15.4 (v) assist with scientific and technical writing;
- 15.5 (vi) help manage federal grants and contracts;
15.6 and
- 15.7 (vii) support cost accounting and sole-source
15.8 procurement opportunities.
- 15.9 (e) \$10,000,000 the first year is for the
15.10 Minnesota Expanding Opportunity Fund
15.11 Program under Minnesota Statutes, section
15.12 116J.8733. This is a onetime appropriation
15.13 and is available until June 30, 2025.
- 15.14 (f) \$6,425,000 each year is for the small
15.15 business assistance partnerships program
15.16 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.682.
15.17 All grant awards shall be for two consecutive
15.18 years. Grants shall be awarded in the first year.
15.19 The department may use up to five percent of
15.20 the appropriation for administrative purposes.
15.21 The base for this appropriation is \$2,725,000
15.22 in fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter.
- 15.23 (g) \$350,000 each year is for administration
15.24 of the community energy transition office.
- 15.25 (h) \$5,000,000 each year is transferred from
15.26 the general fund to the community energy
15.27 transition account for grants under Minnesota
15.28 Statutes, section 116J.55. This is a onetime
15.29 transfer.
- 15.30 (i) \$1,772,000 each year is for contaminated
15.31 site cleanup and development grants under
15.32 Minnesota Statutes, sections 116J.551 to

16.1 116J.558. This appropriation is available until
16.2 expended.

16.3 (j) \$700,000 each year is from the remediation
16.4 fund for contaminated site cleanup and
16.5 development grants under Minnesota Statutes,
16.6 sections 116J.551 to 116J.558. This
16.7 appropriation is available until expended.

16.8 (k) \$389,000 each year is for the Center for
16.9 Rural Policy and Development. The base for
16.10 this appropriation is \$139,000 in fiscal year
16.11 2026 and each year thereafter.

16.12 (l) \$25,000 each year is for the administration
16.13 of state aid for the Destination Medical Center
16.14 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 469.40 to
16.15 469.47.

16.16 (m) \$875,000 each year is for the host
16.17 community economic development program
16.18 established in Minnesota Statutes, section
16.19 116J.548.

16.20 (n) \$6,500,000 each year is for grants to local
16.21 communities to increase the number of quality
16.22 child care providers to support economic
16.23 development. Fifty percent of grant money
16.24 must go to communities located outside the
16.25 seven-county metropolitan area as defined in
16.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121,
16.27 subdivision 2. The base for this appropriation
16.28 is \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each year
16.29 thereafter.

16.30 Grant recipients must obtain a 50 percent
16.31 nonstate match to grant money in either cash
16.32 or in-kind contribution, unless the
16.33 commissioner waives the requirement. Grant
16.34 money available under this subdivision must

17.1 be used to implement projects to reduce the
17.2 child care shortage in the state, including but
17.3 not limited to funding for child care business
17.4 start-ups or expansion, training, facility
17.5 modifications, direct subsidies or incentives
17.6 to retain employees, or improvements required
17.7 for licensing, and assistance with licensing
17.8 and other regulatory requirements. In awarding
17.9 grants, the commissioner must give priority
17.10 to communities that have demonstrated a
17.11 shortage of child care providers.

17.12 Within one year of receiving grant money,
17.13 grant recipients must report to the
17.14 commissioner on the outcomes of the grant
17.15 program, including but not limited to the
17.16 number of new providers, the number of
17.17 additional child care provider jobs created, the
17.18 number of additional child care openings, and
17.19 the amount of cash and in-kind local money
17.20 invested. Within one month of all grant
17.21 recipients reporting on program outcomes, the
17.22 commissioner must report the grant recipients'
17.23 outcomes to the chairs and ranking members
17.24 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
17.25 over early learning and child care and
17.26 economic development.

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

17.30 (1) \$450,000 each year is for administration
17.31 of the Office of Child Care Community
17.32 Partnerships; and

17.33 (2) \$50,000 each year is for the Labor Market
17.34 Information Office to conduct research and
17.35 analysis related to the child care industry.

18.1 (p) \$3,500,000 each year is for grants in equal
18.2 amounts to each of the Minnesota Initiative
18.3 Foundations. This appropriation is available
18.4 until June 30, 2027. The base for this
18.5 appropriation is \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026
18.6 and each year thereafter. The Minnesota
18.7 Initiative Foundations must use grant money
18.8 under this section to:

18.9 (1) facilitate planning processes for rural
18.10 communities resulting in a community solution
18.11 action plan that guides decision making to
18.12 sustain and increase the supply of quality child
18.13 care in the region to support economic
18.14 development;

18.15 (2) engage the private sector to invest local
18.16 resources to support the community solution
18.17 action plan and ensure quality child care is a
18.18 vital component of additional regional
18.19 economic development planning processes;

18.20 (3) provide locally based training and technical
18.21 assistance to rural business owners
18.22 individually or through a learning cohort.
18.23 Access to financial and business development
18.24 assistance must prepare child care businesses
18.25 for quality engagement and improvement by
18.26 stabilizing operations, leveraging funding from
18.27 other sources, and fostering business acumen
18.28 that allows child care businesses to plan for
18.29 and afford the cost of providing quality child
18.30 care; and

18.31 (4) recruit child care programs to participate
18.32 in quality rating and improvement
18.33 measurement programs. The Minnesota
18.34 Initiative Foundations must work with local
18.35 partners to provide low-cost training,

19.1 professional development opportunities, and
19.2 continuing education curricula. The Minnesota
19.3 Initiative Foundations must fund, through local
19.4 partners, an enhanced level of coaching to
19.5 rural child care providers to obtain a quality
19.6 rating through measurement programs.

19.7 (q) \$8,000,000 each year is for the Minnesota
19.8 job creation fund under Minnesota Statutes,
19.9 section 116J.8748. Of this amount, the
19.10 commissioner of employment and economic
19.11 development may use up to three percent for
19.12 administrative expenses. This appropriation
19.13 is available until expended. Notwithstanding
19.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8748, money
19.15 appropriated for the job creation fund may be
19.16 used for redevelopment under Minnesota
19.17 Statutes, sections 116J.575 and 116J.5761, at
19.18 the discretion of the commissioner.

19.19 (r) \$12,370,000 each year is for the Minnesota
19.20 investment fund under Minnesota Statutes,
19.21 section 116J.8731. Of this amount, the
19.22 commissioner of employment and economic
19.23 development may use up to three percent for
19.24 administration and monitoring of the program.
19.25 This appropriation is available until expended.
19.26 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
19.27 116J.8731, money appropriated to the
19.28 commissioner for the Minnesota investment
19.29 fund may be used for the redevelopment
19.30 program under Minnesota Statutes, sections
19.31 116J.575 and 116J.5761, at the discretion of
19.32 the commissioner. Grants under this paragraph
19.33 are not subject to the grant amount limitation
19.34 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731.

- 20.1 (s) \$4,246,000 each year is for the
20.2 redevelopment program under Minnesota
20.3 Statutes, sections 116J.575 and 116J.5761.
20.4 The base for this appropriation is \$2,246,000
20.5 in fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter.
20.6 This appropriation is available until expended.
- 20.7 (t) \$1,000,000 each year is for the Minnesota
20.8 emerging entrepreneur loan program under
20.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 116M.18. Money
20.10 available under this paragraph is for transfer
20.11 into the emerging entrepreneur program
20.12 special revenue fund account created under
20.13 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116M, and are
20.14 available until expended. Of this amount, up
20.15 to four percent is for administration and
20.16 monitoring of the program.
- 20.17 (u) \$325,000 ~~each year~~ the first year is for the
20.18 Minnesota Film and TV Board. The
20.19 appropriation each year is available only upon
20.20 receipt by the board of \$1 in matching
20.21 contributions of money or in-kind
20.22 contributions from nonstate sources for every
20.23 \$3 provided by this appropriation, except that
20.24 ~~each~~ the first year up to \$50,000 is available
20.25 on July 1 even if the required matching
20.26 contribution has not been received by that
20.27 date.
- 20.28 (v) \$12,000 each year is for a grant to the
20.29 Upper Minnesota Film Office.
- 20.30 (w) \$500,000 ~~each year~~ the first year is for a
20.31 grant to the Minnesota Film and TV Board for
20.32 the film production jobs program under
20.33 Minnesota Statutes, section 116U.26. This
20.34 appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.

21.1 (x) \$4,195,000 each year is for the Minnesota
21.2 job skills partnership program under
21.3 Minnesota Statutes, sections 116L.01 to
21.4 116L.17. If the appropriation for either year
21.5 is insufficient, the appropriation for the other
21.6 year is available. This appropriation is
21.7 available until expended.

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

21.11 (z) ~~\$47,475,000~~ \$48,475,000 the first year and
21.12 \$50,475,000 the second year ~~each year is~~
21.13 for the PROMISE grant program. This is a
21.14 onetime appropriation and is available until
21.15 June 30, 2027. Of this amount:

21.16 (1) \$475,000 each year is for administration
21.17 of the PROMISE grant program;

21.18 (2) \$7,500,000 each year is for grants in equal
21.19 amounts to each of the Minnesota Initiative
21.20 Foundations to serve businesses in greater
21.21 Minnesota. Of this amount, \$600,000 each
21.22 year is for grants to businesses with less than
21.23 \$100,000 in revenue in the prior year; and

21.24 (3) ~~\$39,500,000 each year~~ \$40,500,000 the
21.25 first year and \$42,500,000 the second year is
21.26 for grants to the Neighborhood Development
21.27 Center. Of this amount, the following amounts
21.28 are designated for the following areas:

21.29 (i) \$16,000,000 each year is for North
21.30 Minneapolis' West Broadway, Camden, or
21.31 other Northside neighborhoods. Of this
21.32 amount, \$1,000,000 each year is for grants to
21.33 businesses with less than \$100,000 in revenue
21.34 in the prior year;

- 22.1 (ii) \$13,500,000 each year is for South
 22.2 Minneapolis' Lake Street, 38th and Chicago,
 22.3 Franklin, Nicollet, and Riverside corridors.
 22.4 Of this amount, \$750,000 each year is for
 22.5 grants to businesses with less than \$100,000
 22.6 in revenue in the prior year; ~~and~~
- 22.7 (iii) \$10,000,000 each year is for St. Paul's
 22.8 University Avenue, Midway, Eastside, or other
 22.9 St. Paul neighborhoods. Of this amount,
 22.10 \$750,000 each year is for grants to businesses
 22.11 with less than \$100,000 in revenue in the prior
 22.12 year;
- 22.13 (iv) \$1,000,000 the first year is for South
 22.14 Minneapolis' Hennepin Avenue Commercial
 22.15 corridor, South Hennepin Community
 22.16 corridor, and Uptown Special Service District;
 22.17 and
- 22.18 (v) \$3,000,000 the second year is for the
 22.19 seven-county metropolitan area as defined in
 22.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121,
 22.21 subdivision 2, excluding the cities of
 22.22 Minneapolis and St. Paul.
- 22.23 (aa) \$15,150,000 each year is for the
 22.24 PROMISE loan program. This is a onetime
 22.25 appropriation and is available until June 30,
 22.26 2027. Of this amount:
- 22.27 (1) \$150,000 each year is for administration
 22.28 of the PROMISE loan program;
- 22.29 (2) \$3,000,000 each year is for grants in equal
 22.30 amounts to each of the Minnesota Initiative
 22.31 Foundations to serve businesses in greater
 22.32 Minnesota; and
- 22.33 (3) \$12,000,000 each year is for grants to the
 22.34 Metropolitan Economic Development

23.1 Association (MEDA). Of this amount, the
23.2 following amounts are designated for the
23.3 following areas:

23.4 (i) \$4,500,000 each year is for North
23.5 Minneapolis' West Broadway, Camden, or
23.6 other Northside neighborhoods;

23.7 (ii) \$4,500,000 each year is for South
23.8 Minneapolis' Lake Street, 38th and Chicago,
23.9 Franklin, Nicollet, and Riverside corridors;
23.10 and

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

23.14 (bb) \$1,500,000 each year is for a grant to the
23.15 Metropolitan Consortium of Community
23.16 Developers for the community wealth-building
23.17 grant program pilot project. Of this amount,
23.18 up to two percent is for administration and
23.19 monitoring of the community wealth-building
23.20 grant program pilot project. This is a onetime
23.21 appropriation.

23.22 (cc) \$250,000 each year is for the publication,
23.23 dissemination, and use of labor market
23.24 information under Minnesota Statutes, section
23.25 116J.401.

23.26 (dd) \$5,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
23.27 the Bloomington Port Authority to provide
23.28 funding for the Expo 2027 host organization.
23.29 The Bloomington Port Authority must enter
23.30 into an agreement with the host organization
23.31 over the use of money, which may be used for
23.32 activities, including but not limited to
23.33 finalizing the community dossier and staffing
23.34 the host organization and for infrastructure

24.1 design and planning, financial modeling,
24.2 development planning and coordination of
24.3 both real estate and public private partnerships,
24.4 and reimbursement of costs the Bloomington
24.5 Port Authority incurred. In selecting vendors
24.6 and exhibitors for Expo 2027, the host
24.7 organization shall prioritize outreach to,
24.8 collaboration with, and inclusion of businesses
24.9 that are majority owned by people of color,
24.10 women, and people with disabilities. The host
24.11 organization and Bloomington Port Authority
24.12 may be reimbursed for expenses 90 days prior
24.13 to encumbrance. This appropriation is
24.14 contingent on approval of the project by the
24.15 Bureau International des Expositions. If the
24.16 project is not approved by the Bureau
24.17 International des Expositions, the money shall
24.18 transfer to the Minnesota investment fund
24.19 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731.
24.20 Any unencumbered balance remaining at the
24.21 end of the first year does not cancel but is
24.22 available for the second year.

24.23 (ee) \$5,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
24.24 the Neighborhood Development Center for
24.25 small business programs, including training,
24.26 lending, business services, and real estate
24.27 programming; small business incubator
24.28 development in the Twin Cities and outside
24.29 the seven-county metropolitan area; and
24.30 technical assistance activities for partners
24.31 outside the seven-county metropolitan area;
24.32 and for high-risk, character-based loan capital
24.33 for nonrecourse loans. This is a onetime
24.34 appropriation. Any unencumbered balance
24.35 remaining at the end of the first year does not
24.36 cancel but is available for the second year.

25.1 (ff) \$5,000,000 the first year is for transfer to
25.2 the emerging developer fund account in the
25.3 special revenue fund. Of this amount, up to
25.4 five percent is for administration and
25.5 monitoring of the emerging developer fund
25.6 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
25.7 116J.9926, and the remainder is for a grant to
25.8 the Local Initiatives Support Corporation -
25.9 Twin Cities to serve as a partner organization
25.10 under the program. This is a onetime
25.11 appropriation.

25.12 (gg) \$5,000,000 the first year is for the
25.13 Canadian border counties economic relief
25.14 program under article 5. Of this amount, up
25.15 to \$1,000,000 is for Tribal economic
25.16 development and \$2,100,000 is for a grant to
25.17 Lake of the Woods County for the forgivable
25.18 loan program for remote recreational
25.19 businesses. This is a onetime appropriation
25.20 and is available until June 30, 2026.

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

25.25 (1) \$500,000 each year is for a loan fund that
25.26 must address pervasive economic inequities
25.27 by supporting business ventures of
25.28 entrepreneurs in the African immigrant
25.29 community; and

25.30 (2) \$250,000 each year is for workforce
25.31 development and technical assistance,
25.32 including but not limited to business
25.33 development, entrepreneur training, business
25.34 technical assistance, loan packing, and
25.35 community development services.

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

26.5 (1) \$750,000 each year is to assist, support,
26.6 finance, and launch microentrepreneurs by
26.7 delivering training, workshops, and
26.8 one-on-one consultations to businesses; and

26.9 (2) \$750,000 each year is to guide prospective
26.10 entrepreneurs in their start-up process by
26.11 introducing them to key business concepts,
26.12 including business start-up readiness. Grant
26.13 proceeds must be used to offer workshops on
26.14 a variety of topics throughout the year,
26.15 including finance, customer service,
26.16 food-handler training, and food-safety
26.17 certification. Grant proceeds may also be used
26.18 to provide lending to business startups.

26.19 (jj) \$627,000 the first year is for a grant to
26.20 Community and Economic Development
26.21 Associates (CEDA) to provide funding for
26.22 economic development technical assistance
26.23 and economic development project grants to
26.24 small communities across rural Minnesota and
26.25 for CEDA to design, implement, market, and
26.26 administer specific types of basic community
26.27 and economic development programs tailored
26.28 to individual community needs. Technical
26.29 assistance grants shall be based on need and
26.30 given to communities that are otherwise
26.31 unable to afford these services. Of the amount
26.32 appropriated, up to \$270,000 may be used for
26.33 economic development project implementation
26.34 in conjunction with the technical assistance
26.35 received. This is a onetime appropriation. Any

27.1 unencumbered balance remaining at the end
27.2 of the first year does not cancel but is available
27.3 the second year.

27.4 (kk) \$2,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
27.5 WomenVenture to:

27.6 (1) support child care providers through
27.7 business training and shared services programs
27.8 and to create materials that could be used, free
27.9 of charge, for start-up, expansion, and
27.10 operation of child care businesses statewide,
27.11 with the goal of helping new and existing child
27.12 care businesses in underserved areas of the
27.13 state become profitable and sustainable; and

27.14 (2) support business expansion for women
27.15 food entrepreneurs throughout Minnesota's
27.16 food supply chain to help stabilize and
27.17 strengthen their business operations, create
27.18 distribution networks, offer technical
27.19 assistance and support to beginning women
27.20 food entrepreneurs, develop business plans,
27.21 develop a workforce, research expansion
27.22 strategies, and for other related activities.

27.23 Eligible uses of the money include but are not
27.24 limited to:

27.25 (i) leasehold improvements;

27.26 (ii) additions, alterations, remodeling, or
27.27 renovations to rented space;

27.28 (iii) inventory or supplies;

27.29 (iv) machinery or equipment purchases;

27.30 (v) working capital; and

27.31 (vi) debt refinancing.

28.1 Money distributed to entrepreneurs may be
28.2 loans, forgivable loans, and grants. Of this
28.3 amount, up to five percent may be used for
28.4 the Women Venture's technical assistance and
28.5 administrative costs. This is a onetime
28.6 appropriation and is available until June 30,
28.7 2026.

28.8 By December 15, 2026, Women Venture must
28.9 submit a report to the chairs and ranking
28.10 minority members of the legislative
28.11 committees with jurisdiction over agriculture
28.12 and employment and economic development.
28.13 The report must include a summary of the uses
28.14 of the appropriation, including the amount of
28.15 the appropriation used for administration. The
28.16 report must also provide a breakdown of the
28.17 amount of funding used for loans, forgivable
28.18 loans, and grants; information about the terms
28.19 of the loans issued; a discussion of how money
28.20 from repaid loans will be used; the number of
28.21 entrepreneurs assisted; and a breakdown of
28.22 how many entrepreneurs received assistance
28.23 in each county.

28.24 (ll) \$2,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
28.25 African Career, Education, and Resource, Inc.,
28.26 for operational infrastructure and technical
28.27 assistance to small businesses. This
28.28 appropriation is available until June 30, 2025.

28.29 (mm) \$5,000,000 the first year is for a grant
28.30 to the African Development Center to provide
28.31 loans to purchase commercial real estate and
28.32 to expand organizational infrastructure. This
28.33 appropriation is available until June 30, 2025.
28.34 Of this amount:

- 29.1 (1) \$2,800,000 is for loans to purchase
29.2 commercial real estate targeted at African
29.3 immigrant small business owners;
- 29.4 (2) \$364,000 is for loan loss reserves to
29.5 support loan volume growth and attract
29.6 additional capital;
- 29.7 (3) \$836,000 is for increasing organizational
29.8 capacity;
- 29.9 (4) \$300,000 is for the safe 2 eat project of
29.10 inclusive assistance with required restaurant
29.11 licensing examinations; and
- 29.12 (5) \$700,000 is for a center for community
29.13 resources for language and technology
29.14 assistance for small businesses.
- 29.15 (nn) \$7,000,000 the first year is for grants to
29.16 the Minnesota Initiative Foundations to
29.17 capitalize their revolving loan funds, which
29.18 address unmet financing needs of for-profit
29.19 business start-ups, expansions, and ownership
29.20 transitions; nonprofit organizations; and
29.21 developers of housing to support the
29.22 construction, rehabilitation, and conversion
29.23 of housing units. Of the amount appropriated:
- 29.24 (1) \$1,000,000 is for a grant to the Southwest
29.25 Initiative Foundation;
- 29.26 (2) \$1,000,000 is for a grant to the West
29.27 Central Initiative Foundation;
- 29.28 (3) \$1,000,000 is for a grant to the Southern
29.29 Minnesota Initiative Foundation;
- 29.30 (4) \$1,000,000 is for a grant to the Northwest
29.31 Minnesota Foundation;
- 29.32 (5) \$2,000,000 is for a grant to the Initiative
29.33 Foundation of which \$1,000,000 is for

30.1 redevelopment of the St. Cloud Youth and
30.2 Family Center; and

30.3 (6) \$1,000,000 is for a grant to the Northland
30.4 Foundation.

30.5 (oo) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
30.6 Enterprise Minnesota, Inc., to reach and
30.7 deliver talent, leadership, employee retention,
30.8 continuous improvement, strategy, quality
30.9 management systems, revenue growth, and
30.10 manufacturing peer-to-peer advisory services
30.11 to small manufacturing companies employing
30.12 35 or fewer full-time equivalent employees.
30.13 This is a onetime appropriation. No later than
30.14 February 1, 2025, and February 1, 2026,
30.15 Enterprise Minnesota, Inc., must provide a
30.16 report to the chairs and ranking minority
30.17 members of the legislative committees with
30.18 jurisdiction over economic development that
30.19 includes:

30.20 (1) the grants awarded during the past 12
30.21 months;

30.22 (2) the estimated financial impact of the grants
30.23 awarded to each company receiving services
30.24 under the program;

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

30.27 (4) the total amount of federal funds leveraged
30.28 from the Manufacturing Extension Partnership
30.29 at the United States Department of Commerce.

30.30 (pp) \$375,000 each year is for a grant to
30.31 PFund Foundation to provide grants to
30.32 LGBTQ+-owned small businesses and
30.33 entrepreneurs. Of this amount, up to five
30.34 percent may be used for PFund Foundation's

31.1 technical assistance and administrative costs.

31.2 This is a onetime appropriation and is
31.3 available until June 30, 2026. To the extent
31.4 practicable, money must be distributed by
31.5 PFund Foundation as follows:

31.6 (1) at least 33.3 percent to businesses owned
31.7 by members of racial minority communities;
31.8 and

31.9 (2) at least 33.3 percent to businesses outside
31.10 of the seven-county metropolitan area as
31.11 defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
31.12 473.121, subdivision 2.

31.13 (qq) \$125,000 each year is for a grant to
31.14 Quorum to provide business support, training,
31.15 development, technical assistance, and related
31.16 activities for LGBTQ+-owned small
31.17 businesses that are recipients of a PFund
31.18 Foundation grant. Of this amount, up to five
31.19 percent may be used for Quorum's technical
31.20 assistance and administrative costs. This is a
31.21 onetime appropriation and is available until
31.22 June 30, 2026.

31.23 (rr) \$5,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
31.24 the Metropolitan Economic Development
31.25 Association (MEDA) for statewide business
31.26 development and assistance services to
31.27 minority-owned businesses. This is a onetime
31.28 appropriation. Any unencumbered balance
31.29 remaining at the end of the first year does not
31.30 cancel but is available the second year. Of this
31.31 amount:

31.32 (1) \$3,000,000 is for a revolving loan fund to
31.33 provide additional minority-owned businesses
31.34 with access to capital; and

32.1 (2) \$2,000,000 is for operating support
32.2 activities related to business development and
32.3 assistance services for minority business
32.4 enterprises.

32.5 By February 1, 2025, MEDA shall report to
32.6 the commissioner and the chairs and ranking
32.7 minority members of the legislative
32.8 committees with jurisdiction over economic
32.9 development policy and finance on the loans
32.10 and operating support activities, including
32.11 outcomes and expenditures, supported by the
32.12 appropriation under this paragraph.

32.13 (ss) \$2,500,000 each year is for a grant to a
32.14 Minnesota-based automotive component
32.15 manufacturer and distributor specializing in
32.16 electric vehicles and sensor technology that
32.17 manufactures all of their parts onshore to
32.18 expand their manufacturing. The grant
32.19 recipient under this paragraph shall submit
32.20 reports on the uses of the money appropriated,
32.21 the number of jobs created due to the
32.22 appropriation, wage information, and the city
32.23 and state in which the additional
32.24 manufacturing activity was located to the
32.25 chairs and ranking minority members of the
32.26 legislative committees with jurisdiction over
32.27 economic development. An initial report shall
32.28 be submitted by December 15, 2023, and a
32.29 final report is due by December 15, 2025. This
32.30 is a onetime appropriation.

32.31 (tt)(1) \$125,000 each year is for grants to the
32.32 Latino Chamber of Commerce Minnesota to
32.33 support the growth and expansion of small
32.34 businesses statewide. Funds may be used for

33.1 the cost of programming, outreach, staffing,
33.2 and supplies. This is a onetime appropriation.

33.3 (2) By January 15, 2026, the Latino Chamber
33.4 of Commerce Minnesota must submit a report
33.5 to the legislative committees with jurisdiction
33.6 over economic development that details the
33.7 use of grant funds and the grant's economic
33.8 impact.

33.9 (uu) \$175,000 the first year is for a grant to
33.10 the city of South St. Paul to study options for
33.11 repurposing the 1927 American Legion
33.12 Memorial Library after the property is no
33.13 longer used as a library. This appropriation is
33.14 available until the project is completed or
33.15 abandoned, subject to Minnesota Statutes,
33.16 section 16A.642.

33.17 (vv) \$250,000 the first year is for a grant to
33.18 LatinoLEAD for organizational
33.19 capacity-building.

33.20 (ww) \$80,000 the first year is for a grant to
33.21 the Neighborhood Development Center for
33.22 small business competitive grants to software
33.23 companies working to improve employee
33.24 engagement and workplace culture and to
33.25 reduce turnover.

33.26 (xx)(1) \$3,000,000 in the first year is for a
33.27 grant to the Center for Economic Inclusion for
33.28 strategic, data-informed investments in job
33.29 creation strategies that respond to the needs
33.30 of underserved populations statewide. This
33.31 may include forgivable loans, revenue-based
33.32 financing, and equity investments for
33.33 entrepreneurs with barriers to growth. Of this
33.34 amount, up to five percent may be used for

34.1 the center's technical assistance and
 34.2 administrative costs. This appropriation is
 34.3 available until June 30, 2025.

34.4 (2) By January 15, 2026, the Center for
 34.5 Economic Inclusion shall submit a report on
 34.6 the use of grant funds, including any loans
 34.7 made, to the legislative committees with
 34.8 jurisdiction over economic development.

34.9 (yy) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to the
 34.10 Asian Economic Development Association
 34.11 for asset building and financial empowerment
 34.12 for entrepreneurs and small business owners,
 34.13 small business development and technical
 34.14 assistance, and cultural placemaking. This is
 34.15 a onetime appropriation.

34.16 (zz) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
 34.17 Isuroon to support primarily African
 34.18 immigrant women with entrepreneurial
 34.19 training to start, manage, and grow
 34.20 self-sustaining microbusinesses, develop
 34.21 incubator space for these businesses, and
 34.22 provide support with financial and language
 34.23 literacy, systems navigation to eliminate
 34.24 capital access disparities, marketing, and other
 34.25 technical assistance. This is a onetime
 34.26 appropriation.

34.27 Sec. 6. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 20, section 2, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

34.28 **Subd. 3. Employment and Training Programs** 112,038,000 104,499,000

34.29	Appropriations by Fund		
34.30		2024	2025
34.31	General	91,036,000	83,497,000
34.32	Workforce		
34.33	Development	21,002,000	21,002,000

35.1 (a) \$500,000 each year from the general fund
35.2 and \$500,000 each year from the workforce
35.3 development fund are for rural career
35.4 counseling coordinators in the workforce
35.5 service areas and for the purposes specified
35.6 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.667.

35.7 (b) \$25,000,000 each year is for the targeted
35.8 population workforce grants under Minnesota
35.9 Statutes, section 116L.43. The department
35.10 may use up to five percent of this
35.11 appropriation for administration, monitoring,
35.12 and oversight of the program. Of this amount:

35.13 (1) \$18,500,000 each year is for job and
35.14 entrepreneurial skills training grants under
35.15 Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.43,
35.16 subdivision 2;

35.17 (2) \$1,500,000 each year is for diversity and
35.18 inclusion training for small employers under
35.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.43,
35.20 subdivision 3; and

35.21 (3) \$5,000,000 each year is for capacity
35.22 building grants under Minnesota Statutes,
35.23 section 116L.43, subdivision 4.

35.24 The base for this appropriation is \$1,275,000
35.25 in fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter.

35.26 (c) \$750,000 each year is for the women and
35.27 high-wage, high-demand, nontraditional jobs
35.28 grant program under Minnesota Statutes,
35.29 section 116L.99. Of this amount, up to five
35.30 percent is for administration and monitoring
35.31 of the program.

35.32 (d) \$10,000,000 each year is for the Drive for
35.33 Five Initiative to conduct outreach and provide
35.34 job skills training, career counseling, case

36.1 management, and supportive services for
36.2 careers in (1) technology, (2) labor, (3) the
36.3 caring professions, (4) manufacturing, and (5)
36.4 educational and professional services. This is
36.5 a onetime appropriation.

36.6 (e) Of the amounts appropriated in paragraph
36.7 (d), the commissioner must make \$7,000,000
36.8 each year available through a competitive
36.9 request for proposal process. The grant awards
36.10 must be used to provide education and training
36.11 in the five industries identified in paragraph
36.12 (d). Education and training may include:

36.13 (1) student tutoring and testing support
36.14 services;

36.15 (2) training and employment placement in high
36.16 wage and high growth employment;

36.17 (3) assistance in obtaining industry-specific
36.18 certifications;

36.19 (4) remedial training leading to enrollment in
36.20 employment training programs or services;

36.21 (5) real-time work experience;

36.22 (6) career and educational counseling;

36.23 (7) work experience and internships; and

36.24 (8) supportive services.

36.25 (f) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph
36.26 (d), \$2,000,000 each year must be awarded
36.27 through competitive grants made to trade
36.28 associations or chambers of commerce for job
36.29 placement services. Grant awards must be used
36.30 to encourage workforce training efforts to
36.31 ensure that efforts are aligned with employer
36.32 demands and that graduates are connected with
36.33 employers that are currently hiring. Trade

37.1 associations or chambers must partner with
37.2 employers with current or anticipated
37.3 employment opportunities and nonprofit
37.4 workforce training partners participating in
37.5 this program. The trade associations or
37.6 chambers must work closely with the industry
37.7 sector training providers in the five industries
37.8 identified in paragraph (d). Grant awards may
37.9 be used for:

37.10 (1) employer engagement strategies to align
37.11 employment opportunities for individuals
37.12 exiting workforce development training
37.13 programs. These strategies may include
37.14 business recruitment, job opening
37.15 development, employee recruitment, and job
37.16 matching. Trade associations must utilize the
37.17 state's labor exchange system;

37.18 (2) diversity, inclusion, and retention training
37.19 of their members to increase the business'
37.20 understanding of welcoming and retaining a
37.21 diverse workforce; and

37.22 (3) industry-specific training.

37.23 (g) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph
37.24 (d), \$1,000,000 each year is to hire, train, and
37.25 deploy business services representatives in
37.26 local workforce development areas throughout
37.27 the state. Business services representatives
37.28 must work with an assigned local workforce
37.29 development area to address the hiring needs
37.30 of Minnesota's businesses by connecting job
37.31 seekers and program participants in the
37.32 CareerForce system. Business services
37.33 representatives serve in the classified service
37.34 of the state and operate as part of the agency's
37.35 Employment and Training Office. The

38.1 commissioner shall develop and implement
38.2 training materials and reporting and evaluation
38.3 procedures for the activities of the business
38.4 services representatives. The business services
38.5 representatives must:

38.6 (1) serve as the primary contact for businesses
38.7 in that area;

38.8 (2) actively engage employers by assisting
38.9 with matching employers to job seekers by
38.10 referring candidates, convening job fairs, and
38.11 assisting with job announcements; and

38.12 (3) work with the local area board and its
38.13 partners to identify candidates for openings in
38.14 small and midsize companies in the local area.

38.15 (h) \$2,546,000 each year from the general fund
38.16 and \$4,604,000 each year from the workforce
38.17 development fund are for the pathways to
38.18 prosperity competitive grant program. Of this
38.19 amount, up to five percent is for administration
38.20 and monitoring of the program.

38.21 (i) \$500,000 each year is from the workforce
38.22 development fund for current Minnesota
38.23 affiliates of OIC of America, Inc. This
38.24 appropriation shall be divided equally among
38.25 the eligible centers.

38.26 (j) \$1,000,000 each year is for competitive
38.27 grants to organizations providing services to
38.28 relieve economic disparities in the Southeast
38.29 Asian community through workforce
38.30 recruitment, development, job creation,
38.31 assistance of smaller organizations to increase
38.32 capacity, and outreach. Of this amount, up to
38.33 five percent is for administration and
38.34 monitoring of the program.

39.1 (k) \$1,000,000 each year is for a competitive
39.2 grant program to provide grants to
39.3 organizations that provide support services for
39.4 individuals, such as job training, employment
39.5 preparation, internships, job assistance to
39.6 parents, financial literacy, academic and
39.7 behavioral interventions for low-performing
39.8 students, and youth intervention. Grants made
39.9 under this section must focus on low-income
39.10 communities, young adults from families with
39.11 a history of intergenerational poverty, and
39.12 communities of color. Of this amount, up to
39.13 five percent is for administration and
39.14 monitoring of the program.

39.15 (l) \$750,000 each year from the general fund
39.16 and \$6,698,000 each year from the workforce
39.17 development fund are for the youth-at-work
39.18 competitive grant program under Minnesota
39.19 Statutes, section 116L.562. Of this amount,
39.20 up to five percent is for administration and
39.21 monitoring of the youth workforce
39.22 development competitive grant program. All
39.23 grant awards shall be for two consecutive
39.24 years. Grants shall be awarded in the first year.
39.25 The base for this appropriation is \$750,000
39.26 from the general fund and \$3,348,000 from
39.27 the workforce development fund beginning in
39.28 fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter.

39.29 (m) \$1,093,000 each year is from the general
39.30 fund and \$1,000,000 each year is from the
39.31 workforce development fund for the
39.32 youthbuild program under Minnesota Statutes,
39.33 sections 116L.361 to 116L.366. The base for
39.34 this appropriation is \$1,000,000 from the

40.1 workforce development fund in fiscal year
40.2 2026 and each year thereafter.

40.3 (n) \$4,511,000 each year from the general fund
40.4 and \$4,050,000 each year from the workforce
40.5 development fund are for the Minnesota youth
40.6 program under Minnesota Statutes, sections
40.7 116L.56 and 116L.561. The base for this
40.8 appropriation is \$0 from the general fund and
40.9 \$4,050,000 from the workforce development
40.10 fund in fiscal year 2026 and each year
40.11 thereafter.

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

40.15 (p) \$1,000,000 each year from the workforce
40.16 development fund is for a grant to the
40.17 Minnesota Technology Association to support
40.18 the SciTech internship program, a program
40.19 that supports science, technology, engineering,
40.20 and math (STEM) internship opportunities for
40.21 two- and four-year college students and
40.22 graduate students in their fields of study. The
40.23 internship opportunities must match students
40.24 with paid internships within STEM disciplines
40.25 at small, for-profit companies located in
40.26 Minnesota having fewer than 250 employees
40.27 worldwide. At least 325 students must be
40.28 matched each year. No more than 15 percent
40.29 of the hires may be graduate students. Selected
40.30 hiring companies shall receive from the grant
40.31 50 percent of the wages paid to the intern,
40.32 capped at \$3,000 per intern. The program must
40.33 work toward increasing the participation
40.34 among women or other underserved
40.35 populations. This is a onetime appropriation.

41.1 (q) \$750,000 each year is for grants to the
41.2 Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's Teen
41.3 Teamworks youth employment and training
41.4 programs. This is a onetime appropriation and
41.5 available until June 30, 2027. Any
41.6 unencumbered balance remaining at the end
41.7 of the first year does not cancel but is available
41.8 in the second year.

41.9 (r) \$900,000 each year is for a grant to Avivo
41.10 to provide low-income individuals with career
41.11 education and job skills training that is fully
41.12 integrated with chemical and mental health
41.13 services. Of this amount, up to \$250,000 each
41.14 year is for a grant to Avivo to provide
41.15 resources and support services to survivors of
41.16 sex trafficking and domestic abuse in the
41.17 greater St. Cloud area as they search for
41.18 employment. Program resources include but
41.19 are not limited to costs for day care,
41.20 transportation, housing, legal advice, procuring
41.21 documents required for employment, interview
41.22 clothing, technology, and Internet access. The
41.23 program shall also include public outreach and
41.24 corporate training components to communicate
41.25 to the public and potential employers about
41.26 the specific struggles faced by survivors as
41.27 they re-enter the workforce. This is a onetime
41.28 appropriation.

41.29 (s) \$1,000,000 each year is for the getting to
41.30 work grant program under Minnesota Statutes,
41.31 section 116J.545. Of this amount, up to five
41.32 percent is for administration and monitoring
41.33 of the program. This is a onetime
41.34 appropriation.

42.1 (t) \$400,000 each year is for a grant to the
42.2 nonprofit 30,000 Feet to fund youth
42.3 apprenticeship jobs, wraparound services,
42.4 after-school programming, and summer
42.5 learning loss prevention efforts targeted at
42.6 African American youth. This is a onetime
42.7 appropriation.

42.8 (u) \$463,000 the first year is for a grant to the
42.9 Boys and Girls Club of Central Minnesota.
42.10 This is a onetime appropriation. Of this
42.11 amount:

42.12 (1) \$313,000 is to fund one year of free
42.13 full-service programming for a new program
42.14 in Waite Park that will employ part-time youth
42.15 development staff and provide community
42.16 volunteer opportunities for people of all ages.
42.17 Career exploration and life skills programming
42.18 will be a significant dimension of
42.19 programming at this new site; and

42.20 (2) \$150,000 is for planning and design for a
42.21 new multiuse facility for the Boys and Girls
42.22 Club of Waite Park and other community
42.23 partners, including the Waite Park Police
42.24 Department and the Whitney Senior Center.

42.25 (v) \$1,000,000 each year is for a grant to the
42.26 Minnesota Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs
42.27 to administer a statewide project of youth job
42.28 skills and career development. This project,
42.29 which may have career guidance components
42.30 including health and life skills, must be
42.31 designed to encourage, train, and assist youth
42.32 in early access to education and job-seeking
42.33 skills, work-based learning experience,
42.34 including career pathways in STEM learning,
42.35 career exploration and matching, and first job

43.1 placement through local community
43.2 partnerships and on-site job opportunities. This
43.3 grant requires a 25 percent match from
43.4 nonstate resources. This is a onetime
43.5 appropriation.

43.6 (w) \$1,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
43.7 the Owatonna Area Chamber of Commerce
43.8 Foundation for the Learn and Earn Initiative
43.9 to help the Owatonna and Steele County
43.10 region grow and retain a talented workforce.
43.11 This is a onetime appropriation and is
43.12 available until June 30, 2025. Of this amount:

43.13 (1) \$900,000 is to develop an advanced
43.14 manufacturing career pathway program for
43.15 youth and adult learners with shared learning
43.16 spaces, state-of-the-art equipment, and
43.17 instructional support to grow and retain talent
43.18 in Owatonna; and

43.19 (2) \$100,000 is to create the Owatonna
43.20 Opportunity scholarship model for the Learn
43.21 and Earn Initiative for students and employers.

43.22 (x) \$250,000 each year from the workforce
43.23 development fund is for a grant to the White
43.24 Bear Center for the Arts for establishing a paid
43.25 internship program for high school students
43.26 to learn professional development skills
43.27 through an arts perspective. This is a onetime
43.28 appropriation.

43.29 (y) \$250,000 each year is for the Minnesota
43.30 Family Resiliency Partnership under
43.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.96. The
43.32 commissioner, through the adult career
43.33 pathways program, shall distribute the money
43.34 to existing nonprofit and state displaced

44.1 homemaker programs. This is a onetime
44.2 appropriation.

44.3 (z) \$600,000 each year is for a grant to East
44.4 Side Neighborhood Services. This is a onetime
44.5 appropriation of which:

44.6 (1) \$300,000 each year is for the senior
44.7 community service employment program,
44.8 which provides work readiness training to
44.9 low-income adults ages 55 and older to
44.10 provide ongoing support and mentoring
44.11 services to the program participants as well as
44.12 the transition period from subsidized wages
44.13 to unsubsidized wages; and

44.14 (2) \$300,000 each year is for the nursing
44.15 assistant plus program to serve the increased
44.16 need for growth of medical talent pipelines
44.17 through expansion of the existing program and
44.18 development of in-house training.

44.19 The amounts specified in clauses (1) and (2)
44.20 may also be used to enhance employment
44.21 programming for youth and young adults, ages
44.22 14 to 24, to introduce them to work culture,
44.23 develop essential work readiness skills, and
44.24 make career plans through paid internship
44.25 experiences and work readiness training.

44.26 (aa) \$1,500,000 each year from the workforce
44.27 development fund is for a grant to Ujamaa
44.28 Place to assist primarily African American
44.29 men with job training, employment
44.30 preparation, internships, education, vocational
44.31 housing, and organizational capacity building.
44.32 This is a onetime appropriation.

44.33 (bb) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
44.34 Comunidades Organizando el Poder y la

45.1 Acción Latina (COPAL) for worker center
45.2 programming that supports primarily
45.3 low-income, migrant, and Latinx workers with
45.4 career planning, workforce training and
45.5 education, workers' rights advocacy, health
45.6 resources and navigation, and wealth creation
45.7 resources. This is a onetime appropriation.

45.8 (cc) \$2,000,000 each year is for a grant to
45.9 Propel Nonprofits to provide capacity-building
45.10 grants and related technical assistance to small,
45.11 culturally specific organizations that primarily
45.12 serve historically underserved cultural
45.13 communities. Propel Nonprofits may only
45.14 award grants to nonprofit organizations that
45.15 have an annual organizational budget of less
45.16 than \$1,000,000. These grants may be used
45.17 for:

45.18 (1) organizational infrastructure
45.19 improvements, including developing database
45.20 management systems and financial systems,
45.21 or other administrative needs that increase the
45.22 organization's ability to access new funding
45.23 sources;

45.24 (2) organizational workforce development,
45.25 including hiring culturally competent staff,
45.26 training and skills development, and other
45.27 methods of increasing staff capacity; or

45.28 (3) creating or expanding partnerships with
45.29 existing organizations that have specialized
45.30 expertise in order to increase capacity of the
45.31 grantee organization to improve services to
45.32 the community.

46.1 Of this amount, up to five percent may be used
46.2 by Propel Nonprofits for administrative costs.
46.3 This is a onetime appropriation.

46.4 (dd) \$1,000,000 each year is for a grant to
46.5 Goodwill Easter Seals Minnesota and its
46.6 partners. The grant must be used to continue
46.7 the FATHER Project in Rochester, St. Cloud,
46.8 St. Paul, Minneapolis, and the surrounding
46.9 areas to assist fathers in overcoming barriers
46.10 that prevent fathers from supporting their
46.11 children economically and emotionally,
46.12 including with community re-entry following
46.13 confinement. This is a onetime appropriation.

46.14 (ee) \$250,000 the first year is for a grant to
46.15 the ProStart and Hospitality Tourism
46.16 Management Program for a well-established,
46.17 proven, and successful education program that
46.18 helps young people advance careers in the
46.19 hospitality industry and addresses critical
46.20 long-term workforce shortages in that industry.

46.21 (ff) \$450,000 each year is for grants to
46.22 Minnesota Diversified Industries to provide
46.23 inclusive employment opportunities and
46.24 services for people with disabilities. This is a
46.25 onetime appropriation.

46.26 (gg) \$1,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
46.27 Minnesota Diversified Industries to assist
46.28 individuals with disabilities through the
46.29 unified work model by offering virtual and
46.30 in-person career skills classes augmented with
46.31 virtual reality tools. Minnesota Diversified
46.32 Industries shall submit a report on the number
46.33 and demographics of individuals served, hours
46.34 of career skills programming delivered,
46.35 outreach to employers, and recommendations

47.1 for future career skills delivery methods to the
47.2 chairs and ranking minority members of the
47.3 legislative committees with jurisdiction over
47.4 labor and workforce development policy and
47.5 finance by January 15, 2026. This is a onetime
47.6 appropriation and is available until June 30,
47.7 2025.

47.8 (hh) \$1,264,000 each year is for a grant to
47.9 Summit Academy OIC to expand employment
47.10 placement, GED preparation and
47.11 administration, and STEM programming in
47.12 the Twin Cities, Saint Cloud, and Bemidji.
47.13 This is a onetime appropriation.

47.14 (ii) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
47.15 Minnesota Independence College and
47.16 Community to provide employment
47.17 preparation, job placement, job retention, and
47.18 service coordination services to adults with
47.19 autism and learning differences. This is a
47.20 onetime appropriation.

47.21 (jj) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
47.22 the second year are for a clean economy
47.23 equitable workforce grant program. Money
47.24 must be used for grants to support partnership
47.25 development, planning, and implementation
47.26 of workforce readiness programs aimed at
47.27 workers who are Black, Indigenous, and
47.28 People of Color. Programs must include
47.29 workforce training, career development,
47.30 workers' rights training, employment
47.31 placement, and culturally appropriate job
47.32 readiness and must prepare workers for careers
47.33 in the high-demand fields of construction,
47.34 clean energy, and energy efficiency. Grants
47.35 must be given to nonprofit organizations that

48.1 serve historically disenfranchised
48.2 communities, including new Americans, with
48.3 preference for organizations that are new
48.4 providers of workforce programming or which
48.5 have partnership agreements with registered
48.6 apprenticeship programs. This is a onetime
48.7 appropriation.

48.8 (kk) \$350,000 the first year and \$25,000 the
48.9 second year are for a grant to the University
48.10 of Minnesota Tourism Center for the creation
48.11 and operation of an online hospitality training
48.12 program in partnership with Explore
48.13 Minnesota Tourism. This training program
48.14 must be made available at no cost to
48.15 Minnesota residents in an effort to address
48.16 critical workforce shortages in the hospitality
48.17 and tourism industries and assist in career
48.18 development. The base for this appropriation
48.19 is \$25,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each year
48.20 thereafter for ongoing system maintenance,
48.21 management, and content updates.

48.22 (ll) \$3,000,000 the first year is for competitive
48.23 grants to support high school robotics teams
48.24 and prepare youth for careers in STEM fields.
48.25 Of this amount, \$2,000,000 is for creating
48.26 internships for high school students to work
48.27 at private companies in STEM fields,
48.28 including the payment of student stipends.
48.29 This is a onetime appropriation and is
48.30 available until June 30, 2028.

48.31 (mm) \$750,000 each year is for grants to the
48.32 nonprofit Sanneh Foundation to fund
48.33 out-of-school and summer programs focused
48.34 on mentoring and behavioral, social, and
48.35 emotional learning interventions and

49.1 enrichment activities directed toward
49.2 low-income students of color. This is a
49.3 onetime appropriation and available until June
49.4 30, 2026.

49.5 (nn) \$1,000,000 each year is for a grant to the
49.6 Hmong American Partnership to expand job
49.7 training and placement programs primarily
49.8 serving the Southeast Asian community. This
49.9 is a onetime appropriation.

49.10 (oo) \$1,000,000 each year is for a grant to
49.11 Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio
49.12 (CLUES) to address employment, economic,
49.13 and technology access disparities for
49.14 low-income unemployed or underemployed
49.15 individuals. Grant money must support
49.16 short-term certifications and transferable skills
49.17 in high-demand fields, workforce readiness,
49.18 customized financial capability, and
49.19 employment supports. At least 50 percent of
49.20 this amount must be used for programming
49.21 targeted at greater Minnesota. This is a
49.22 onetime appropriation.

49.23 (pp) \$300,000 each year is for a grant to All
49.24 Square. The grant must be used to support the
49.25 operations of All Square's Fellowship and
49.26 Prison to Law Pipeline programs which
49.27 operate in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and
49.28 surrounding correctional facilities to assist
49.29 incarcerated and formerly incarcerated
49.30 Minnesotans in overcoming employment
49.31 barriers that prevent economic and emotional
49.32 freedom. This is a onetime appropriation.

49.33 (qq) \$1,000,000 each year is for a grant to the
49.34 Redemption Project to provide employment
49.35 services to adults leaving incarceration,

50.1 including recruiting, educating, training, and
50.2 retaining employment mentors and partners.

50.3 This is a onetime appropriation.

50.4 (rr) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
50.5 Greater Twin Cities United Way to make
50.6 grants to partner organizations to provide
50.7 workforce training using the career pathways
50.8 model that helps students gain work
50.9 experience, earn experience in high-demand
50.10 fields, and transition into family-sustaining
50.11 careers. This is a onetime appropriation.

50.12 (ss) \$3,000,000 each year is for a grant to
50.13 Community Action Partnership of Hennepin
50.14 County. This is a onetime appropriation. Of
50.15 this amount:

50.16 (1) \$1,500,000 each year is for grants to 21
50.17 Days of Peace for social equity building and
50.18 community engagement activities; and

50.19 (2) \$1,500,000 each year is for grants to A
50.20 Mother's Love for community outreach,
50.21 empowerment training, and employment and
50.22 career exploration services.

50.23 (tt) \$750,000 each year is for a grant to Mind
50.24 the G.A.P.P. (Gaining Assistance to Prosperity
50.25 Program) to improve the quality of life of
50.26 unemployed and underemployed individuals
50.27 by improving their employment outcomes and
50.28 developing individual earnings potential. This
50.29 is a onetime appropriation. Any unencumbered
50.30 balance remaining at the end of the first year
50.31 does not cancel but is available in the second
50.32 year.

50.33 (uu) \$550,000 each year is for a grant to the
50.34 International Institute of Minnesota. Grant

51.1 money must be used for workforce training
51.2 for new Americans in industries in need of a
51.3 trained workforce. This is a onetime
51.4 appropriation.

51.5 (vv) \$400,000 each year from the workforce
51.6 development fund is for a grant to Hired to
51.7 expand their career pathway job training and
51.8 placement program that connects lower-skilled
51.9 job seekers to entry-level and gateway jobs in
51.10 high-growth sectors. This is a onetime
51.11 appropriation.

51.12 (ww) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to the
51.13 American Indian Opportunities and
51.14 Industrialization Center for workforce
51.15 development programming, including reducing
51.16 academic disparities for American Indian
51.17 students and adults. This is a onetime
51.18 appropriation.

51.19 (xx) \$500,000 each year from the workforce
51.20 development fund is for a grant to the Hmong
51.21 Chamber of Commerce to train ethnically
51.22 Southeast Asian business owners and
51.23 operators in better business practices. Of this
51.24 amount, up to \$5,000 may be used for
51.25 administrative costs. This is a onetime
51.26 appropriation.

51.27 (yy) \$275,000 each year is for a grant to
51.28 Southeast Minnesota Workforce Development
51.29 Area 8 and Workforce Development, Inc., to
51.30 provide career planning, career pathway
51.31 training and education, wraparound support
51.32 services, and job skills advancement in
51.33 high-demand careers to individuals with
51.34 barriers to employment in Steele County, and
51.35 to help families build secure pathways out of

52.1 poverty and address worker shortages in the
52.2 Owatonna and Steele County area, as well as
52.3 supporting Employer Outreach Services that
52.4 provide solutions to workforce challenges and
52.5 direct connections to workforce programming.
52.6 Money may be used for program expenses,
52.7 including but not limited to hiring instructors
52.8 and navigators; space rental; and supportive
52.9 services to help participants attend classes,
52.10 including assistance with course fees, child
52.11 care, transportation, and safe and stable
52.12 housing. Up to five percent of grant money
52.13 may be used for Workforce Development,
52.14 Inc.'s administrative costs. This is a onetime
52.15 appropriation and is available until June 30,
52.16 2027.

52.17 (zz) \$589,000 the first year and \$588,000 the
52.18 second year are for grants to the Black
52.19 Women's Wealth Alliance to provide
52.20 low-income individuals with job skills
52.21 training, career counseling, and job placement
52.22 assistance. This is a onetime appropriation.

52.23 (aaa) \$250,000 each year is for a grant to
52.24 Abijahs on the Backside to provide equine
52.25 experiential mental health therapy to first
52.26 responders suffering from job-related trauma
52.27 and post-traumatic stress disorder. For
52.28 purposes of this paragraph, a "first responder"
52.29 is a peace officer as defined in Minnesota
52.30 Statutes, section 626.84, subdivision 1,
52.31 paragraph (c); a full-time firefighter as defined
52.32 in Minnesota Statutes, section 299N.03,
52.33 subdivision 5; or a volunteer firefighter as
52.34 defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
52.35 299N.03, subdivision 7.

53.1 Abijahs on the Backside must report to the
53.2 commissioner of employment and economic
53.3 development and the chairs and ranking
53.4 minority members of the legislative
53.5 committees with jurisdiction over employment
53.6 and economic development policy and finance
53.7 on the equine experiential mental health
53.8 therapy provided to first responders under this
53.9 paragraph. The report must include an
53.10 overview of the program's budget, a detailed
53.11 explanation of program expenditures, the
53.12 number of first responders served by the
53.13 program, and a list and explanation of the
53.14 services provided to and benefits received by
53.15 program participants. An initial report is due
53.16 by January 15, 2024, and a final report is due
53.17 by January 15, 2026. This is a onetime
53.18 appropriation.

53.19 (bbb) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
53.20 Ramsey County to provide job training and
53.21 workforce development for underserved
53.22 communities. Grant money may be subgranted
53.23 to Milestone Community Development for the
53.24 Milestone Tech program. This is a onetime
53.25 appropriation.

53.26 (ccc) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
53.27 Ramsey County for a technology training
53.28 pathway program focused on intergenerational
53.29 community tech work for residents who are
53.30 at least 18 years old and no more than 24 years
53.31 old and who live in a census tract that has a
53.32 poverty rate of at least 20 percent as reported
53.33 in the most recently completed decennial
53.34 census published by the United States Bureau
53.35 of the Census. Grant money may be used for

54.1 program administration, training, training
54.2 stipends, wages, and support services. This is
54.3 a onetime appropriation.

54.4 (ddd) \$200,000 each year is for a grant to
54.5 Project Restore Minnesota for the Social
54.6 Kitchen project, a pathway program for careers
54.7 in the culinary arts. This is a onetime
54.8 appropriation and is available until June 30,
54.9 2027.

54.10 (eee) \$100,000 each year is for grants to the
54.11 Minnesota Grocers Association Foundation
54.12 for Carts to Careers, a statewide initiative to
54.13 promote careers, conduct outreach, provide
54.14 job skills training, and award scholarships for
54.15 students pursuing careers in the food industry.
54.16 This is a onetime appropriation.

54.17 (fff) \$1,200,000 each year is for a grant to
54.18 Twin Cities R!SE. Of this amount, \$700,000
54.19 each year is for performance grants under
54.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8747, to
54.21 Twin Cities R!SE to provide training to
54.22 individuals facing barriers to employment;
54.23 and \$500,000 each year is to increase the
54.24 capacity of the Empowerment Institute through
54.25 employer partnerships across Minnesota and
54.26 expansion of the youth personal empowerment
54.27 curriculum. This is a onetime appropriation
54.28 and available until June 30, 2026.

54.29 (ggg) \$750,000 each year is for a grant to
54.30 Bridges to Healthcare to provide career
54.31 education, wraparound support services, and
54.32 job skills training in high-demand health care
54.33 fields to low-income parents, nonnative
54.34 speakers of English, and other hard-to-train
54.35 individuals, helping families build secure

55.1 pathways out of poverty while also addressing
55.2 worker shortages in one of Minnesota's most
55.3 innovative industries. Grants may be used for
55.4 program expenses, including but not limited
55.5 to hiring instructors and navigators; space
55.6 rental; and supportive services to help
55.7 participants attend classes, including assistance
55.8 with course fees, child care, transportation,
55.9 and safe and stable housing. In addition, up to
55.10 five percent of grant money may be used for
55.11 Bridges to Healthcare's administrative costs.
55.12 This is a onetime appropriation.

55.13 (hhh) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to Big
55.14 Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities
55.15 to provide disadvantaged youth ages 12 to 21
55.16 with job-seeking skills, connections to job
55.17 training and education opportunities, and
55.18 mentorship while exploring careers. The grant
55.19 shall serve youth in the Big Brothers Big
55.20 Sisters chapters in the Twin Cities, central
55.21 Minnesota, and southern Minnesota. This is a
55.22 onetime appropriation.

55.23 (iii) \$3,000,000 each year is for a grant to
55.24 Youthprise to provide economic development
55.25 services designed to enhance long-term
55.26 economic self-sufficiency in communities with
55.27 concentrated African populations statewide.
55.28 Of these amounts, 50 percent is for subgrants
55.29 to Ka Joog and 50 percent is for competitive
55.30 subgrants to community organizations. This
55.31 is a onetime appropriation.

55.32 (jjj) \$350,000 each year is for a grant to the
55.33 YWCA Minneapolis to provide training to
55.34 eligible individuals, including job skills
55.35 training, career counseling, and job placement

56.1 assistance necessary to secure a child
56.2 development associate credential and to have
56.3 a career path in early education. This is a
56.4 onetime appropriation.

56.5 (kkk) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
56.6 Emerge Community Development to support
56.7 and reinforce critical workforce training at the
56.8 Emerge Career and Technical Center, Cedar
56.9 Riverside Opportunity Center, and Emerge
56.10 Second Chance programs in the city of
56.11 Minneapolis. This is a onetime appropriation.

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

56.18 Better Futures Minnesota shall annually report
56.19 to the commissioner on how the money was
56.20 spent and what results were achieved. The
56.21 report must include, at a minimum,
56.22 information and data about the number of
56.23 participants; participant homelessness,
56.24 employment, recidivism, and child support
56.25 compliance; and job skills training provided
56.26 to program participants.

56.27 (mmm) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
56.28 Pillsbury United Communities to provide job
56.29 training and workforce development services
56.30 for underserved communities. This is a
56.31 onetime appropriation.

56.32 (nnn) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
56.33 Project for Pride in Living for job training and
56.34 workforce development services for

57.1 underserved communities. This is a onetime
57.2 appropriation.

57.3 (ooo) \$300,000 each year is for a grant to
57.4 YMCA of the North to provide career
57.5 exploration, job training, and workforce
57.6 development services for underserved youth
57.7 and young adults. This is a onetime
57.8 appropriation.

57.9 (ppp) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to Al
57.10 Maa'uun, formerly the North at Work program,
57.11 for a strategic intervention program designed
57.12 to target and connect program participants to
57.13 meaningful, sustainable living wage
57.14 employment. This is a onetime appropriation.

57.15 (qqq) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
57.16 CAIRO to provide workforce development
57.17 services in health care, technology, and
57.18 transportation (CDL) industries. This is a
57.19 onetime appropriation.

57.20 (rrr) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to the
57.21 Central Minnesota Community Empowerment
57.22 Organization for providing services to relieve
57.23 economic disparities in the African immigrant
57.24 community through workforce recruitment,
57.25 development, job creation, assistance of
57.26 smaller organizations to increase capacity, and
57.27 outreach. Of this amount, up to five percent
57.28 is for administration and monitoring of the
57.29 program. This is a onetime appropriation.

57.30 (sss) \$270,000 each year is for a grant to the
57.31 Stairstep Foundation for community-based
57.32 workforce development efforts. This is a
57.33 onetime appropriation.

58.1 (ttt) \$400,000 each year is for a grant to
58.2 Building Strong Communities, Inc, for a
58.3 statewide apprenticeship readiness program
58.4 to prepare women, BIPOC community
58.5 members, and veterans to enter the building
58.6 and construction trades. This is a onetime
58.7 appropriation.

58.8 (uuu) \$150,000 each year is for prevailing
58.9 wage staff under Minnesota Statutes, section
58.10 116J.871, subdivision 2.

58.11 (vvv) \$250,000 each year is for the purpose
58.12 of awarding a grant to Minnesota Community
58.13 of African People with Disabilities
58.14 (MNCAPD), Roots Connect, and Fortune
58.15 Relief and Youth Empowerment Organization
58.16 (FRAYEO). This is a onetime appropriation.
58.17 MNCAPD, Roots Connect, and FRAYEO
58.18 must use grant proceeds to provide funding
58.19 for workforce development activities for
58.20 at-risk youth from low-income families and
58.21 unengaged young adults experiencing
58.22 disabilities, including:

58.23 (1) job readiness training for at-risk youth,
58.24 including resume building, interview skills,
58.25 and job search strategies;

58.26 (2) on-the-job training opportunities with local
58.27 businesses;

58.28 (3) support services such as transportation
58.29 assistance and child care to help youth attend
58.30 job training programs; and

58.31 (4) mentorship and networking opportunities
58.32 to connect youth with professionals in the
58.33 youth's desired fields.

59.1 (www)(1) \$250,000 each year is for a grant
59.2 to Greater Rochester Advocates for
59.3 Universities and Colleges (GRAUC), a
59.4 collaborative organization representing health
59.5 care, business, workforce development, and
59.6 higher education institutions, for expenses
59.7 relating to starting up a state-of-the-art
59.8 simulation center for training health care
59.9 workers in southeast Minnesota. Once
59.10 established, this center must be self-sustaining
59.11 through user fees. Eligible expenses include
59.12 leasing costs, developing and providing
59.13 training, and operational costs. This is a
59.14 onetime appropriation.

59.15 (2) By January 15, 2025, GRAUC must submit
59.16 a report, including an independent financial
59.17 audit of the use of grant money, to the chairs
59.18 and ranking minority members of the
59.19 legislative committees having jurisdiction over
59.20 higher education and economic development.
59.21 This report must include details on the training
59.22 provided at the simulation center, including
59.23 the names of all organizations that use the
59.24 center for training, the number of individuals
59.25 each organization trained, and the type of
59.26 training provided.

59.27 (xxx)(1) \$350,000 each year is for a grant to
59.28 the Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers
59.29 for a pilot program supporting black
59.30 undergraduate students pursuing admission to
59.31 law school. This is a onetime appropriation.

59.32 (2) The program must:

59.33 (i) enroll an initial cohort of ten to 20 black
59.34 Minnesota resident students attending a

60.1 baccalaureate degree-granting postsecondary
60.2 institution in Minnesota full time;

60.3 (ii) support each of the program's students with
60.4 an academic scholarship in the amount of
60.5 \$4,000 per academic year;

60.6 (iii) organize events and programming,
60.7 including but not limited to one-on-one
60.8 mentoring, to familiarize enrolled students
60.9 with law school and legal careers; and

60.10 (iv) provide the program's students free test
60.11 preparation materials, academic support, and
60.12 registration for the Law School Admission
60.13 Test (LSAT) examination.

60.14 (3) The Minnesota Association of Black
60.15 Lawyers may use grant funds under clause (1)
60.16 for costs related to:

60.17 (i) student scholarships;

60.18 (ii) academic events and programming,
60.19 including food and transportation costs for
60.20 students;

60.21 (iii) LSAT preparation materials, courses, and
60.22 registrations; and

60.23 (iv) hiring staff for the program.

60.24 (4) By January 30, 2024, and again by January
60.25 30, 2025, the Minnesota Association of Black
60.26 Lawyers must submit a report to the
60.27 commissioner and to the chairs and ranking
60.28 minority members of legislative committees
60.29 with jurisdiction over workforce development
60.30 finance and policy and higher education
60.31 finance and policy. The report must include
60.32 an accurate and detailed account of the pilot
60.33 program, its outcomes, and its revenues and

61.1 expenses, including the use of all state funds
61.2 appropriated in clause (1).

61.3 (yyy) \$2,000,000 the first year is for a grant
61.4 to the Power of People Leadership Institute
61.5 (POPLI) to expand pre- and post-release
61.6 personal development and leadership training
61.7 and community reintegration services, to
61.8 reduce recidivism, and increase access to
61.9 employment. This is a onetime appropriation
61.10 and is available until June 30, 2025.

61.11 (zzz) \$500,000 the first year is to the
61.12 Legislative Coordinating Commission for the
61.13 Working Group on Youth Interventions. This
61.14 is a onetime appropriation.

61.15 Sec. 7. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 20, section 2, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

61.16 Subd. 4. **General Support Services** 18,045,000 8,045,000

61.17 Appropriations by Fund			
	61.18 2024	61.18 2025	
61.19 General Fund	17,950,000	7,950,000	
61.20 Workforce			
61.21 Development	95,000	95,000	

61.22 The base for the general support services
61.23 division in fiscal year 2026 is \$5,950,000 for
61.24 the general fund and \$95,000 for the
61.25 workforce development fund.

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

61.29 (b) \$10,000,000 the first year is for the
61.30 workforce digital transformation projects. This
61.31 appropriation is onetime and is available until
61.32 June 30, 2027.

62.1 Sec. 8. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 20, section 2, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

62.2			45,691,000
62.3	Subd. 6. Vocational Rehabilitation	45,691,000	<u>40,636,000</u>

62.4 Appropriations by Fund

62.5		2024	2025
62.6			37,861,000
62.7	General	37,861,000	<u>32,806,000</u>
62.8	Workforce		
62.9	Development	7,830,000	7,830,000

62.10 (a) \$14,300,000 each year is for the state's
62.11 vocational rehabilitation program under
62.12 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 268A.

62.13 (b) \$11,495,000 each year from the general
62.14 fund and \$6,830,000 each year from the
62.15 workforce development fund are for extended
62.16 employment services for persons with severe
62.17 disabilities under Minnesota Statutes, section
62.18 268A.15. Of the amounts appropriated from
62.19 the general fund, \$4,500,000 each year is for
62.20 maintaining prior rate increases to providers
62.21 of extended employment services for persons
62.22 with severe disabilities under Minnesota
62.23 Statutes, section 268A.15.

62.24 (c) ~~\$5,055,000 each year in the first year~~ is for
62.25 grants to programs that provide employment
62.26 support services to persons with mental illness
62.27 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 268A.13
62.28 and 268A.14, and is available until June 30,
62.29 2025. The base for this appropriation is
62.30 \$2,555,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each year
62.31 thereafter.

62.32 (d) \$7,011,000 each year is for grants to
62.33 centers for independent living under
62.34 Minnesota Statutes, section 268A.11. This
62.35 appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.

63.1 The base for this appropriation is \$3,011,000
63.2 in fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter.
63.3 (e) \$1,000,000 each year is from the workforce
63.4 development fund for grants under Minnesota
63.5 Statutes, section 268A.16, for employment
63.6 services for persons, including transition-age
63.7 youth, who are deaf, deafblind, or
63.8 hard-of-hearing. If the amount in the first year
63.9 is insufficient, the amount in the second year
63.10 is available in the first year.

63.11 Sec. 9. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 21, section 6, is amended to read:

63.12 Sec. 6. **TRANSFERS.**

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

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

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

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

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

64.2 Sec. 10. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 21, section 7, is amended to read:

64.3 Sec. 7. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

64.4 (a) \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the Minnesota forward fund
64.5 account to the commissioner of employment and economic development for providing
64.6 businesses with matching funds required by federal programs. Money awarded under this
64.7 program is made retroactive to February 1, 2023, for applications and projects. The
64.8 commissioner may use up to two percent of this appropriation for administration. This is a
64.9 onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027. Any funds that remain unspent
64.10 are canceled to the general fund.

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

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

64.30 (d) The commissioner may use the appropriation under paragraph (c) to allocate up to
64.31 15 percent of the total project cost with a maximum of \$75,000,000 per project for the
64.32 purpose of constructing, modernizing, or expanding commercial facilities on the front- and
64.33 back-end fabrication of leading-edge, current-generation, and mature-node semiconductors;

65.1 funding semiconductor materials and manufacturing equipment facilities; and for research
65.2 and development facilities.

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

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

65.6 (2) grants to increase the capacity of institutions of higher education to serve industrial
65.7 requirements for research and development that coincide with current and future requirements
65.8 of projects eligible under this section. Grant money may be used to construct and equip
65.9 facilities that serve the purpose of the industry. The maximum grant award per institution
65.10 of higher education under this section is \$5,000,000 and may not represent more than 50
65.11 percent of the total project funding from other sources. Use of this funding must be supported
65.12 by businesses receiving funds under clause (1).

65.13 (f) Money appropriated in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) may be transferred between
65.14 appropriations within the Minnesota forward fund account by the commissioner of
65.15 employment and economic development with approval of the commissioner of management
65.16 and budget. The commissioner must notify the Legislative Advisory Commission at least
65.17 15 days prior to changing appropriations under this paragraph.

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

65.19 Sec. 11. Laws 2023, chapter 64, article 15, section 30, is amended to read:

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

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

65.25 (b) Of the amount granted to the city of Minneapolis under paragraph (a), ~~\$8,000,000~~
65.26 \$7,000,000 must be used for a grant to a foundation that provides business advising, branding
65.27 and marketing support, and real estate consulting to businesses located on Lake Street in
65.28 Minneapolis, between 30th Avenue South and Nicollet Avenue. The organization must use
65.29 the funds for direct business support or direct corridor support, including assistance with
65.30 marketing, placemaking, and public relations services.

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

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

66.5 Sec. 12. **REPORT TO LEGISLATURE.**

66.6 Subdivision 1. **Application.** This section applies to any grant funded under this act
66.7 whether the recipient of the grant is individually specified, or if not individually specified,
66.8 will result in a grant to a single recipient.

66.9 Subd. 2. **Reporting to the commissioner.** In addition to meeting any other reporting
66.10 requirements under existing law, included in a grant agreement, or as specified in an
66.11 appropriation in this act, a grant recipient subject to this section must provide the information
66.12 necessary for the commissioner to submit the report required under subdivision 3.

66.13 Subd. 3. **Report to legislature.** By January 15, 2026, the commissioner must submit a
66.14 report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with
66.15 jurisdiction over economic development or workforce development, as applicable, with the
66.16 following information:

66.17 (1) a detailed accounting of the use of any grant funds;

66.18 (2) the portion of the grant, if any, spent on the recipient's administrative expenses;

66.19 (3) the number of individuals served by the grant; and

66.20 (4) any other reporting requirement specified for an appropriation under this act.

66.21 Sec. 13. **CANCELLATIONS.**

66.22 (a) Notwithstanding Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 20, section 2, subdivision 2, paragraph
66.23 (dd), if the Bureau International des Expositions does not approve the Expo 2027 project,
66.24 the money appropriated in Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 20, section 2, subdivision 2,
66.25 paragraph (dd), cancels to the general fund.

66.26 (b) \$6,000,000 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation under Laws 2021, First
66.27 Special Session chapter 14, article 11, section 41, is canceled to the general fund.

66.28 Sec. 14. **REPEALER.**

66.29 Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 14, article 11, section 42, as amended by Laws
66.30 2023, chapter 73, section 2, is repealed.

67.1

ARTICLE 2

67.2

POLICY

67.3 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 116L.43, subdivision 1, is amended
67.4 to read:

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

67.7 (b) "Community-based organization" means a nonprofit organization that:

67.8 (1) provides workforce development programming or services;

67.9 ~~(2) has an annual organizational budget of no more than \$1,000,000;~~

67.10 ~~(3)~~ (2) has its primary office located in a historically underserved community of color
67.11 or low-income community; and

67.12 ~~(4)~~ (3) serves a population that generally reflects the demographics of that local
67.13 community.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 68.1 Subd. 2. Duties. The director of Explore Minnesota Film is authorized to:
- 68.2 (1) administer the film production jobs program and the film production credit program;
- 68.3 (2) promote Minnesota as a location for film and television production;
- 68.4 (3) assist in the establishment and implementation of programs related to film and
- 68.5 television production, including but not limited to permitting and workforce development;
- 68.6 (4) improve communication among local, state, federal, and private entities regarding
- 68.7 film and television production logistics and best practices;
- 68.8 (5) coordinate the development of statewide policies addressing film and television
- 68.9 production; and
- 68.10 (6) act as a liaison to production entities, workers, and state agencies.

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

68.12 **116U.26 FILM PRODUCTION JOBS PROGRAM.**

68.13 (a) The film production jobs program is created. The program shall be operated by ~~the~~

68.14 ~~Minnesota Film and TV Board~~ Explore Minnesota Film with administrative oversight and

68.15 control by the ~~commissioner of employment and economic development~~ director of Explore

68.16 Minnesota. The program shall make payment to producers of feature films, national television

68.17 or Internet programs, documentaries, music videos, and commercials that directly create

68.18 new film jobs in Minnesota. To be eligible for a payment, a producer must submit

68.19 documentation to ~~the Minnesota Film and TV Board~~ Explore Minnesota Film of expenditures

68.20 for production costs incurred in Minnesota that are directly attributable to the production

68.21 in Minnesota of a film product.

68.22 ~~The Minnesota Film and TV Board~~ Explore Minnesota Film shall make recommendations

68.23 to the ~~commissioner of employment and economic development~~ director of Explore

68.24 Minnesota about program payment, but the ~~commissioner~~ director has the authority to make

68.25 the final determination on payments. The ~~commissioner's~~ director's determination must be

68.26 based on proper documentation of eligible production costs submitted for payments. No

68.27 more than five percent of the funds appropriated for the program in any year may be expended

68.28 for administration, including costs for independent audits and financial reviews of projects.

68.29 (b) For the purposes of this section:

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

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

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

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

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

69.5 (v) editing and related services;

69.6 (vi) rental of facilities and equipment;

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

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

69.10 (ix) costs incurred during postproduction; and

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

69.19 (c) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, ~~the Minnesota Film and TV Board~~
69.20 Explore Minnesota Film may make reimbursements of: (1) up to 25 percent of production
69.21 costs for films that locate production outside the metropolitan area, as defined in section
69.22 473.121, subdivision 2, or that incur a minimum Minnesota expenditure of \$1,000,000 in
69.23 the metropolitan area within a 12-month period; or (2) up to 20 percent of production costs
69.24 for films that incur less than \$1,000,000 in Minnesota production costs in the metropolitan
69.25 area within a 12-month period.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

70.6 (f) "Eligible production costs" means eligible production costs as defined in section
70.7 116U.26, paragraph (b), clause (1), incurred in Minnesota that are directly attributable to
70.8 the production of a film project in Minnesota.

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

70.10 (h) "Project" means a film:

70.11 (1) that includes the promotion of Minnesota;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

70.28 (1) verify eligibility for the credit;

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

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

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

71.4 (c) The ~~commissioner~~ director must not issue allocation certificates for more than
71.5 \$24,950,000 of credits each year. If the entire amount is not allocated in that taxable year,
71.6 any remaining amount is available for allocation for the four following taxable years until
71.7 the entire allocation has been made. The ~~commissioner~~ director must not award any credits
71.8 for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2030, and any unallocated amounts cancel
71.9 on that date.

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

71.11 (e) Upon completion of a project, the taxpayer shall submit to the ~~commissioner~~ director
71.12 a report prepared by an independent certified public accountant licensed in the state of
71.13 Minnesota to verify the amount of eligible production costs related to the project. The report
71.14 must be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Upon receipt
71.15 and approval of the cost verification report and other documents required by the
71.16 ~~commissioner~~ director, the ~~commissioner~~ director shall determine the final amount of eligible
71.17 production costs and issue a credit certificate to the taxpayer. The credit may not exceed
71.18 the anticipated credit amount on the allocation certificate. If the credit is less than the
71.19 anticipated amount on the allocation credit, the difference is returned to the amount available
71.20 for allocation under paragraph (c). To claim the credit under section 290.06, subdivision
71.21 39, or 297I.20, subdivision 4, a taxpayer must include a copy of the credit certificate as part
71.22 of the taxpayer's return.

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

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

71.29 (1) the amount of credit certifications issued annually;

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

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

72.1 (4) the total economic impact of the credit in Minnesota, including the calendar year
 72.2 over calendar year percentage changes in the number of jobs held by Minnesota residents
 72.3 in businesses having a primary North American Industry Classification System code of
 72.4 512110 as reported to the commissioner, for calendar years 2019 through 2023;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

73.9 Subd. 4. **Report.** Change Starts With Community must report to the commissioner of
 73.10 employment and economic development, outlining the utilization of grant money, program
 73.11 outcomes, and the impact on the targeted population. The report must be submitted no later
 73.12 than six months after the end of fiscal year 2025.

73.13 Sec. 9. **SHAKOPEE AREA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS**
 73.14 **PILOT.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

75.17 Subd. 8. **Local employer scholarships tax credit.** (a) A local employer is allowed a
75.18 credit against the tax due under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 290, equal to the amount of the
75.19 local employer's scholarship awarded to an employer-sponsored applicant that is matched
75.20 under subdivision 5.

75.21 (b) The credit allowed to a local employer under this subdivision per scholarship awarded
75.22 to an employer-sponsored applicant for a taxable year is limited to the total amount of the
75.23 local employer's scholarship awarded to an employer-sponsored applicant.

75.24 (c) If the amount of credit which a claimant is eligible to receive under this subdivision
75.25 exceeds the claimant's tax liability under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 290, the commissioner
75.26 of revenue shall refund the excess to the claimant.

75.27 (d) Credits granted to a partnership, a limited liability company taxed as a partnership,
75.28 an S corporation, or multiple owners of property are passed through to the partners, members,
75.29 shareholders, or owners, respectively, pro rata to each partner, member, shareholder, or
75.30 owner based on their share of the entity's assets or as specially allocated in their
75.31 organizational documents or any other executed document, as of the last day of the taxable
75.32 year.

76.1 (e) The commissioner of revenue may use any audit and examination powers under
76.2 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 270C or 289A, to the extent necessary to verify that the taxpayer
76.3 is eligible for the credit and to assess for the amount of any improperly claimed credit.

76.4 (f) This subdivision expires after December 31, 2028, except that the expiration of this
76.5 subdivision does not affect the commissioner of revenue's authority to audit or power of
76.6 examination and assessment for credits claimed under this subdivision.

76.7 (g) An amount sufficient to pay the refunds required by this section is appropriated to
76.8 the commissioner of revenue from the general fund.

76.9 Subd. 9. **Report required.** The foundation must submit an annual report by December
76.10 31 of each year regarding the scholarship program to the chairs and ranking minority
76.11 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over employment and economic
76.12 development policy. The first report is due no later than December 31, 2025. The annual
76.13 report must describe the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

76.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment, except
76.30 that subdivision 8 is effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023, and
76.31 before January 1, 2029.

77.1 Sec. 10. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

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

77.5 Sec. 11. **REPEALER.**

77.6 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.

APPENDIX
Repealed Minnesota Session Laws: S5289-1

Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 14, article 11, section 42, as amended by Laws 2023, chapter 73, section 2

Sec. 2. [CORR23-15] Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 14, article 11, section 42, is amended to read:

Sec. 42. APPROPRIATION; MEAT PROCESSING BUSINESS IN REDEVELOPMENT AREA.

Subdivision 1. **Grant.** Of an appropriation in fiscal year 2022 for the targeted community capital project grant program under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.9924, the commissioner of employment and economic development must grant \$6,000,000 to a business engaged in the meat processing industry and currently conducting operations in a building or buildings constructed on or before January 1, 1947, and located in the city of South St. Paul. The grant proceeds may be used for one or more of the following: site acquisition costs; relocation costs; predesign; design; sewer, water, and stormwater infrastructure; site preparation; engineering; and the cost of improvements to real property locally zoned to allow a meat processing land use. This is a onetime appropriation.

Subd. 2. **Criteria.** A business selected by the commissioner of employment and economic development under this section shall meet the following criteria:

(1) the business applying for the grant must currently operate its meat processing business within the "Shoreland Overlay Zoning District" as depicted on the Official Zoning Map for the city of South St. Paul;

(2) the business applying for the grant must currently operate its meat processing business within a property not directly abutting a public street; and

(3) the business applying for the grant must currently operate its meat processing business in at least two separate, detached permanent structures.

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