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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Workforce and Business Development Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to workforce development; appropriating money for a grant to the
1.3 Construction Careers Foundation.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION.

1.6 (a) \$375,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$375,000 in fiscal year 2023 are appropriated from
1.7 the workforce development fund to the commissioner of employment and economic
1.8 development for a grant to the Construction Careers Foundation for the construction career
1.9 pathway initiative to provide year-round educational and experiential learning opportunities
1.10 for teens and young adults under the age of 21 that lead to careers in the construction industry.

1.11 This is a onetime appropriation.

1.12 (b) Grant funds must be used to:

1.13 (1) increase construction industry exposure activities for middle school and high school
1.14 youth, parents, and counselors to reach a more diverse demographic and broader statewide
1.15 audience. This requirement includes but is not limited to an expansion of programs to provide
1.16 experience in different crafts to youth and young adults throughout the state;

1.17 (2) increase the number of high schools in Minnesota offering construction classes during
1.18 the academic year that use a multicraft curriculum;

1.19 (3) increase the number of summer internship opportunities;

1.20 (4) enhance activities to support graduating seniors in their efforts to obtain employment
1.21 in the construction industry;

2.1 (5) increase the number of young adults employed in the construction industry and ensure
2.2 that they reflect Minnesota's diverse workforce; and

2.3 (6) enhance an industrywide marketing campaign targeted to youth and young adults
2.4 about the depth and breadth of careers within the construction industry.

2.5 (c) Programs and services supported by grant funds must give priority to individuals
2.6 and groups that are economically disadvantaged or historically underrepresented in the
2.7 construction industry, including but not limited to women, veterans, and members of minority
2.8 and immigrant groups.