2021 Bill (SF 2151/HF 2302)

A bill for an act

relating to economic development; appropriating money and amending the program name for the; amending Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 4, article 1, section 3, subdivision 2.

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

Section 1.

Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 4, article 1, section 3, subdivision 2(i)(1), is amended to read:

(1) The commissioner shall develop and implement a competitive grant program for business development assistance and services including, but not limited to: minority black, indigenous, people of color, and immigrant business development, women's business development, rural business development, bioscience business development, entrepreneur development, commercial cooperatives, employee-owned businesses, commercial land trusts and services to inventors. Of this amount, up to five percent is for administration and monitoring of the business development competitive grant program Small Business Partnership Grant Program.

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Sec. 2. <u>APPROPRIATION; BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM.</u>

\$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated to be awarded to existing program grantees in a proportional amount and \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is added to the base appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for the Small Business Partnership Grant Program. Of this amount, up to five percent is for administration and monitoring of the Small Business Partnership Grant Program.

All grant awards shall be for two consecutive years. Grants shall be awarded in fiscal year 2025.