

1.1 Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 2695 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. **HOSPITALITY RECOVERY GRANT PROGRAM.**

1.4 Subdivision 1. **Grant program established.** The commissioner of employment and
1.5 economic development shall establish the hospitality recovery grant program to make grants
1.6 to partner organizations to make grants to eligible hospitality businesses of up to \$10,000
1.7 due to adverse effects to a business related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

1.8 Subd. 2. **Hospitality business defined.** For purposes of this section, "hospitality business"
1.9 means a for-profit or nonprofit business including but not limited to restaurants, drinking
1.10 places, entertainment venues, and hotels.

1.11 Subd. 3. **Grants to partner organizations.** (a) The commissioner shall make grants to
1.12 partner organizations to provide grants to hospitality businesses using criteria, forms,
1.13 applications, and reporting requirements developed by the commissioner.

1.14 (b) Up to four percent of a grant under this subdivision may be used by the partner
1.15 organization for administration and monitoring of the program.

1.16 Subd. 4. **Eligibility.** A hospitality business is eligible to receive a grant under this section
1.17 if the business:

1.18 (1) employs 200 or fewer employees;

1.19 (2) has a physical presence in the state; and

1.20 (3) was impacted by a COVID-19-related business closure or other restrictions related
1.21 to the COVID-19 pandemic.

1.22 Subd. 5. **Grants award process.** (a) Priority in awarding grants shall be given to
1.23 businesses that have not previously received any COVID-19-related state or local grants or
1.24 aid, excluding any business relief payment received under Laws 2020, Seventh Special
1.25 Session chapter 2, article 1, section 1.

1.26 (b) Grants shall be awarded by randomized selection process after applications are
1.27 collected over a set period of time as determined by the commissioner.

1.28 Subd. 6. **Eligible use of grant money.** Grant proceeds may be used for business
1.29 operations, payroll, rent or mortgage, utilities, and other business-related expenses.

1.30 Subd. 7. **Appropriation.** \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general
1.31 fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for hospitality recovery

2.1 grants under this section. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until December
2.2 31, 2023.

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

2.4 Amend the title accordingly