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04/04/2024	13372	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Jobs and Economic Development
04/18/2024	14237a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance

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A bill for an act

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relating to economic development; making supplemental budget adjustments for

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the Department of Employment and Economic Development and Explore

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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ARTICLE 1

1.14

APPROPRIATIONS

1.15

Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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years 2024 and 2025.

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

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



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                                    Appropriations by Fund

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

12.18 Appropriations by Fund

12.19		2024	2025
12.20		<del>352,525,000</del>	<del>279,854,000</del>
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		<del>195,061,000</del>	<del>139,929,000</del>
12.30	Subd. 2. <b>Business and Community Development</b>	<u>196,061,000</u>	<u>142,104,000</u>

12.31 Appropriations by Fund

12.32		<del>193,011,000</del>	<del>137,879,000</del>
12.33	General	<u>194,011,000</u>	<u>140,054,000</u>

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 are ~~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. <b>Employment and Training Programs</b>	112,038,000	104,499,000
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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. <b>General Support Services</b>	18,045,000	8,045,000
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61.17	Appropriations by Fund		
61.18		2024	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			<del>45,691,000</del>
62.3	Subd. 6. <b>Vocational Rehabilitation</b>	45,691,000	<u>40,636,000</u>

62.4	Appropriations by Fund		
62.5		2024	2025
62.6			<del>37,861,000</del>
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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 13. **CANCELLATIONS.**

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

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

Sec. 14. **REPEALER.**

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

**ARTICLE 2****POLICY**

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

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

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

(1) provides workforce development programming or services;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(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;

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

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

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

(v) editing and related services;

(vi) rental of facilities and equipment;

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

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

(ix) costs incurred during postproduction; and

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment, except that subdivision 8 is effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023, and 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.