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486 Introduction and first reading

Referred to Jobs and Economic Development 04/10/2025 1798a Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance

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relating to state government; establishing a biennial budget for the Department of 1 2 Employment and Economic Development and Explore Minnesota; making various 1.3 policy changes; requiring reports; appropriating money; amending Minnesota 1.4 Statutes 2024, sections 116J.431, subdivision 2; 116J.659, subdivisions 4, 5; 1.5 116J.8733, subdivision 4; 116J.8752, subdivision 2; 116L.04, subdivisions 1, 1a; 1.6 116L.05, subdivision 5; 116L.98, subdivision 2; 116M.18, subdivision 3; 116U.05; 1.7 116U.06; 116U.15; 116U.30; 116U.35; 248.07, subdivisions 7, 8; 268.085, 1.8 subdivision 15; 268.184, subdivision 1; 469.54, subdivision 4; Laws 2023, chapter 1.9 53, article 15, section 33, subdivision 4, as amended; article 18, sections 2, 1.10 subdivisions 1, 4; 3, subdivisions 1, 4, 5; article 20, section 2, subdivision 2, as 1.11 amended; article 21, section 7, as amended; proposing coding for new law in 1.12 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116J; repealing Laws 2024, chapter 120, article 1, 1.13 section 13. 1.14

A bill for an act

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

ARTICLE 1 1.16

APPROPRIATIONS 1.17

Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

- (a) The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund, or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and 2027.
- 1.26 (b) If an appropriation in this article is enacted more than once in the 2025 regular or special legislative session, the appropriation must be given effect only once. 1.27

2.1	(c) Notwith	nstanding Minnesota Stat	tutes, section 16	6B.98, subdivision 14	4, the
2.2	commissioner	s of the agencies receiving	ng grant appropi	riations in this article	e must not use
2.3	any amount of	the grant appropriations f	or administration	n costs unless otherw	ise appropriated
2.4	or stated in Ma	innesota Statutes, section	116J.035, subc	livision 7.	
2.5				APPROPRIAT	TIONS
2.6				Available for th	e Year
2.7				Ending June	e 30
2.8				<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
2.9 2.10		RTMENT OF EMPLO DMIC DEVELOPMEN			
2.11	Subdivision 1.	Total Appropriation	<u>\$</u>	<u>159,277,000</u> <u>\$</u>	149,835,000
2.12		Appropriations by Fund			
2.13		<u>2026</u>	2027		
2.14	General	113,113,000	108,433,000		
2.15	Remediation	700,000	700,000		
2.16 2.17	Workforce Development	45,464,000	40,702,000		
2.18	The amounts t	hat may be spent for each	<u>h</u>		
2.19	purpose are sp	ecified in the following			
2.20	subdivisions.				
2.21	Subd. 2. Busin	ness and Community De	velopment	54,254,000	49,104,000
2.22	:	Appropriations by Fund			
2.23	General	51,204,000	46,054,000		
2.24	Remediation	700,000	700,000		
2.25 2.26	Workforce Development	2,350,000	2,350,000		
2.27	(a) \$2,287,000	each year is for the grea	<u>iter</u>		
2.28	Minnesota bus	siness development publi	<u>c</u>		
2.29	infrastructure g	grant program under Min	nesota		
2.30	Statutes, section	on 116J.435. This appropr	riation		
2.31	is available un	til June 30, 2029.			
2.32	(b) \$350,000 e	each year is for the			
2.33	administration	of the Energy Transition	Office		
2.34	under Minneso	ota Statutes, section 116J	.5491.		

3.1	(c) \$500,000 each year is for grants to small
3.2	business development centers under Minnesota
3.3	Statutes, section 116J.68. Money made
3.4	available under this paragraph may be used to
3.5	match funds under the federal Small Business
3.6	Development Center (SBDC) program under
3.7	United States Code, title 15, section 648, to
3.8	provide consulting and technical services or
3.9	to build additional SBDC network capacity to
3.10	serve entrepreneurs and small businesses.
3.11	(d) \$2,725,000 each year is for the small
3.12	business assistance partnerships program
3.13	under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.682.
3.14	All grant awards shall be for two consecutive
3.15	years. Grants shall be awarded in the first year.
3.16	The department may use up to five percent of
3.17	the appropriation for administrative purposes.
3.18	(e) \$1,772,000 each year is for contaminated
3.19	site cleanup and development grants under
3.20	Minnesota Statutes, sections 116J.551 to
3.21	116J.558. This appropriation is available until
3.22	expended.
3.23	(f) \$700,000 each year is from the remediation
3.24	fund for contaminated site cleanup and
3.25	development grants under Minnesota Statutes,
3.26	sections 116J.551 to 116J.558. This
3.27	appropriation is available until expended.
3.28	(g) \$139,000 each year is for the Center for
3.29	Rural Policy and Development.
3.30	(h) \$25,000 each year is for the administration
3.31	of state aid for the Destination Medical Center
3.32	Corporation under Minnesota Statutes,
3.33	sections 469.40 to 469.47.

4.1	(i) \$575,000 each year is for the host
4.2	community economic development program
4.3	established in Minnesota Statutes, section
4.4	116J.548. The base for this appropriation is
4.5	\$375,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each year
4.6	thereafter.
4.7	(j)(1) \$1,500,000 each year is for grants to
4.8	local communities to increase the number of
4.9	quality child care providers to support
4.10	economic development. Fifty percent of grant
4.11	funds must go to communities located outside
4.12	the seven-county metropolitan area as defined
4.13	in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121,
4.14	subdivision 2.
4.15	(2) Grant recipients must obtain a 50 percent
4.16	nonstate match to grant funds in either cash
4.17	or in-kind contribution, unless the
4.18	commissioner waives the requirement. Grant
4.19	funds available under this paragraph must be
4.20	used to implement projects to reduce the child
4.21	care shortage in the state, including but not
4.22	limited to funding for child care business
4.23	start-ups or expansion, training, facility
4.24	modifications, direct subsidies or incentives
4.25	to retain employees, or improvements required
4.26	for licensing, and assistance with licensing
4.27	and other regulatory requirements. In awarding
4.28	grants, the commissioner must give priority
4.29	to communities that have demonstrated a
4.30	shortage of child care providers.
4.31	(3) Within one year of receiving grant funds,
4.32	grant recipients must report to the
4.33	commissioner on the outcomes of the grant
4.34	program, including but not limited to the
4.35	number of new providers, the number of

5.1	additional child care provider jobs created, the
5.2	number of additional child care slots, and the
5.3	amount of cash and in-kind local funds
5.4	invested. Within one month of all grant
5.5	recipients reporting on program outcomes, the
5.6	commissioner must report the grant recipients'
5.7	outcomes to the chairs and ranking members
5.8	of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
5.9	over early learning and child care and
5.10	economic development.
5.11	(k) \$500,000 each year is for the Office of
5.12	Child Care Community Partnerships. Of this
5.13	amount:
5.14	(1) \$450,000 each year is for administration
5.15	of the Office of Child Care Community
5.16	Partnerships; and
5.17	(2) \$50,000 each year is for the Labor Market
5.18	Information Office to conduct research and
5.19	analysis related to the child care industry.
5.20	(l) \$1,000,000 each year is for a grant to the
5.21	Minnesota Initiative Foundations. This
5.22	appropriation is available until June 30, 2029.
5.23	The Minnesota Initiative Foundations must
5.24	use grant funds under this section to:
5.25	(1) facilitate planning processes for rural
5.26	communities resulting in a community solution
5.27	action plan that guides decision making to
5.28	sustain and increase the supply of quality child
5.29	care in the region to support economic
5.30	development;
5.31	(2) engage the private sector to invest local
5.32	resources to support the community solution
5.33	action plan and ensure quality child care is a

5.1	vital component of additional regional
5.2	economic development planning processes;
5.3	(3) provide locally based training and technical
5.4	assistance to rural child care business owners
6.5	individually or through a learning cohort.
5.6	Access to financial and business development
6.7	assistance must prepare child care businesses
5.8	for quality engagement and improvement by
5.9	stabilizing operations, leveraging funding from
5.10	other sources, and fostering business acumen
6.11	that allows child care businesses to plan for
5.12	and afford the cost of providing quality child
5.13	care; and
5.14	(4) recruit child care programs to participate
6.15	in quality rating and improvement
5.16	measurement programs. The Minnesota
6.17	Initiative Foundations must work with local
5.18	partners to provide low-cost training,
5.19	professional development opportunities, and
5.20	continuing education curricula. The Minnesota
5.21	Initiative Foundations must fund, through local
6.22	partners, an enhanced level of coaching to
5.23	rural child care providers to obtain a quality
5.24	rating through measurement programs.
6.25	(m) \$8,000,000 each year is for the Minnesota
6.26	job creation fund under Minnesota Statutes,
6.27	section 116J.8748. Of this amount, the
6.28	commissioner of employment and economic
5.29	development may use up to three percent for
6.30	administrative expenses. This appropriation
6.31	is available until expended.
6.32	(n) \$12,370,000 each year is for the Minnesota
5.33	investment fund under Minnesota Statutes,
6.34	section 116J.8731. Of this amount, the
5.35	commissioner of employment and economic

- 7.1 development may use up to three percent for
- 7.2 administration and monitoring of the program.
- 7.3 This appropriation is available until expended.
- 7.4 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
- 7.5 116J.8731, money appropriated to the
- 7.6 commissioner for the Minnesota investment
- fund may be used for the redevelopment
- 7.8 program under Minnesota Statutes, sections
- 7.9 116J.575 and 116J.5761, at the discretion of
- 7.10 the commissioner. Grants under this paragraph
- 7.11 are not subject to the grant amount limitation
- 7.12 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731.
- 7.13 (o) \$2,246,000 each year is for the
- 7.14 redevelopment program under Minnesota
- 7.15 Statutes, sections 116J.575 and 116J.5761.
- 7.16 (p) \$12,000 each year is for a grant to the
- 7.17 Upper Minnesota Film Office.
- 7.18 (q) \$4,195,000 each year is for the Minnesota
- 7.19 job skills partnership program under
- 7.20 Minnesota Statutes, sections 116L.01 to
- 7.21 116L.17. If the appropriation for either year
- 7.22 is insufficient, the appropriation for the other
- year is available. This appropriation is
- 7.24 available until expended.
- 7.25 (r) \$1,350,000 each year from the workforce
- 7.26 development fund is for jobs training grants
- 7.27 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.41.
- 7.28 (s) \$250,000 each year is for the publication,
- 7.29 dissemination, and use of labor market
- 7.30 information under Minnesota Statutes, section
- 7.31 116J.401.
- 7.32 (t) \$1,000,000 each year is for the
- 7.33 CanNavigate program established under
- 7.34 Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.6595. Of this

8.1	amount, up to four percent may be used for
8.2	administrative purposes. Any unencumbered
8.3	balances remaining in the first year do not
8.4	cancel but are available for the second year.
8.5	(u) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
8.6	MNSBIR, Inc., for support of the small
8.7	business research and development goals
8.8	provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 3.222.
8.9	This appropriation is onetime and is available
8.10	<u>until June 30, 2027.</u>
8.11	The purpose of the grant is to support moving
8.12	scientific excellence and technological
8.13	innovation from the lab to the market for
8.14	startups and small businesses by securing
8.15	federal research and development funding to
8.16	build a strong innovation economy and
8.17	stimulate the creation of novel products,
8.18	services, and solutions; strengthening the role
8.19	of startups and small businesses in meeting
8.20	federal research and development needs;
8.21	increasing the commercial application of
8.22	federally supported research results; and
8.23	developing and increasing the Minnesota
8.24	workforce, especially by fostering and
8.25	encouraging participation by small businesses
8.26	owned by people who are Black, Indigenous,
8.27	People of Color, and women.
8.28	MNSBIR, Inc. shall use grant money to
8.29	become the federal research and development
8.30	dedicated resource for Minnesota small
8.31	businesses to support research and
8.32	commercialization of novel ideas, concepts,
8.33	and projects to develop cutting-edge products
8.34	and services for worldwide economic impact.
8.35	Grant money shall be used to:

9.1	(1) assist startups and small businesses in
9.2	securing federal research and development
9.3	funding including the small business
9.4	innovation research and small business
9.5	technology transfer programs;
9.6	(2) support technology transfer and
9.7	commercialization from the University of
9.8	Minnesota, Mayo Clinic, and federal
9.9	<u>laboratories;</u>
9.10	(3) collaborate with corporate venture groups
9.11	and large businesses nationally;
9.12	(4) conduct statewide outreach, education, and
9.13	training on federal rules, regulations, and
9.14	requirements;
9.15	(5) assist with scientific and technical writing;
9.16	(6) help manage federal grants and contracts;
9.17	<u>and</u>
9.18	(7) support cost accounting and federal
9.19	sole-source procurement opportunities.
9.20	(v) \$4,523,000 the first year is for the
9.21	PROMISE grant program. This is a onetime
9.22	appropriation and is available until June 30,
9.23	2029. Of this amount:
9.24	(1) \$905,000 the first year is for grants in
9.25	equal amounts to each of the Minnesota
9.26	<u>Initiative Foundations to serve businesses in</u>
9.27	greater Minnesota. Of this amount, \$72,000
9.28	is for grants to businesses with less than
9.29	\$100,000 in revenue the prior year; and
9.30	(2) \$3,618,000 the first year is for grants to
9.31	the Neighborhood Development Center. Of
9.32	this amount, the following amounts are
9.33	designated for the following areas:

10.1	(i) \$905,000 the first year is for North
10.2	Minneapolis' West Broadway, Camden, and
10.3	other Northside neighborhoods. Of this
10.4	amount, \$72,000 is for grants to businesses
10.5	with less than \$100,000 in revenue in the prior
10.6	year;
10.7	(ii) \$905,000 the first year is for South
10.8	Minneapolis' Lake Street, 38th and Chicago,
10.9	Franklin, Nicollet, and Riverside corridors.
10.10	Of this amount, \$72,000 is for grants to
10.11	businesses with less than \$100,000 in revenue
10.12	in the prior year;
10.13	(iii) \$904,000 the first year is for St. Paul's
10.14	University Avenue, Midway, Eastside, or other
10.15	St. Paul neighborhoods. Of this amount,
10.16	\$72,000 is for grants to businesses with less
10.17	than \$100,000 in revenue in the prior year;
10.18	<u>and</u>
10.19	(iv) \$904,000 the first year is for grants to
10.20	businesses in the counties of Anoka, Carver,
10.21	Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and
10.22	Washington, excluding the cities of
10.23	Minneapolis and St. Paul.
10.24	(w) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to the
10.25	Neighborhood Development Center (NDC) to
10.26	support small business programs, including
10.27	training, lending, business services, and real
10.28	estate initiatives. Money may be used to assist
10.29	organizations outside of the seven-county
10.30	metropolitan area with technical assistance
10.31	and grants to help implement elements of
10.32	NDC's small business support model; provide
10.33	one-on-one technical assistance for
10.34	entrepreneurs; and support the operations and
10.35	marketing of a cybersecurity center. This is a

11.1	onetime appropriation. Any unencumbered
11.2	balance remaining at the end of the first year
11.3	does not cancel and is available for use in the
11.4	second year.
11.5	(x) \$627,000 the first year is for a grant to
11.6	Community and Economic Development
11.7	Associates (CEDA) to provide funding for
11.8	economic development technical assistance
11.9	and economic development project grants to
11.10	small communities across rural Minnesota and
11.11	for CEDA to design, implement, market, and
11.12	administer specific types of basic community
11.13	and economic development programs tailored
11.14	to individual community needs. Technical
11.15	assistance grants shall be based on need and
11.16	given to communities that are otherwise
11.17	unable to afford these services. Of the amount
11.18	appropriated, up to \$270,000 may be used for
11.19	economic development project implementation
11.20	in conjunction with the technical assistance
11.21	received. This is a onetime appropriation. Any
11.22	unencumbered balance remaining at the end
11.23	of the first year does not cancel but is available
11.24	the second year.
11.25	(y) \$250,000 each year is for a grant to
11.26	Enterprise Minnesota, Inc. to directly invest
11.27	in Minnesota manufacturers under the Made
11.28	in Minnesota program under Minnesota
11.29	Statutes, section 116O.115. This is a onetime
11.30	appropriation.
11.31	(z) \$250,000 each year is for a grant to
11.32	Enterprise Minnesota, Inc., to reach and
11.33	deliver talent, leadership, employee retention,
11.34	continuous improvement, strategy, quality
11.35	management systems, revenue growth, and

12.1	manufacturing peer-to-peer advisory services
12.2	to small manufacturing companies employing
12.3	250 or fewer full-time equivalent employees
12.4	and for operations of Enterprise Minnesota.
12.5	This is a onetime appropriation. No later than
12.6	February 1, 2026, and February 1, 2027,
12.7	Enterprise Minnesota, Inc. must provide a
12.8	report to the chairs and ranking minority
12.9	members of the legislative committees with
12.10	jurisdiction over economic development that
12.11	includes:
12.12	(1) the amount of money awarded during the
12.13	past 12 months;
12.14	(2) the estimated financial impact of the
12.15	money awarded to each company receiving
12.16	service under the program;
12.17	(3) the actual financial impact of the money
12.18	awarded during the past 24 months; and
12.19	(4) the total amount of federal money
12.20	leveraged from the Manufacturing Extension
12.21	Partnership at the United States Department
12.22	of Commerce.
12.23	(aa) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to the
12.24	Coalition of Asian American Leaders to
12.25	support outreach, training, technical assistance,
12.26	peer network development, and direct financial
12.27	assistance for Asian Minnesotan women
12.28	entrepreneurs and Asian-owned businesses.
12.29	This is a onetime appropriation and is
12.30	available until June 30, 2027.
12.31	(bb) \$500,000 each year from the workforce
12.32	development fund is for a grant to the Asian
12.33	Economic Development Association (AEDA),
12.34	in cooperation with and in support of the

13.1	coalition of Minnesota Asian Building Trades
13.2	Entrepreneurs (MABTE) and related firms to
13.3	grow their businesses through training, hiring,
13.4	and capacity building. This is a onetime
13.5	appropriation and is available until June 30,
13.6	<u>2029.</u>
13.7	(cc) \$500,000 each year from the workforce
13.8	development fund is for a grant to
13.9	WomenVenture to:
13.10	(1) support child care providers through
13.11	business training and shared services programs
13.12	and to create materials that may be used, at no
13.13	cost to child care providers, for start-up,
13.14	expansion, and operation of child care
13.15	businesses statewide, with the goal of helping
13.16	new and existing child care businesses in
13.17	underserved areas of the state become
13.18	profitable and sustainable; and
13.19	(2) support business expansion for women
13.20	food entrepreneurs throughout Minnesota's
13.21	food supply chain to help stabilize and
13.22	strengthen their business operations, create
13.23	distribution networks, offer technical
13.24	assistance and support to women entrepreneurs
13.25	in agribusiness, develop business plans,
13.26	develop a workforce, research expansion
13.27	strategies, and for other related activities.
13.28	Eligible uses of the money include but are not
13.29	limited to leasehold improvements; additions,
13.30	alterations, remodeling, or renovations to
13.31	rented space; emergency grant funding for
13.32	damage caused by natural disasters; inventory
13.33	or supplies; machinery or equipment
13.34	purchases; working capital; and debt
13.35	refinancing.

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14.1	Money distributed to entrepreneurs may be
14.2	loans, forgivable loans, and grants. Of this
14.3	amount, up to five percent may be used for
14.4	WomenVenture's technical assistance and
14.5	administrative costs. This is a onetime
14.6	appropriation and is available until June 30,
14.7	<u>2028.</u>
14.8	By December 15, 2028, WomenVenture must
14.9	submit a report to the chairs and ranking
14.10	minority members of the legislative
14.11	committees with jurisdiction over agriculture
14.12	and employment and economic development.
14.13	The report must include a summary of the uses
14.14	of the appropriation, including the amount of
14.15	the appropriation used for administration. The
14.16	report must also provide a breakdown of the
14.17	amount of funding used for loans, forgivable
14.18	loans, and grants; information about the terms
14.19	of the loans issued; a discussion of how money
14.20	from repaid loans will be used; the number of
14.21	entrepreneurs assisted; and a breakdown of
14.22	how many entrepreneurs received assistance
14.23	in each county.
14.24	Subd. 3. Workforce Development Services 47,560,000 42,498,000
14.25	Appropriations by Fund
14.26	<u>General</u> <u>12,371,000</u> <u>12,071,000</u>
14.27	Workforce 25 100 000 20 427 000
14.28	<u>Development</u> <u>35,189,000</u> <u>30,427,000</u>
14.29	(a) \$500,000 each year from the general fund
14.30	and \$500,000 each year from the workforce
14.31	development fund are for rural career
14.32	counseling coordinators in the workforce
14.33	service areas and for the purposes specified
14.34	under Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.667.

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15.1	(b) \$750,000 each year is for the women and
15.2	high-wage, high-demand, nontraditional jobs
15.3	grant program under Minnesota Statutes,
15.4	section 116L.99. Of this amount, up to five
15.5	percent is for administration and monitoring
15.6	of the program.
15.7	(c) \$2,546,000 each year from the general fund
15.8	and \$4,604,000 each year from the workforce
15.9	development fund are for the pathways to
15.10	prosperity competitive grant program. Of this
15.11	amount, up to five percent is for administration
15.12	and monitoring of the program.
15.13	(d) \$500,000 each year is from the workforce
15.14	development fund for current Minnesota
15.15	affiliates of OIC of America, Inc. This
15.16	appropriation shall be divided equally among
15.17	the eligible centers.
15.18	(e) \$1,000,000 each year is for competitive
15.19	grants to organizations providing services to
15.20	relieve economic disparities in the Southeast
15.21	Asian community through workforce
15.22	recruitment, development, job creation,
15.23	assistance of smaller organizations to increase
15.24	capacity, and outreach. Of this amount, up to
15.25	five percent is for administration and
15.26	monitoring of the program.
15.27	(f) \$1,000,000 each year is for a competitive
15.28	grant program to provide grants to
15.29	organizations that provide support services for
15.30	individuals, such as job training, employment
15.31	preparation, internships, job assistance to
15.32	parents, financial literacy, academic and
15.33	behavioral interventions for low-performing
15.34	students, and youth intervention. Grants made
15.35	under this section must focus on low-income

16.1	communities, young adults from families with
16.2	a history of intergenerational poverty, and
16.3	communities of color. Of this amount, up to
16.4	five percent is for administration and
16.5	monitoring of the program.
16.6	(g) \$750,000 each year from the general fund
16.7	and \$3,348,000 each year from the workforce
16.8	development fund are for the youth-at-work
16.9	competitive grant program under Minnesota
16.10	Statutes, section 116L.562. Of this amount,
16.11	up to five percent is for administration and
16.12	monitoring of the youth workforce
16.13	development competitive grant program. All
16.14	grant awards shall be for two consecutive
16.15	years. Grants shall be awarded in the first year.
16.16	(h) \$1,000,000 each year is from the
16.17	workforce development fund for the
16.18	youthbuild program under Minnesota Statutes,
16.19	sections 116L.361 to 116L.366.
16.20	(i) \$4,050,000 each year is from the workforce
16.21	development fund for the Minnesota youth
16.22	program under Minnesota Statutes, sections
16.23	116L.56 and 116L.561.
16.24	(j) \$1,275,000 each year is for the targeted
16.25	populations workforce grants under Minnesota
16.26	Statutes, section 116L.43. The department
16.27	may use up to five percent of this
16.28	appropriation for administration, monitoring,
16.29	and oversight of the program.
16.30	(k) \$25,000 each year is for a grant to the
16.31	University of Minnesota Tourism Center for
16.32	ongoing system maintenance, management,
16.33	and content updates of an online hospitality
16.34	training program in partnership with Explore

17.1	Minnesota Tourism. This training program
17.2	must be made available at no cost to
17.3	Minnesota residents in an effort to address
17.4	critical workforce shortages in the hospitality
17.5	and tourism industries and assist in career
17.6	development. The grant provided under this
17.7	paragraph is not subject to Minnesota Statutes,
17.8	section 116L.98.
17.9	(l) \$150,000 each year is for prevailing wage
17.10	staff under Minnesota Statutes, section
17.11	116J.871, subdivision 2.
17.12	(m) \$750,000 each year is for the Office of
17.13	New Americans under Minnesota Statutes,
17.14	section 116J.4231.
17.15	(n) \$2,000,000 each year is for the CanTrain
17.16	program established under Minnesota Statutes,
17.17	section 116L.90. Of this amount, up to four
17.18	percent may be used for administrative
17.19	purposes.
17.20	(o) \$375,000 each year is for a grant to
17.21	Comunidades Organizando el Poder y la
17.22	Acción Latina (COPAL) for capacity building,
17.23	worker's center programming, youth
17.24	workforce programming, career planning,
17.25	GED attainment classes, educational resources
17.26	and materials, health resources, training
17.27	programs, and job navigation. This is a
17.28	onetime appropriation.
17.29	(p) \$450,000 each year is for grants to
17.30	Minnesota Diversified Industries to provide
17.31	inclusive employment opportunities and
17.32	services for people with disabilities. This is a
17.33	onetime appropriation.

18.1	(q) \$250,000 the first year from the workforce
18.2	development fund is for a grant to Minnesota
18.3	Diversified Industries to assist individuals with
18.4	disabilities through the unified work model
18.5	by offering virtual, online, and in-person
18.6	career skills classes augmented with virtual
18.7	reality tools. Minnesota Diversified Industries
18.8	shall submit a report on the number and
18.9	demographics of individuals served, hours of
18.10	career skills programming delivered, outreach
18.11	to employers, and recommendations for future
18.12	career skills delivery methods to the chairs
18.13	and ranking minority members of the
18.14	legislative committees with jurisdiction over
18.15	labor and workforce development policy and
18.16	finance by January 15, 2028. This is a onetime
18.17	appropriation and is available until June 30,
18.18	<u>2027.</u>
18.19	(r) \$300,000 the first year is for a grant to All
18.20	Square of Minnesota. The grant must be used
18.21	to support the operations of All Square's
18.22	workforce development programs that operate
18.23	in the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul and
18.24	correctional facilities in the surrounding area
18.25	to assist Minnesotans who are incarcerated,
18.26	formerly incarcerated, or directly impacted by
18.27	the existence of a criminal record in
18.28	overcoming employment barriers that prevent
18.29	economic and emotional freedom. Grant
18.30	proceeds may be used for any or all of the
18.31	following All Square programs: (1) the
18.32	Restaurant and Food Truck Fellowship
18.33	program; (2) the Prison to Law Pipeline
18.34	program; or (3) the Legal Revolution Law
	program, or (3) the Legal Revolution Law

19.1	(s) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to Al
19.2	Maa'uun, previously known as the North at
19.3	Work program, for a strategic intervention
19.4	program designed to target and connect
19.5	program participants to meaningful and
19.6	sustainable living-wage employment. This is
19.7	a onetime appropriation.
19.8	(t) \$400,000 each year from the workforce
19.9	development fund is for a grant to Ujamaa
19.10	Place to provide workforce development
19.11	services targeted to the needs of African
19.12	American men, including job training,
19.13	employment preparation, internships,
19.14	education, and vocational housing, as well as
19.15	for organizational capacity building. This is a
19.16	onetime appropriation.
19.17	(u) \$400,000 each year from the workforce
19.18	development fund is for a grant to Hired to
19.19	support their workforce development
19.20	programming and services. Grant proceeds
19.21	may be used to expand their career pathway
19.22	job training and placement program that
19.23	connects lower-skilled job seekers to
19.24	entry-level and gateway jobs in high-growth
19.25	sectors. Grant proceeds may also be used to
19.26	create services for low-income Minnesotans
19.27	designed to increase job retention and create
19.28	a more stable workforce for employers by
19.29	offering a continuum of employment coaching,
19.30	navigation, and support services to
19.31	economically disadvantaged employees. This
19.32	is a onetime appropriation.
19.33	(v) \$500,000 each year from the workforce
19.34	development fund is for a grant to the
19.35	American Indian Opportunities and

20.1	Industrialization Center for workforce
20.2	development programming. This is a onetime
20.3	appropriation.
20.4	(w) \$1,000,000 each year from the workforce
20.5	development fund is for a grant to Goodwill
20.6	Easter Seals Minnesota and its partners. The
20.7	grant must be used to continue the FATHER
20.8	Project in Rochester, St. Cloud, St. Paul,
20.9	Minneapolis, and the surrounding areas to
20.10	assist fathers in overcoming barriers that
20.11	prevent fathers from supporting their children
20.12	economically and emotionally, including with
20.13	community reentry following confinement.
20.14	This is a onetime appropriation.
20.15	(x) \$250,000 each year from the workforce
20.16	development fund is for a grant to Big
20.17	Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities
20.18	to provide disadvantaged youth ages 12 to 21
20.19	with job-seeking skills, connections to job
20.20	training and education opportunities, and
20.21	mentorship while exploring careers. The grant
20.22	shall serve youth in the Big Brothers Big
20.23	Sisters chapters in the Twin Cities, central
20.24	Minnesota, and southern Minnesota. This is a
20.25	onetime appropriation.
20.26	(y) \$250,000 each year from the workforce
20.27	development fund is for grants to the
20.28	Minnesota Grocers Association Foundation
20.29	for Carts to Careers, a statewide initiative to
20.30	promote careers in the food industry, conduct
20.31	outreach, provide job skills training, and award
20.32	scholarships for students pursuing careers in
20.33	the food industry. The amount may also be
20.34	used for training and development costs;
20.35	certifications; hiring support for employers

21.1	who hire workers with disabilities, a history
21.2	of chemical or substance abuse, a previous
21.3	criminal record, or other variables that cause
21.4	a potential employee to have an increased cost
21.5	to train or retain; and other activities aimed at
21.6	strengthening the workforce pipeline in the
21.7	food retail sector. This is a onetime
21.8	appropriation.
21.9	(z) \$250,000 each year from the workforce
21.10	development fund is for grants to the
21.11	Hospitality Minnesota Education Foundation
21.12	for the ProStart hospitality and tourism
21.13	management program, a statewide initiative
21.14	in high schools to address the critical
21.15	workforce shortages in hospitality. Grant
21.16	money must be used by the recipient to
21.17	provide students culinary and management
21.18	education curriculum, tools, skills,
21.19	professional development opportunities within
21.20	the hospitality industry, and scholarships. This
21.21	is a onetime appropriation.
21.22	(aa) \$700,000 each year from the workforce
21.23	development fund is for a grant to
21.24	Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio
21.25	(CLUES) to address employment, economic,
21.26	and technology access disparities for
21.27	low-income unemployed or underemployed
21.28	individuals. Funds must support short-term
21.29	certifications and transferable skills in
21.30	high-demand fields, workforce readiness,
21.31	customized financial capability, and
21.32	employment supports. At least 50 percent of
21.33	this amount must be used for programming
21.34	targeted at greater Minnesota. These are
21.35	onetime appropriations.

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By January 15 each year, the commissioner
of employment and economic development
must report to the chairs and ranking minority
members of the legislative committees with
jurisdiction over economic development and
workforce development regarding the uses of
this grant, including any amounts used for
administration of the grant. The report must
also be filed with the Legislative Reference
Library in compliance with Minnesota
Statutes, section 3.195. As a condition of
receiving the grant, Workforce Development,
Inc., of the Southeast Minnesota Workforce
Development Area #8, must agree to provide
the commissioner any information needed to
complete the report.
(dd) \$500,000 each year from the workforce
development fund is for a grant to Project for
Pride in Living for job training and workforce
development services focusing on individuals
who are unemployed or underemployed. This
is a onetime appropriation.
(ee) \$125,000 each year from the workforce
development fund is for a grant to Pillsbury
United Communities to provide job training
and workforce development services for
individuals who are unemployed or
underemployed. This is a onetime
appropriation.
(ff) \$550,000 each year from the workforce
development fund is for a grant to the
International Institute of Minnesota. Grant
funds must be used for workforce training for
New Americans in industries in need of a

24.1	trained workforce. This is a onetime
24.2	appropriation.
24.3	(gg) \$200,000 each year from the workforce
24.4	development fund is for the Minnesota Family
24.5	Resiliency Partnership under Minnesota
24.6	Statutes, section 116L.96. The commissioner,
24.7	through the adult career pathways program,
24.8	shall distribute the funds to existing nonprofit
24.9	and state displaced homemaker programs. This
24.10	is a onetime appropriation.
24.11	(hh) \$250,000 each year from the workforce
24.12	development fund is for a grant to Emerge
24.13	Community Development to support and
24.14	reinforce critical workforce at the Emerge
24.15	Career and Technical Center, Cedar Riverside
24.16	Opportunity Center, and Emerge Second
24.17	Chance programs in the city of Minneapolis.
24.18	This is a onetime appropriation.
24.19	(ii) \$500,000 each year from the workforce
24.20	development fund is for a grant to Workforce
24.21	Development, Inc., for their Bridges to
24.22	Healthcare program to provide career
24.23	education, wraparound support services, and
24.24	job skills training in high-demand health care
24.25	fields to low-income parents, nonnative
24.26	speakers of English, and other hard-to-train
24.27	individuals, helping families build secure
24.28	pathways out of poverty while also addressing
24.29	worker shortages in one of Minnesota's most
24.30	innovative industries. Grant proceeds may be
24.31	used for program expenses, including but not
24.32	limited to hiring instructors and navigators;
24.33	space rental; and supportive services to help
24.34	participants attend classes, including assistance
24.35	with course fees, child care, transportation,

25.1	and safe and stable housing. In addition, up to
25.2	five percent of grant proceeds may be used
25.3	for Workforce Development, Inc.'s (Bridges
25.4	to Healthcare) administrative costs. This is a
25.5	onetime appropriation.
25.6	(jj) \$1,000,000 each year from the workforce
25.7	development fund is for a grant to Propel
25.8	Nonprofits. Grant proceeds may be used for
25.9	purposes including but not limited to capacity
25.10	building, technical assistance and training, and
25.11	strategic consulting to community-based
25.12	organizations. Of this amount, up to five
25.13	percent may be used by Propel Nonprofits for
25.14	administrative costs. This is a onetime
25.15	appropriation.
25.16	(kk) \$750,000 each year from the workforce
25.17	development fund is for a grant to Summit
25.18	Academy OIC to expand student enrollment,
25.19	employment placement, and program access
25.20	in the Twin Cities and throughout Minnesota;
25.21	to expand GED preparation and administration
25.22	and STEM programming; and to start and
25.23	enroll students in a dental assistant program
25.24	and work with employers to place students
25.25	upon successful completion of the program.
25.26	This is a onetime appropriation.
25.27	(ll) \$300,000 each year from the workforce
25.28	development fund is for a grant to Better
25.29	Futures Minnesota to provide job skills
25.30	training to individuals who have been released
25.31	from incarceration for a felony-level offense
25.32	and are no more than 12 months from the date
25.33	of release. Better Futures Minnesota shall
25.34	annually report to the commissioner on how
25.35	the money was spent and what results were

26.1	achieved. The report must include, at a
26.2	minimum, information and data about the
26.3	number of participants; participant
26.4	homelessness, employment, recidivism, and
26.5	child support compliance; and job skills
26.6	training provided to program participants. This
26.7	is a onetime appropriation.
26.8	(mm) \$125,000 each year from the workforce
26.9	development fund is for a grant to 30,000 Feet,
26.10	a nonprofit organization, to fund youth
26.11	apprenticeship jobs, wraparound services,
26.12	after-school programming, and summer
26.13	learning loss prevention efforts targeted at
26.14	African American youth. This is a onetime
26.15	appropriation.
26.16	(nn) \$300,000 each year from the workforce
26.17	development fund is for a grant to the Hmong
26.18	American Partnership for job training,
26.19	employment services, technology, business
26.20	development, lending and financial services,
26.21	capacity building, wealth management, and
26.22	empowerment services. This is a onetime
26.23	appropriation. Any unencumbered balance
26.24	remaining at the end of the first year does not
26.25	cancel but is available the second year.
26.26	(oo) \$500,000 each year from the workforce
26.27	development fund is for a grant to Bolder
26.28	Options Youth Mentoring Program to provide
26.29	disadvantaged youth ages 12 through 22 with
26.30	intensive one-to-one wellness, goal setting,
26.31	and academic-focused mentorship;
26.32	programming that teaches life and job-seeking
26.33	skills; career and college achievement coaches;
26.34	and connections to employment, job training,
26.35	and education opportunities. The grant must

27.1	serve youth in the Bolder Options program in
27.2	the Twin Cities and Rochester. This is a
27.3	onetime appropriation.
27.4	(pp) \$1,000,000 the first year from the
27.5	workforce development fund is for a grant to
27.6	Change Starts With Community for a violence
27.7	prevention jobs program. Grant money must
27.8	be used to establish and deliver a
27.9	comprehensive workforce development
27.10	initiative, specifically tailored for youth and
27.11	adults who are Black, Indigenous, and People
27.12	of Color and at-risk, located on site at Shiloh
27.13	Cares Food Shelf - Northside Community
27.14	Safety Resource Center in the city of
27.15	Minneapolis. This is a onetime appropriation
27.16	and is available until June 30, 2027.
27.17	(qq) \$100,000 each year from the workforce
27.18	development fund is for a grant to InspireMSP
27.19	to develop and execute programming to assist
27.20	middle and high school aged children in
27.21	Minneapolis and St. Paul to develop an interest
27.22	in and connect with the creative industry in
27.23	Minnesota. Money must be used for program
27.24	development and career exploration in the
27.25	creative industry for historically excluded
27.26	youth by providing access to essential
27.27	resources, networks, and hands-on experience.
27.28	This is a onetime appropriation.
27.29	(rr) \$125,000 each year from the workforce
27.30	development fund is for a grant to Jobs
27.31	Foundation to support the Repowered
27.32	workforce readiness program. Money may be
27.33	used for direct training, support services,
27.34	safety enhancements, and economic support
27.35	for formerly incarcerated individuals

28.1	experiencing barriers to employment. This is
28.2	a onetime appropriation.
28.3	(ss) \$500,000 each year from the workforce
28.4	development fund is for a grant to the city of
28.5	Brooklyn Park for the city to expand the
28.6	workforce development programming of
28.7	Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center through
28.8	workforce development programs serving
28.9	primarily underrepresented populations,
28.10	including such programs as Brooklynk, Career
28.11	Pathways, Youth Entrepreneurship, and
28.12	Community Partnership. This is a onetime
28.13	appropriation and is available until June 30,
28.14	<u>2028.</u>
28.15	(tt) \$170,000 the first year from the workforce
28.16	development fund is for a grant to Equitable
28.17	Development Action to enhance the training
28.18	and support provided to direct support
28.19	professionals (DSPs) who work with residents
28.20	24 hours per day, seven days per week,
28.21	provide DSPs with the necessary skills and
28.22	resources to meet the evolving needs of the
28.23	residents, and ensure compliance with the
28.24	latest regulations. This is a onetime
28.25	appropriation and is available until June 30,
28.26	2027. Equitable Development Action must
28.27	use the money appropriated to:
28.28	(1) implement a training program for DSPs
28.29	with a focus on best practices, safety protocols,
28.30	emergency response, and effective
28.31	communication skills and offer specialized
28.32	training modules to address specific needs of
28.33	residents, including residents with disabilities,
28.34	mental health issues, and chronic illnesses;

29.1	(2) provide ongoing support and development
29.2	by establishing a support network for DSPs,
29.3	including access to mental health resources,
29.4	peer support groups, and professional
29.5	counseling services;
29.6	(3) create opportunities for continuing
29.7	education and professional development to
29.8	ensure DSPs stay updated with the latest
29.9	industry standards and practices; and
29.10	(4) reduce the cost burden to the state by
29.11	training DSPs to de-escalate issues with
29.12	residents resulting in fewer 911 calls and
29.13	emergency interventions. The expected
29.14	program outcomes include improved safety
29.15	and quality of care for residents; increased
29.16	career stability and job satisfaction for DSPs;
29.17	enhanced compliance with state and federal
29.18	regulations; reduced turnover rates and
29.19	recruitment challenges in the DSP industry;
29.20	and enhanced delivery services by minority
29.21	service providers.
29.22	(uu) \$200,000 each year from the workforce
29.23	development fund is for a grant to YMCA of
29.24	the North to provide career exploration, job
29.25	training, a workforce development partnership
29.26	with the Beacons program at Minneapolis
29.27	Community and Technical College, and
29.28	workforce development services for
29.29	underserved youth and young adults. This is
29.30	a onetime appropriation.
29.31	(vv) \$200,000 each year from the workforce
29.32	development fund is for a grant to Urban
29.33	League Twin Cities for support and expansion
29.34	of its workforce solutions and wealth building
29.35	programs. This is a onetime appropriation.

(ww) \$250,000 each year from the workforce
development fund is for a grant to Abijah's on
the Backside to provide equine-experiential
mental health therapy to first responders
suffering from job-related trauma and
post-traumatic stress disorder. The grant
provided under this paragraph is not subject
to Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.98. This
is a onetime appropriation. Any unencumbered
balance remaining at the end of the first year
does not cancel but is available the second
year.
For purposes of this paragraph, a "first
responder" is an active or retired:
(1) peace officer as defined in Minnesota
Statutes, section 626.84, subdivision 1,
paragraph (c);
(2) full-time firefighter as defined in
Minnesota Statutes, section 299N.03,
subdivision 5;
(3) volunteer firefighter as defined in
Minnesota Statutes, section 299N.03,
subdivision 7;
(4) ambulance service personnel as defined in
Minnesota Statutes, section 144E.001,
subdivision 3a;
(5) 911 telecommunicator as defined in
Minnesota Statutes, section 403.02,
subdivision 17c; or
(6) correctional officer as defined in
Minnesota Statutes, section 241.026,
subdivision 1, paragraph (b).

31.1	Abijah's on the Backside must report to the
31.2	commissioner of employment and economic
31.3	development and the chairs and ranking
31.4	minority members of the legislative
31.5	committees with jurisdiction over employment
31.6	and economic development policy and finance
31.7	on the equine-experiential mental health
31.8	therapy provided to first responders under this
31.9	paragraph. The report must include an
31.10	overview of the program's budget, a detailed
31.11	explanation of program expenditures, the
31.12	number of first responders served by the
31.13	program, and a list and explanation of the
31.14	services provided to and benefits received by
31.15	program participants. An initial report is due
31.16	by January 15, 2026, and a final report is due
31.17	by January 15, 2028.
31.18	(xx) \$500,000 each year from the workforce
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31.19 31.20 31.21 31.22 31.23 31.24	development fund is for a grant to the Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC). Grant proceeds may be used to assist, support, finance, and launch microentrepreneurs by delivering training, workshops, and one-on-one consultations to businesses as well
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32.1	(yy) \$250,000 the first year from the
32.2	workforce development fund is for a grant to
32.3	Northside Boxing Club to provide business
32.4	and life skills to youth through mentorships
32.5	and training in the craft of barbering.
32.6	Northside Boxing shall select barbers to act
32.7	as positive role models for youth, instilling
32.8	Northside Boxing's core values of discipline,
32.9	respect, and hard work. Programming for
32.10	youth participants shall include development
32.11	of essential and transferable skills such as
32.12	customer service, communication, money
32.13	management, and professionalism. Northside
32.14	Boxing may use funds to provide wraparound
32.15	services, including but not limited to meals,
32.16	nutrition education, homework help, and
32.17	tutoring to help participants start and stay in
32.18	the program. This is a onetime appropriation
32.19	and is available until June 30, 2027.
32.20	(zz) \$500,000 each year from the workforce
32.21	development fund is for a grant to the Black
32.22	Women's Wealth Alliance to provide
32.23	individuals with job skills training, career
32.24	counseling, and career placement assistance.
32.25	This is a onetime appropriation.
32.26	(aaa) \$42,000 the first year from the workforce
32.27	development fund is for a grant to Aspirus
32.28	Lake View Hospital, a nonprofit organization,
32.29	to provide workforce training to create a
32.30	minimum of 12 new certified nursing
32.31	assistants for local employers. Grant money
32.32	may be used for training and curriculum costs,
32.33	certification testing, and a retention bonus for
32.34	trainees. This is a onetime appropriation and
32.35	is available until June 30, 2027.

33.1	(bbb) \$125,000 each year from the workforce
33.2	development fund is for a grant to West
33.3	Broadway Business and Area Coalition to
33.4	support their Youth Jobs program to provide
33.5	soft skills, marketing, and advertising training
33.6	for youth in North Minneapolis. This is a
33.7	onetime appropriation.
33.8	(ccc) \$750,000 each year from the workforce
33.9	development fund is for a grant to the Sanneh
33.10	Foundation, a nonprofit organization, to fund
33.11	out-of-school and summer programs focused
33.12	on mentoring and behavioral, social, and
33.13	emotional learning interventions and
33.14	enrichment activities directed toward
33.15	low-income students of color. This
33.16	appropriation is onetime and available until
33.17	<u>June 30, 2029.</u>
33.18	(ddd) \$750,000 each year from the workforce
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34.1	(eee) \$750,000 each year from the workforce
34.2	development fund is for a grant to Mind the
34.3	G.A.P.P. (Gaining Assistance to Prosperity
34.4	Program) to improve the quality of life of
34.5	unemployed and underemployed individuals
34.6	by improving their employment outcomes and
34.7	developing individual earnings potential. This
34.8	is a onetime appropriation. Any unencumbered
34.9	balance remaining at the end of the first year
34.10	does not cancel but is available in the second
34.11	<u>year.</u>
34.12	(fff) \$500,000 each year from the workforce
34.13	development fund is for a grant to Minnesota
34.14	Independence College and Community
34.15	(MICC) to provide employment preparation,
34.16	job placement, job retention, and service
34.17	coordination services to adults with autism
34.18	and learning differences. This is a onetime
34.19	appropriation. Any unencumbered balance
34.20	remaining at the end of the first year does not
34.21	cancel but is available the second year.
34.22	(ggg) \$250,000 each year from the workforce
34.23	development fund is for a grant to the city of
34.24	St. Paul to expand the city's Right Track youth
34.25	internship program. The Right Track program
34.26	connects young people from cost-burdened
34.27	households to internships that develop work
34.28	readiness skills and provides opportunities for
34.29	mentorship and exploring career pathways.
34.30	This is a onetime appropriation.
34.31	(hhh) \$3,000,000 the first year from the
34.32	workforce development fund is for competitive
34.33	grants to support high school robotics teams
34.34	and prepare youth for careers in STEM fields.
34.35	Of this amount, \$2,000,000 is for creating

35.1	internships for high school students to work
35.2	at private companies in STEM fields,
35.3	including the payment of student stipends.
35.4	This is a onetime appropriation and is
35.5	available until June 30, 2029.
35.6	(iii) \$350,000 each year from the workforce
35.7	development fund is for a grant to the
35.8	Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers to
35.9	be used for a program supporting Black
35.10	undergraduate students pursuing admission to
35.11	law school. This is a onetime appropriation.
35.12	The program must:
35.13	(1) enroll Black Minnesota resident students
35.14	attending a baccalaureate degree-granting
35.15	postsecondary institution in Minnesota
35.16	<u>full-time;</u>
35.17	(2) support each of the program's students with
35.18	an academic scholarship in the amount of
35.19	\$4,000 per academic year;
35.20	(3) organize events and programming,
35.21	including but not limited to one-on-one
35.22	mentoring, to familiarize enrolled students
35.23	with law school and legal careers; and
35.24	(4) provide the program's students free test
35.25	preparation materials, academic support, and
35.26	registration for the Law School Admission
35.27	Test (LSAT) examination.
35.28	The Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers
35.29	may use grant money under this paragraph for
35.30	costs related to student scholarships; academic
35.31	events and programming, including food and
35.32	transportation costs for students; LSAT
35.33	preparation materials, courses, and
35.34	registrations; and hiring staff for the program.

36.1	By January 30, 2026, and again by January
36.2	30, 2027, the Minnesota Association of Black
36.3	Lawyers must submit a report to the
36.4	commissioner of employment and economic
36.5	development and to the chairs and ranking
36.6	minority members of the legislative
36.7	committees with jurisdiction over workforce
36.8	development and policy. The report must
36.9	include an accurate and detailed account of
36.10	the program, the program's outcomes, and the
36.11	program's revenues and expenses, including
36.12	the use of all state money appropriated in this
36.13	paragraph.
36.14	(jjj) \$100,000 each year from the workforce
36.15	development fund is for a grant to
36.16	OneCommunity Alliance to assist individuals
36.17	seeking careers with local businesses in
36.18	Central Minnesota within the manufacturing,
36.19	food production, agriculture, and health care
36.20	sectors. OneCommunity Alliance, through the
36.21	nonprofit's employment and economy action
36.22	committee, must launch a program in 2025 to
36.23	equip job seekers in central Minnesota with
36.24	the knowledge and skills they need to
36.25	successfully secure employment.
36.26	OneCommunity Alliance shall provide the
36.27	following services with the money
36.28	appropriated: workforce training, career
36.29	readiness training, job placement assistance,
36.30	and ongoing support. OneCommunity Alliance
36.31	must focus program participation on primarily
36.32	unemployed and underemployed people,
36.33	recent graduates struggling to find work, and
36.34	those looking to transition into new career
36.35	fields. This is a onetime appropriation.

37.1	(kkk) \$150,000 each year from the workforce
37.2	development fund is for grants to
37.3	Ambassadors of Culture, Hooyo Hour, and
37.4	United Way of Central Minnesota to work
37.5	collaboratively in providing workforce
37.6	development services for diverse communities,
37.7	particularly young adults, mothers from
37.8	immigrant backgrounds, and youth from East
37.9	African communities. The services must focus
37.10	on enhancing skills, education, and
37.11	employment opportunities through job
37.12	training, job coaching, employer engagement,
37.13	and career coaching. This is a onetime
37.14	appropriation. Of this amount:
37.15	(1) \$50,000 each year is for a grant to
37.16	Ambassadors of Culture;
37.17	(2) \$50,000 each year is for a grant to Hooyo
37.18	Hour; and
37.19	(3) \$50,000 each year is for a grant to United
37.20	Way of Central Minnesota.
37.21	(lll) \$300,000 each year from the workforce
37.22	development fund is for a grant to the Rural
37.23	Cancer Institute for a pilot program to expand
37.24	the clinical workforce specific to oncology
37.25	care in rural districts. This program must
37.26	increase the number of cancer care clinicians
37.27	in rural districts and provide health care
37.28	students with skills critical to the challenges
37.29	of providing cancer care in a rural setting
37.30	using a community-based model. The
37.31	community-based model must grow the
37.32	oncology clinical workforce in rural districts
37.33	and directly address the cancer care workforce
37.34	shortage in rural districts. This is a onetime
37.35	appropriation.

38.1	(mmm) \$50,000 the first year from the		
38.2	workforce development fund is for a grant to		
38.3	the Somali American Youth Enrichment Club		
38.4	(SAYEC) to support the youth sports program		
38.5	and parent education program. Money may be		
38.6	used for direct training, support services, and		
38.7	economic support for individuals experiencing		
38.8	barriers to employment. This is a onetime		
38.9	appropriation.		
38.10	(nnn) \$200,000 each year from the workforce		
38.11	development fund is for a grant to MAD		
38.12	DADS of Minneapolis to implement a youth		
38.13	workforce development program for youth		
38.14	ages 16 to 24 with a focus on underserved		
38.15	communities. This earn-to-learn initiative must		
38.16	provide career exploration opportunities,		
38.17	hands-on job training, mentorships, and		
38.18	certification pathways in high-demand		
38.19	industries. The program must include training		
38.20	in fields including but not limited to HVAC,		
38.21	energy efficiency, and solar panel installation.		
38.22	This is a onetime appropriation.		
38.23	(ooo) \$250,000 the first year from the		
38.24	workforce development fund is for the test		
38.25	preparation pilot program under Minnesota		
38.26	Statutes, section 116J.9927.		
38.27	Subd. 4. General Support Services	6,605,000	7,375,000
38.28	Appropriations by Fund		
38.29	<u>General Fund</u> <u>6,510,000</u> <u>7,280,000</u>		
38.30 38.31	Workforce Development 95,000 95,000		
38.32	\$1,269,000 each year from the general fund		
38.33	is for transfer to the Minnesota Housing		
38.34	Finance Agency for operating the Olmstead		
38.35	Compliance Office.		

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39.1	Subd. 5. Minn	esota Trade Office		2,242,000	2,242,000
39.2	(a) \$300,000 e	ach year is for the STEP	grants		
39.3	in Minnesota S	Statutes, section 116J.97	9.		
39.4	(b) \$180,000 e	each year is for the Inves	<u>st</u>		
39.5	Minnesota ma	rketing initiative in Min	<u>nesota</u>		
39.6	Statutes, section	on 116J.9781.			
39.7	(c) \$270,000 e	each year is for the Minn	esota		
39.8	Trade Offices	under Minnesota Statute	<u>es,</u>		
39.9	section 116J.9	<u>78.</u>			
39.10	Subd. 6. Vocat	tional Rehabilitation		40,191,000	40,191,000
39.11	:	Appropriations by Fund			
39.12	General	32,361,000	32,361,000		
39.13 39.14	Workforce Development	7,830,000	7,830,000		
39.15	(a) \$15,300,00	00 each year is for the sta	ate's		
39.16	vocational reh	abilitation program unde	<u>er</u>		
39.17	Minnesota Sta	tutes, chapter 268A.			
39.18	(b) \$11,495,00	00 each year from the ge	neral		
39.19	fund and \$6,83	30,000 each year from the	<u>ne</u>		
39.20	workforce dev	elopment fund are for ex	<u>tended</u>		
39.21	employment services for persons with severe				
39.22	disabilities und	der Minnesota Statutes, s	section		
39.23	268A.15. Of the amounts appropriated from				
39.24	the general fur	nd, \$4,500,000 each year	r is for		
39.25	maintaining pr	rior rate increases to pro-	viders		
39.26	of extended en	nployment services for p	<u>persons</u>		
39.27	with severe dis	sabilities under Minneso	<u>ta</u>		
39.28	Statutes, section	on 268A.15.			
39.29	(c) \$2,555,000	each year is for grants t	to		
39.30	programs that	provide employment su	pport		
39.31	services to per	sons with mental illness	under		
39.32	Minnesota Sta	tutes, sections 268A.13	<u>and</u>		
39.33	<u>268A.14.</u>				

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40.1	(d) \$3,011,000 each year is for grants to			
40.2	centers for independent living under			
40.3	Minnesota Statutes, section 268A.11.			
40.4	(e) \$1,000,000 each year is from the workforce			
40.5	development fund for grants under Minnesota			
40.6	Statutes, section 268A.16, for employment			
40.7	services for persons, including transition-age			
40.8	youth, who are deaf, deafblind, or			
40.9	hard-of-hearing. If the amount in the first year			
40.10	is insufficient, the amount in the second year			
40.11	is available in the first year.			
40.12	Subd. 7. Services for the Blind		8,425,000	8,425,000
40.13	Of this amount, \$500,000 each year is for			
40.14	senior citizens who are becoming blind. At			
40.15	least one-half of the funds for this purpose			
40.16	must be used to provide training services for			
40.17	seniors who are becoming blind. Training			
40.18	services must provide independent living skills			
40.19	to seniors who are becoming blind to allow			
40.20	them to continue to live independently in their			
40.21	homes.			
40.22	Sec. 3. EXPLORE MINNESOTA	<u>\$</u>	<u>24,481,000</u> §	18,108,000
40.23	(a) \$500,000 each year must be matched from			
40.24	nonstate sources to develop maximum private			
40.25	sector involvement in tourism. Each \$1 of state			
40.26	incentive must be matched with \$6 of private			
40.27	sector money. "Matched" means revenue to			
40.28	the state or documented in-kind, soft match,			
40.29	or cash expenditures directly expended to			
40.30	support Explore Minnesota under Minnesota			
40.31	Statutes, section 116U.05. The incentive in			
40.32	fiscal year 2026 is based on fiscal year 2025			
40.33	private sector contributions. The incentive in			
40.34	fiscal year 2027 is based on fiscal year 2026			

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41.1	private sector contribution. This incentive is
41.2	ongoing.
41.3	(b) \$825,000 each year is for Explore
41.4	Minnesota Film under Minnesota Statutes,
41.5	section 116U.255.
41.6	(c) \$1,500,000 the first year is for a grant to
41.7	the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games. This
41.8	is a onetime appropriation.
41.9	(d) \$5,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
41.10	Minnesota Sports and Events for costs related
41.11	to the World Junior Hockey Championships,
41.12	which will occur in Minnesota in December
41.13	of 2025 and January of 2026. This
41.14	appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.
41.15	Sec. 4. GRANTEE EVALUATIONS; REPORT TO LEGISLATURE.
41.16	(a) This section applies to any grant funded under this act where the recipient of the
41.17	grant is individually specified in this act. The commissioner of employment and economic
41.18	development must ensure compliance with the requirements of this section, and all applicable
41.19	requirements under existing law, including applicable grants management policies and
41.20	procedures established by the Office of Grants Management.
41.21	(b) In addition to meeting any reporting requirements included in the grant agreement,
41.22	each grant recipient subject to this section must provide the following information to the
41.23	commissioner of employment and economic development:
41.24	(1) a summary of the purpose of the grant;
41.25	(2) the amount of the grant awarded to the grantee;
41.26	(3) the amount of previous grants issued by the commissioner of employment and
41.27	economic development to the grantee;
41.28	(4) the amount of other state and federal grants awarded to the grantee in the most recent
41.29	fiscal year;
41.30	(5) the number of Minnesotans served by the organization and, if applicable, completing
41.31	the organization's job training program;

42.1	(6) the number of Minnesotans successfully placed in a living wage job by the
42.2	organization;
42.3	(7) the placement effectiveness, calculated by dividing the number of Minnesotans
42.4	calculated in clause (6) by the number in clause (5);
42.5	(8) the cost effectiveness, calculated by dividing the sum of clauses (2) and (4) by the
42.6	number of Minnesotans calculated in clause (6); and
42.7	(9) the organization's charitable giving ratio.
42.8	(c) As a condition of receiving a grant from the Department of Employment and
42.9	Economic Development, a grantee must agree to provide the commissioner any information
42.10	necessary to complete the report required by this section.
42.11	(d) If a grantee uses grant money to provide services to persons who reside outside of
42.12	Minnesota, the grantee must list the states where non-Minnesotan participants reside and
42.13	an explanation of why grant money was used to provide services to non-Minnesota residents.
42.14	(e) The commissioner is not required to provide information in response to paragraph
42.15	(b), clauses (5) to (8), for a grantee that does not offer programming that requires completion
42.16	or that cannot be measured by objective standards.
42.17	(f) Beginning January 15, 2026, the commissioner of employment and economic
42.18	development must submit a report containing the information provided by grant recipients
42.19	as required in paragraph (b) to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative
42.20	committees with jurisdiction over workforce development. The report submitted under this
42.21	section must also include an analysis of the grant recipients' success in meeting the purpose
42.22	and any goals or measurable outcomes specified for the grant. An updated version of this
42.23	report must be submitted on January 15 of each succeeding year until January 15 in the year
42.24	following the date when all of the grant funds have been spent.
42.25	Sec. 5. CARRYFORWARD; EXTENSIONS.
42.23	Scc. J. CARRIFORWARD, EXTENSIONS.
42.26	Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the availability of the appropriations for
42.27	the following projects is extended to June 30, 2029:
42.28	(1) Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 20, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph (nn);
42.29	(2) Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 20, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph (ccc); and
42.30	(3) Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 20, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph (yyy).

	Sec	. 6.	TRANSFERS
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(a) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are transferred 43.2 from the general fund to the emerging entrepreneur program special revenue fund account 43.3 created under Minnesota Statutes, section 116M.18. The commissioner of employment and 43.4 43.5 economic development may use up to four percent of this transfer for administration and monitoring of the program. For fiscal years 2028 to 2031, the commissioner of management 43.6 and budget must include a transfer of \$1,000,000 each year from the general fund to the 43.7 emerging entrepreneur program special revenue fund account when preparing each forecast 43.8 through the February 2027 forecast, under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.103. 43.9 43.10 (b) \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are transferred from the general fund to the CanStartup revolving loan account established under Minnesota 43.11 Statutes, section 116J.659, subdivision 3. The commissioner of employment and economic 43.12 development may use up to four percent of this transfer for administrative purposes. For 43.13 fiscal years 2028 to 2031, the commissioner of management and budget must include a 43.14 transfer of \$3,000,000 each year from the general fund to the CanStartup revolving loan 43.15 account when preparing each forecast through the February 2027 forecast, under Minnesota 43.16 Statutes, section 16A.103. 43.17 (c) \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 is transferred from the Minnesota 21st century fund 43.18 account in the special revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.423, to the 43.19 general fund. This is a onetime transfer. 43.20 (d) \$9,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 is transferred from the Minnesota 21st century fund 43.21 account in the special revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.423, to the 43.22 general fund. This is a onetime transfer. 43.23

43.24 Sec. 7. APPROPRIATION CANCELLATION; JOB CREATION FUND.

- \$3,000,000 of the appropriation in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund as appropriated under Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 20, section 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (q), is canceled to the general fund. This is a onetime cancellation.
- 43.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

43.29 Sec. 8. **REPEALER.**

Laws 2024, chapter 120, article 1, section 13, is repealed retroactively from July 1, 2024.

SF1832 **ARTICLE 2** 44.1 EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY 44.2 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116J.431, subdivision 2, is amended to read: 44.3 Subd. 2. Eligible projects. (a) An economic development project for which a county or 44.4 city may be eligible to receive a grant under this section includes: 44.5 44.6 (1) manufacturing; (2) technology; 44.7 (3) warehousing and distribution; 44.8 (4) research and development; 44.9 (5) agricultural processing, defined as transforming, packaging, sorting, or grading 44.10 livestock or livestock products or plants and plant-based products into goods that are used 44.11 for intermediate or final consumption, including goods for nonfood use; or 44.12 (6) industrial park development that would be used by any other business listed in this 44.13 subdivision even if no business has committed to locate in the industrial park at the time 44.14 the grant application is made. 44.15 44.16 (b) Up to 15 percent of the development of a project may be for a purpose that is not included under this subdivision as an eligible project. A city or county must provide notice 44.17 to the commissioner for the commissioner's approval of the proposed project. 44.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2027. 44.19 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116J.8733, subdivision 4, is amended to read: 44.20 Subd. 4. Revolving loan fund Minnesota expanding opportunity account. (a) The 44.21 commissioner shall establish a revolving loan fund to make loans to nonprofit corporations, 44.22 Tribal economic development entities, and community development financial institutions 44.23 44.24 for the purpose of increasing nonprofit corporation, Tribal economic development entity, and community development financial institution capital and lending activities with 44.25 Minnesota small businesses. A Minnesota expanding opportunity account is created in the 44.26 special revenue fund in the state treasury. Money in the account is appropriated to the 44.27

(b) Nonprofit corporations, Tribal economic development entities, and community development financial institutions that receive loans from the commissioner under the

nonprofit corporation capital and lending activities with Minnesota small businesses.

commissioner for revolving loans to nonprofit corporations for the purpose of increasing

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program must establish appropriate accounting practices for the purpose of tracking eligible 45.1 loans. 45.2 (c) All loan repayments must be paid into the Minnesota expanding opportunity account 45.3 created in this section to fund additional loans. 45.4 45.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2023. Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116J.8752, subdivision 2, is amended to read: 45.6 Subd. 2. **Purpose.** The Minnesota forward fund account is created to increase the state's 45.7 competitiveness by providing the state the authority and flexibility to facilitate private 45.8 45.9 investment. The fund serves as a closing fund to allow the authority and flexibility to negotiate incentives to better compete with other states for business retention, expansion 45.10 and attraction of projects in existing and new industries, and develop properties for business 45.11 use, and leverage to meet matching requirements of federal funding for resiliency in economic 45.12 security and economic enhancement opportunities that provide the public high-quality 45.13 employment opportunities. 45.14 Sec. 4. [116J.9927] PREPARE MINNESOTA. 45.15 Subdivision 1. Establishment. (a) The commissioner must establish and administer a 45.16 comprehensive test and professional licensure pilot program that must be provided at no 45.17 cost to students at one University of Minnesota system campus, students at one Minnesota 45.18 State Colleges and Universities system campus, and dislocated workers as defined in section 45.19 116L.17. 45.20 (b) The pilot program must, at a minimum, offer students and dislocated workers test 45.21 preparation services for the Medical College Admission Test, Law School Admission Test, 45.22 Graduate Record Examination, Graduate Management Admission Test, and other preparation 45.23 programs for professional exams, including but not limited to the areas of nursing, teaching, 45.24 real estate, securities, and law. The pilot program must, at a minimum, also provide 45.25 preparation for the Securities Industry Essentials exam, a Financial Paraplanner Qualified 45.26 Professional exam, and a Wealth Management Specialist exam. 45.27 Subd. 2. Vendors. The commissioner must procure and contract with a vendor to provide 45.28 comprehensive test and professional licensure preparation services. 45.29 Subd. 3. Priority of recipients. If money is insufficient to provide comprehensive test 45.30

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and professional licensure preparation to all students or dislocated workers seeking to

46.1	participate in the program, the commissioner may prioritize offering the services to recipients
46.2	of a state grant under section 136A.121.
46.3	Subd. 4. Reporting. (a) By February 15 of each year, the commissioner must submit a
46.4	report on the details of the pilot program under this section to the legislative committees
46.5	with jurisdiction over workforce development and higher education finance and policy. The
46.6	report must include the following information:
46.7	(1) research and analysis on the effectiveness and impact of the program that considers
46.8	the following:
46.9	(i) recruitment and retention of students at eligible institutions;
46.10	(ii) the number of students who remain in Minnesota after graduating; and
46.11	(iii) the long-term value the program offers to students;
46.12	(2) the number of students who participated in the program in the prior academic year,
46.13	including identifying the number of each exam type for which preparation was provided;
46.14	<u>and</u>
46.15	(3) updated spending projections for the program.
46.16	(b) Institutions with students participating in the program must provide information to
46.17	the commissioner annually to facilitate reporting.
46.18	Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116L.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
46.19	Subdivision 1. Partnership program. (a) The partnership program may provide
46.20	grants-in-aid to educational or other nonprofit educational institutions using the following
46.21	guidelines:
46.22	(1) the educational or other nonprofit educational institution is a provider of training
46.23	within the state in either the public or private sector;
46.24	(2) the program involves skills training that is an area of employment need; and
46.25	(3) preference will be given to educational or other nonprofit training institutions which
46.26	serve economically disadvantaged people, minorities, or those who are victims of economic
46.27	dislocation and to businesses located in rural areas.
46.28	(b) A single grant to any one institution shall not exceed \$400,000 \$500,000. A portion
46.29	of a grant may be used for preemployment training.
46.30	(c) Each institution must provide for the dissemination of summary results of a
46.31	grant-funded project, including, but not limited to, information about curriculum and all

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47.1	supporting materials developed in conjunction with the grant. Results of projects developed
47.2	by any Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system institution must be disseminated
47.3	throughout the system.
47.4	(d) At the discretion of the board, higher education institutions may charge up to a
47.5	30-percent increase on the direct project costs, not including equipment costs.
47.6	Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116L.04, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:
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47.7	Subd. 1a. Pathways program. (a) The pathways program may provide grants-in-aid
47.8	for developing programs which assist in the transition of persons from welfare to work and
47.9	assist individuals at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. The program
47.10	is to be operated by the board. The board shall consult and coordinate with program
47.11	administrators at the Department of Employment and Economic Development to design
47.12	and provide services for temporary assistance for needy families recipients.
47.13	(b) Pathways grants-in-aid may be awarded to educational or other nonprofit training
47.14	institutions or to workforce development intermediaries for education and training programs
47.15	and services supporting education and training programs that serve eligible recipients.
47.16	Preference shall be given to projects that:
47.17	(1) provide employment with benefits paid to employees;
47.18	(2) provide employment where there are defined career paths for trainees;
47.19	(3) pilot the development of an educational pathway that can be used on a continuing
47.20	basis for transitioning persons from welfare to work; and
47.21	(4) demonstrate the active participation of Department of Employment and Economic
47.22	Development workforce centers, Minnesota State College and University institutions and
47.23	other educational institutions, and local welfare agencies.
47.24	(c) Pathways projects must demonstrate the active involvement and financial commitment
47.25	of a participating business. Pathways projects must be matched with cash or in-kind
47.26	contributions on at least a one-half-to-one ratio by a participating business.
47.27	(d) A single grant to any one institution shall not exceed \$400,000 \$500,000. A portion
47.28	of a grant may be used for preemployment training.
47.29	(e) At the discretion of the board, higher education institutions may charge up to a

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Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116L.98, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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- Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms defined in this subdivision have the meanings given.
- (b) "Credential" means postsecondary degrees, diplomas, licenses, and certificates awarded in recognition of an individual's attainment of measurable technical or occupational skills necessary to obtain employment or advance with an occupation. This definition does not include certificates awarded by workforce investment boards or work-readiness certificates.
- (c) "Exit" means to have not received service under a workforce program for 90 consecutive calendar days. The exit date is the last date of service.
 - (d) "Net impact" means the use of matched control groups and regression analysis to estimate the impacts attributable to program participation net of other factors, including observable personal characteristics and economic conditions.
- (e) "Pre-enrollment" means the period of time before an individual was enrolled in a workforce program.
- Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116M.18, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
 - Subd. 3. Revolving loan fund Minnesota emerging entrepreneur program account. (a) The department shall establish a revolving loan fund A Minnesota emerging entrepreneur program account is created in the special revenue fund in the state treasury. Money in the account is appropriated to the commissioner for revolving loans to make grants to nonprofit corporations, Tribal economic development entities, and community development financial institutions for the purpose of making loans to businesses owned by minority or low-income persons, women, veterans, or people with disabilities, and to support minority business enterprises and job creation for minority and low-income persons.
 - (b) Nonprofit corporations, Tribal economic development entities, and community development financial institutions that receive grants from the department under the program must establish a commissioner-certified revolving loan fund for the purpose of making eligible loans.
 - (c) Eligible business enterprises include, but are not limited to, technologically innovative industries, value-added manufacturing, and information industries.
- (d) Loan applications given preliminary approval by the nonprofit corporation, Tribal economic development entity, or community development financial institution must be

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forwarded to the department. Nonprofit corporations, Tribal economic development entities, and community development financial institutions designated as preferred partners do not need final approval by the commissioner. All other loans must be approved by the commissioner and the commissioner must make approval decisions within 20 days of receiving a loan application unless the application contains insufficient information to make an approval decision. The amount of the state funds contributed to any loan may not exceed 50 percent of each loan. The commissioner must develop the criteria necessary to receive loan forgiveness.

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- Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 469.54, subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- Subd. 4. **Credit for parking revenue.** (a) By March 1 of the year following the year in which the parking facilities or structures are constructed within the district, the city must certify to the commissioner:
- 49.13 (1) the total amount of revenue generated by the parking facilities and structures in the preceding year; and
 - (2) the total amount necessary for operational and maintenance expenses of the facilities or structures in the current preceding year.
 - (b) By July 1 of each year thereafter, for a period of 25 years, the commissioner must confirm or revise the amounts as reported. An amount equal to 50 percent of the amount of revenue received by the city by the parking structures and facilities in the <u>previous preceding</u> year that is greater than the amount necessary for operational and maintenance expenses of the facilities or structures in the <u>current preceding</u> year must be paid by the city to the commissioner of employment and economic development by September 1 for deposit into the general fund.
- Sec. 10. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 15, section 33, subdivision 4, as amended by Laws 2024, chapter 120, article 9, section 5, is amended to read:
- Subd. 4. **Loans to community businesses.** (a) A partner organization that receives a grant under subdivision 3 shall establish a plan for making low-interest loans to community businesses. The plan requires approval by the commissioner.
- 49.29 (b) Under the plan:
- 49.30 (1) the state contribution to each loan shall be no less than \$50,000 \$10,000 and no more than \$500,000;

50.1	(2) loans shall be	e made for projects	s that are unlikely	to be undertaken	unless a loan is
50.2	received under the p	orogram;			
50.3	(3) priority shall	be given to loans	to businesses in t	he lowest income a	areas;
50.4	(4) the fee or inte	erest rate on a loan	shall not be highe	r than the Wall Stre	et Journal prime
50.5	rate plus two percer	ıt, with a maximur	n of ten percent;		
50.6	(5) 50 percent of	f all repayments of	f principal on a lo	an under the progra	am shall be used
50.7	to fund additional re	elated lending. The	e partner organiza	tion may retain the	remainder of
50.8	loan repayments to	service loans and j	provide further te	chnical assistance;	
50.9	(6) the partner of	rganization may cl	narge a loan origi	nation fee of no mo	ore than one
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50.15	and the commission	_	ing or retaining jo	obs and being curre	ent with all loan
50.16	payments, for at lea	st two years.			
50.17	EFFECTIVE D	ATE. This section	n is effective the c	lay following final	enactment.
50.18	Sec. 11. Laws 202	3, chapter 53, artic	cle 20, section 2,	subdivision 2, as ar	nended by Laws
50.19	2024, chapter 120, a	article 1, section 6,	, is amended to re	ad:	
50.20	Subd. 2. Business a	nd Community D	evelopment	195,061,000	139,104,000
50.21	Appro	opriations by Fund	[
50.22	General	193,011,000	137,054,000		
50.23	Remediation	700,000	700,000		
50.24 50.25	Workforce Development	1,350,000	1,350,000		
50.26	(a) \$2,287,000 each	year is for the gre	eater		
50.27	Minnesota business	development publ	lic		
50.28	infrastructure grant 1	program under Mii	nnesota		
50.29	Statutes, section 116	J.431. This approp	oriation		
50.30	is available until Jui	ne 30, 2027.			
50.31	(b) \$500,000 each y	ear is for grants to	small		
50.32	business developmen	nt centers under Mir	nnesota		

Statutes, section 116J.68. Money made
available under this paragraph may be used to
match funds under the federal Small Business
Development Center (SBDC) program under
United States Code, title 15, section 648, to
provide consulting and technical services or
to build additional SBDC network capacity to
serve entrepreneurs and small businesses.
(c) \$2,500,000 the first year is for Launch
Minnesota. This is a onetime appropriation.
Of this amount:
(1) \$1,500,000 is for innovation grants to
eligible Minnesota entrepreneurs or start-up
businesses to assist with their operating needs;
(2) \$500,000 is for administration of Launch
Minnesota; and
(3) \$500,000 is for grantee activities at Launch
Minnesota.
(d)(1) \$500,000 each year is for grants to
MNSBIR, Inc., to support moving scientific
excellence and technological innovation from
the lab to the market for start-ups and small
businesses by securing federal research and
development funding. The purpose of the grant
is to build a strong Minnesota economy and
stimulate the creation of novel products,
services, and solutions in the private sector;
strengthen the role of small business in
meeting federal research and development
needs; increase the commercial application of
federally supported research results; and
develop and increase the Minnesota
workforce, especially by fostering and
encouraging participation by small businesses

52.1	owned by women and people who are Black,
52.2	Indigenous, or people of color. This is a
52.3	onetime appropriation.
52.4	(2) MNSBIR, Inc., shall use the grant money
52.5	to be the dedicated resource for federal
52.6	research and development for small businesses
52.7	of up to 500 employees statewide to support
52.8	research and commercialization of novel ideas,
52.9	concepts, and projects into cutting-edge
52.10	products and services for worldwide economic
52.11	impact. MNSBIR, Inc., shall use grant money
52.12	to:
52.13	(i) assist small businesses in securing federal
52.14	research and development funding, including
52.15	the Small Business Innovation Research and
52.16	Small Business Technology Transfer programs
52.17	and other federal research and development
52.18	funding opportunities;
52.19	(ii) support technology transfer and
52.20	commercialization from the University of
52.21	Minnesota, Mayo Clinic, and federal
52.22	laboratories;
52.23	(iii) partner with large businesses;
52.24	(iv) conduct statewide outreach, education,
52.25	and training on federal rules, regulations, and
52.26	requirements;
52.27	(v) assist with scientific and technical writing;
52.28	(vi) help manage federal grants and contracts;
52.29	and
52.30	(vii) support cost accounting and sole-source
52.31	procurement opportunities.
52.32	(e) \$10,000,000 the first year is for transferred
52.33	from the general fund to the Minnesota

Expanding Opportunity Fund Program special
revenue account under Minnesota Statutes,
section 116J.8733. This is a onetime
appropriation transfer and is available until
June 30, 2025.
(f) \$6,425,000 each year is for the small
business assistance partnerships program
under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.682.
All grant awards shall be for two consecutive
years. Grants shall be awarded in the first year.
The department may use up to five percent of
the appropriation for administrative purposes.
The base for this appropriation is \$2,725,000
in fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter.
(g) \$350,000 each year is for administration
of the community energy transition office.
(h) \$5,000,000 each year is transferred from
the general fund to the community energy
transition account for grants under Minnesota
Statutes, section 116J.55. This is a onetime
transfer.
(i) \$1,772,000 each year is for contaminated
site cleanup and development grants under
Minnesota Statutes, sections 116J.551 to
116J.558. This appropriation is available until
expended.
(j) \$700,000 each year is from the remediation
fund for contaminated site cleanup and
development grants under Minnesota Statutes,
sections 116J.551 to 116J.558. This
appropriation is available until expended.
(k) \$389,000 each year is for the Center for
Rural Policy and Development. The base for

54.1	this appropriation is \$139,000 in fiscal year
54.2	2026 and each year thereafter.
54.3	(1) \$25,000 each year is for the administration
54.4	of state aid for the Destination Medical Center
54.5	under Minnesota Statutes, sections 469.40 to
54.6	469.47.
54.7	(m) \$875,000 each year is for the host
54.8	community economic development program
54.9	established in Minnesota Statutes, section
54.10	116Ј.548.
54.11	(n) \$6,500,000 each year is for grants to local
54.12	communities to increase the number of quality
54.13	child care providers to support economic
54.14	development. Fifty percent of grant money
54.15	must go to communities located outside the
54.16	seven-county metropolitan area as defined in
54.17	Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121,
54.18	subdivision 2. The base for this appropriation
54.19	is \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each year
54.20	thereafter.
54.21	Grant recipients must obtain a 50 percent
54.22	nonstate match to grant money in either cash
54.23	or in-kind contribution, unless the
54.24	commissioner waives the requirement. Grant
54.25	money available under this subdivision must
54.26	be used to implement projects to reduce the
54.27	child care shortage in the state, including but
54.28	not limited to funding for child care business
54.29	start-ups or expansion, training, facility
54.30	modifications, direct subsidies or incentives
54.31	to retain employees, or improvements required
54.32	for licensing, and assistance with licensing
54.33	and other regulatory requirements. In awarding
54.34	grants, the commissioner must give priority

55.1	to communities that have demonstrated a
55.2	shortage of child care providers.
55.3	Within one year of receiving grant money,
55.4	grant recipients must report to the
55.5	commissioner on the outcomes of the grant
55.6	program, including but not limited to the
55.7	number of new providers, the number of
55.8	additional child care provider jobs created, the
55.9	number of additional child care openings, and
55.10	the amount of cash and in-kind local money
55.11	invested. Within one month of all grant
55.12	recipients reporting on program outcomes, the
55.13	commissioner must report the grant recipients'
55.14	outcomes to the chairs and ranking members
55.15	of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
55.16	over early learning and child care and
55.17	economic development.
55.18	(o) \$500,000 each year is for the Office of
55.19	Child Care Community Partnerships. Of this
55.20	amount:
55.21	(1) \$450,000 each year is for administration
55.22	of the Office of Child Care Community
55.23	Partnerships; and
55.24	(2) \$50,000 each year is for the Labor Market
55.25	Information Office to conduct research and
55.26	analysis related to the child care industry.
55.27	(p) \$3,500,000 each year is for grants in equal
55.28	amounts to each of the Minnesota Initiative
55.29	Foundations. This appropriation is available
55.30	until June 30, 2027. The base for this
55.31	appropriation is \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026
55.32	and each year thereafter. The Minnesota
55.33	Initiative Foundations must use grant money
55.34	under this section to:

56.1	(1) facilitate planning processes for rural
56.2	communities resulting in a community solution
56.3	action plan that guides decision making to
56.4	sustain and increase the supply of quality child
56.5	care in the region to support economic
56.6	development;
56.7	(2) engage the private sector to invest local
56.8	resources to support the community solution
56.9	action plan and ensure quality child care is a
56.10	vital component of additional regional
56.11	economic development planning processes;
56.12	(3) provide locally based training and technical
56.13	assistance to rural business owners
56.14	individually or through a learning cohort.
56.15	Access to financial and business development
56.16	assistance must prepare child care businesses
56.17	for quality engagement and improvement by
56.18	stabilizing operations, leveraging funding from
56.19	other sources, and fostering business acumen
56.20	that allows child care businesses to plan for
56.21	and afford the cost of providing quality child
56.22	care; and
56.23	(4) recruit child care programs to participate
56.24	in quality rating and improvement
56.25	measurement programs. The Minnesota
56.26	Initiative Foundations must work with local
56.27	partners to provide low-cost training,
56.28	professional development opportunities, and
56.29	continuing education curricula. The Minnesota
56.30	Initiative Foundations must fund, through local
56.31	partners, an enhanced level of coaching to
56.32	rural child care providers to obtain a quality
56.33	rating through measurement programs.
56.34	(q) \$8,000,000 each year is for the Minnesota
56.35	iob creation fund under Minnesota Statutes.

57.1	section 116J.8748. Of this amount, the
57.2	commissioner of employment and economic
57.3	development may use up to three percent for
57.4	administrative expenses. This appropriation
57.5	is available until expended. Notwithstanding
57.6	Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8748, money
57.7	appropriated for the job creation fund may be
57.8	used for redevelopment under Minnesota
57.9	Statutes, sections 116J.575 and 116J.5761, at
57.10	the discretion of the commissioner.
57.11	(r) \$12,370,000 each year is for the Minnesota
57.12	investment fund under Minnesota Statutes,
57.13	section 116J.8731. Of this amount, the
57.14	commissioner of employment and economic
57.15	development may use up to three percent for
57.16	administration and monitoring of the program
57.17	This appropriation is available until expended
57.18	Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
57.19	116J.8731, money appropriated to the
57.20	commissioner for the Minnesota investment
57.21	fund may be used for the redevelopment
57.22	program under Minnesota Statutes, sections
57.23	116J.575 and 116J.5761, at the discretion of
57.24	the commissioner. Grants under this paragraph
57.25	are not subject to the grant amount limitation
57.26	under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731
57.27	(s) \$4,246,000 each year is for the
57.28	redevelopment program under Minnesota
57.29	Statutes, sections 116J.575 and 116J.5761.
57.30	The base for this appropriation is \$2,246,000
57.31	in fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter.
57.32	This appropriation is available until expended
57.33	(t) \$1,000,000 each year is for the Minnesota
57.34	emerging entrepreneur loan program under
57.35	Minnesota Statutes, section 116M.18. Money

58.1	available under this paragraph is for transfer
58.2	into the emerging entrepreneur program
58.3	special revenue fund account created under
58.4	Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116M, and are
58.5	available until expended. Of this amount, up
58.6	to four percent is for administration and
58.7	monitoring of the program.
58.8	(u) \$325,000 the first year is for the Minnesota
58.9	Film and TV Board. The appropriation is
58.10	available only upon receipt by the board of \$1
58.11	in matching contributions of money or in-kind
58.12	contributions from nonstate sources for every
58.13	\$3 provided by this appropriation, except that
58.14	up to \$50,000 is available on July 1 even if
58.15	the required matching contribution has not
58.16	been received by that date. This is a onetime
58.17	appropriation.
58.18	(v) \$12,000 each year is for a grant to the
58.19	Upper Minnesota Film Office.
58.20	(w) \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to the
58.21	Minnesota Film and TV Board for the film
58.22	production jobs program under Minnesota
58.23	Statutes, section 116U.26. This appropriation
58.24	is available until June 30, 2027. This is a
58.25	onetime appropriation.
58.26	(x) \$4,195,000 each year is for the Minnesota
58.27	job skills partnership program under
58.28	Minnesota Statutes, sections 116L.01 to
58.29	116L.17. If the appropriation for either year
58.30	is insufficient, the appropriation for the other
58.31	year is available. This appropriation is
58.32	available until expended.

59.1	(y) \$1,350,000 each year from the workforce
59.2	development fund is for jobs training grants
59.3	under Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.41.
59.4	(z) \$47,475,000 the first year and \$50,475,000
59.5	the second year are for the PROMISE grant
59.6	program. This is a onetime appropriation and
59.7	is available until June 30, 2027. Any
59.8	unencumbered balance remaining at the end
59.9	of the first year does not cancel but is available
59.10	the second year. Of this amount:
59.11	(1) \$475,000 each year is for administration
59.12	of the PROMISE grant program;
59.13	(2) \$7,500,000 each year is for grants in equal
59.14	amounts to each of the Minnesota Initiative
59.15	Foundations to serve businesses in greater
59.16	Minnesota. Of this amount, \$600,000 each
59.17	year is for grants to businesses with less than
59.18	\$100,000 in revenue in the prior year; and
59.19	(3) \$39,500,000 the first year and \$42,500,000
59.20	the second year are for grants to the
59.21	Neighborhood Development Center. Of this
59.22	amount, the following amounts are designated
59.23	for the following areas:
59.24	(i) \$16,000,000 each year is for North
59.25	Minneapolis' West Broadway, Camden, or and
59.26	other Northside neighborhoods. Of this
59.27	amount, \$1,000,000 each year is for grants to
59.28	businesses with less than \$100,000 in revenue
59.29	in the prior year;
59.30	(ii) \$13,500,000 each year is \$12,500,000 the
59.31	first year and \$13,500,000 the second year are
59.32	for South Minneapolis' Lake Street, 38th and
59.33	Chicago, Franklin, Nicollet, and Riverside
59.34	corridors. Of this amount, \$750,000 each year

- is for grants to businesses with less than
- \$100,000 in revenue in the prior year;
- 60.3 (iii) \$10,000,000 each year is for St. Paul's
- 60.4 University Avenue, Midway, Eastside, or other
- 60.5 St. Paul neighborhoods. Of this amount,
- \$750,000 each year is for grants to businesses
- with less than \$100,000 in revenue in the prior
- 60.8 year;
- 60.9 (iv) \$1,000,000 the first year is for South
- 60.10 Minneapolis' Hennepin Avenue Commercial
- 60.11 corridor, South Hennepin Community
- 60.12 corridor, and Uptown Special Service District;
- 60.13 and
- 60.14 (v) \$3,000,000 the second year is for grants
- 60.15 to businesses in the counties of Anoka, Carver,
- 60.16 Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and
- 60.17 Washington, excluding the cities of
- 60.18 Minneapolis and St. Paul.
- 60.19 (aa) \$15,150,000 each year is for the
- 60.20 PROMISE loan program. This is a onetime
- appropriation and is available until June 30,
- 60.22 2027. Of this amount:
- 60.23 (1) \$150,000 each year is for administration
- 60.24 of the PROMISE loan program;
- 60.25 (2) \$3,000,000 each year is for grants in equal
- amounts to each of the Minnesota Initiative
- 60.27 Foundations to serve businesses in greater
- 60.28 Minnesota; and
- 60.29 (3) \$12,000,000 each year is for grants to the
- 60.30 Metropolitan Economic Development
- 60.31 Association (MEDA). Of this amount, the
- 60.32 following amounts are designated for the
- 60.33 following areas:

- 61.1 (i) \$4,500,000 each year is for North
- 61.2 Minneapolis' West Broadway, Camden, or and
- other Northside neighborhoods;
- 61.4 (ii) \$4,500,000 each year is for South
- 61.5 Minneapolis' Lake Street, 38th and Chicago,
- 61.6 Franklin, Nicollet, and Riverside corridors;
- 61.7 and
- 61.8 (iii) \$3,000,000 each year is for St. Paul's
- 61.9 University Avenue, Midway, Eastside, or other
- 61.10 St. Paul neighborhoods.
- 61.11 (bb) \$1,500,000 each year is for a grant to the
- 61.12 Metropolitan Consortium of Community
- 61.13 Developers for the community wealth-building
- 61.14 grant program pilot project. Of this amount,
- 61.15 up to two percent is for administration and
- 61.16 monitoring of the community wealth-building
- 61.17 grant program pilot project. This is a onetime
- 61.18 appropriation.
- 61.19 (cc) \$250,000 each year is for the publication,
- 61.20 dissemination, and use of labor market
- 61.21 information under Minnesota Statutes, section
- 61.22 116J.401.
- 61.23 (dd) \$5,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
- 61.24 the Bloomington Port Authority to provide
- 61.25 funding for the Expo 2027 host organization.
- 61.26 The Bloomington Port Authority must enter
- into an agreement with the host organization
- over the use of money, which may be used for
- 61.29 activities, including but not limited to
- 61.30 finalizing the community dossier and staffing
- 61.31 the host organization and for infrastructure
- 61.32 design and planning, financial modeling,
- 61.33 development planning and coordination of
- 61.34 both real estate and public private partnerships,

	and reimbursement of costs the Bloomington
52.2	Port Authority incurred. In selecting vendors
52.3	and exhibitors for Expo 2027, the host
52.4	organization shall prioritize outreach to,
52.5	collaboration with, and inclusion of businesses
52.6	that are majority owned by people of color,
52.7	women, and people with disabilities. The host
52.8	organization and Bloomington Port Authority
52.9	may be reimbursed for expenses 90 days prior
52.10	to encumbrance. This appropriation is
52.11	contingent on approval of the project by the
52.12	Bureau International des Expositions. If the
52.13	project is not approved by the Bureau
52.14	International des Expositions, the money shall
52.15	transfer to the Minnesota investment fund
52.16	under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731.
52.17	Any unencumbered balance remaining at the
52.18	end of the first year does not cancel but is
52.19	available for the second year.
52.20	(ee) \$5,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
52.20 52.21	(ee) \$5,000,000 the first year is for a grant to the Neighborhood Development Center for
52.21	the Neighborhood Development Center for
52.21 52.22	the Neighborhood Development Center for small business programs, including training,
52.21 52.22 52.23	the Neighborhood Development Center for small business programs, including training, lending, business services, and real estate
52.21 52.22 52.23 52.24	the Neighborhood Development Center for small business programs, including training, lending, business services, and real estate programming; small business incubator
52.21 52.22 52.23 52.24 52.25	the Neighborhood Development Center for small business programs, including training, lending, business services, and real estate programming; small business incubator development in the Twin Cities and outside
52.21 52.22 52.23 52.24 52.25 52.26	the Neighborhood Development Center for small business programs, including training, lending, business services, and real estate programming; small business incubator development in the Twin Cities and outside the seven-county metropolitan area; and
52.21 52.22 52.23 52.24 52.25 52.26 52.26	the Neighborhood Development Center for small business programs, including training, lending, business services, and real estate programming; small business incubator development in the Twin Cities and outside the seven-county metropolitan area; and technical assistance activities for partners
52.21 52.22 52.23 52.24 52.25 52.26 52.27 52.28	the Neighborhood Development Center for small business programs, including training, lending, business services, and real estate programming; small business incubator development in the Twin Cities and outside the seven-county metropolitan area; and technical assistance activities for partners outside the seven-county metropolitan area;
52.21 52.22 52.23 52.24 52.25 52.26 52.27 52.28 52.29	the Neighborhood Development Center for small business programs, including training, lending, business services, and real estate programming; small business incubator development in the Twin Cities and outside the seven-county metropolitan area; and technical assistance activities for partners outside the seven-county metropolitan area; and for high-risk, character-based loan capital
52.21 52.22 52.23 52.24 52.25 52.26 52.27 52.28 52.29 52.30	the Neighborhood Development Center for small business programs, including training, lending, business services, and real estate programming; small business incubator development in the Twin Cities and outside the seven-county metropolitan area; and technical assistance activities for partners outside the seven-county metropolitan area; and for high-risk, character-based loan capital for nonrecourse loans. This is a onetime
52.21 52.22 52.23 52.24 52.25 52.26 52.27 52.28 52.29 52.30	the Neighborhood Development Center for small business programs, including training, lending, business services, and real estate programming; small business incubator development in the Twin Cities and outside the seven-county metropolitan area; and technical assistance activities for partners outside the seven-county metropolitan area; and for high-risk, character-based loan capital for nonrecourse loans. This is a onetime appropriation. Any unencumbered balance
52.21 52.22 52.23 52.24 52.25 52.26 52.27 52.28 52.29 52.30 52.31	the Neighborhood Development Center for small business programs, including training, lending, business services, and real estate programming; small business incubator development in the Twin Cities and outside the seven-county metropolitan area; and technical assistance activities for partners outside the seven-county metropolitan area; and for high-risk, character-based loan capital for nonrecourse loans. This is a onetime appropriation. Any unencumbered balance remaining at the end of the first year does not

63.1	special revenue fund. Of this amount, up to
63.2	five percent is for administration and
63.3	monitoring of the emerging developer fund
63.4	program under Minnesota Statutes, section
63.5	116J.9926, and the remainder is for a grant to
63.6	the Local Initiatives Support Corporation -
63.7	Twin Cities to serve as a partner organization
63.8	under the program. This is a onetime
63.9	appropriation.
63.10	(gg) \$5,000,000 the first year is for the
63.11	Canadian border counties economic relief
63.12	program under article 5. Of this amount, up
63.13	to \$1,000,000 is for Tribal economic
63.14	development and \$2,100,000 is for a grant to
63.15	Lake of the Woods County for the forgivable
63.16	loan program for remote recreational
63.17	businesses. This is a onetime appropriation
63.18	and is available until June 30, 2026.
63.19	(hh) \$1,000,000 each year is for a grant to
63.20	African Economic Development Solutions.
63.21	This is a onetime appropriation and is
63.22	available until June 30, 2026. Of this amount:
63.23	(1) \$500,000 each year is for a loan fund that
63.24	must address pervasive economic inequities
63.25	by supporting business ventures of
63.26	entrepreneurs in the African immigrant
63.27	community; and
63.28	(2) \$250,000 each year is for workforce
63.29	development and technical assistance,
63.30	including but not limited to business
63.31	development, entrepreneur training, business
63.32	technical assistance, loan packing, and
63.33	community development services.

54.1	(ii) \$1,500,000 each year is for a grant to the
54.2	Latino Economic Development Center. This
54.3	is a onetime appropriation and is available
54.4	until June 30, 2025. Of this amount:
54.5	(1) \$750,000 each year is to assist, support,
64.6	finance, and launch microentrepreneurs by
54.7	delivering training, workshops, and
54.8	one-on-one consultations to businesses; and
54.9	(2) \$750,000 each year is to guide prospective
54.10	entrepreneurs in their start-up process by
54.11	introducing them to key business concepts,
54.12	including business start-up readiness. Grant
54.13	proceeds must be used to offer workshops on
54.14	a variety of topics throughout the year,
54.15	including finance, customer service,
64.16	food-handler training, and food-safety
54.17	certification. Grant proceeds may also be used
54.18	to provide lending to business startups.
54.19	(jj) \$627,000 the first year is for a grant to
54.20	Community and Economic Development
54.21	Associates (CEDA) to provide funding for
54.22	economic development technical assistance
54.23	and economic development project grants to
54.24	small communities across rural Minnesota and
54.25	for CEDA to design, implement, market, and
54.26	administer specific types of basic community
54.27	and economic development programs tailored
54.28	to individual community needs. Technical
54.29	assistance grants shall be based on need and
54.30	given to communities that are otherwise
54.31	unable to afford these services. Of the amount
54.32	appropriated, up to \$270,000 may be used for
54.33	economic development project implementation
54.34	in conjunction with the technical assistance
54.35	received. This is a onetime appropriation. Any

65.1	unencumbered balance remaining at the end
65.2	of the first year does not cancel but is available
65.3	the second year.
65.4	(kk) \$2,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
65.5	WomenVenture to:
65.6	(1) support child care providers through
65.7	business training and shared services programs
65.8	and to create materials that could be used, free
65.9	of charge, for start-up, expansion, and
65.10	operation of child care businesses statewide,
65.11	with the goal of helping new and existing child
65.12	care businesses in underserved areas of the
65.13	state become profitable and sustainable; and
65.14	(2) support business expansion for women
65.15	food entrepreneurs throughout Minnesota's
65.16	food supply chain to help stabilize and
65.17	strengthen their business operations, create
65.18	distribution networks, offer technical
65.19	assistance and support to beginning women
65.20	food entrepreneurs, develop business plans,
65.21	develop a workforce, research expansion
65.22	strategies, and for other related activities.
65.23	Eligible uses of the money include but are not
65.24	limited to:
65.25	(i) leasehold improvements;
65.26	(ii) additions, alterations, remodeling, or
65.27	renovations to rented space;
65.28	(iii) inventory or supplies;
65.29	(iv) machinery or equipment purchases;
65.30	(v) working capital; and
65.31	(vi) debt refinancing.

66.1	Money distributed to entrepreneurs may be
66.2	loans, forgivable loans, and grants. Of this
66.3	amount, up to five percent may be used for
66.4	the WomenVenture's technical assistance and
66.5	administrative costs. This is a onetime
66.6	appropriation and is available until June 30,
66.7	2026.
66.8	By December 15, 2026, WomenVenture must
66.9	submit a report to the chairs and ranking
66.10	minority members of the legislative
66.11	committees with jurisdiction over agriculture
66.12	and employment and economic development.
66.13	The report must include a summary of the uses
66.14	of the appropriation, including the amount of
66.15	the appropriation used for administration. The
66.16	report must also provide a breakdown of the
66.17	amount of funding used for loans, forgivable
66.18	loans, and grants; information about the terms
66.19	of the loans issued; a discussion of how money
66.20	from repaid loans will be used; the number of
66.21	entrepreneurs assisted; and a breakdown of
66.22	how many entrepreneurs received assistance
66.23	in each county.
66.24	(11) \$2,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
66.25	African Career, Education, and Resource, Inc.,
66.26	for operational infrastructure and technical
66.27	assistance to small businesses. This
66.28	appropriation is available until June 30, 2025.
66.29	(mm) \$5,000,000 the first year is for a grant
66.30	to the African Development Center to provide
66.31	loans to purchase commercial real estate and
66.32	to expand organizational infrastructure. This
66.33	appropriation is available until June 30, 2025.
66.34	Of this amount:

- (1) \$2,800,000 is for loans to purchase
- 67.2 commercial real estate targeted at African
- 67.3 immigrant small business owners;
- 67.4 (2) \$364,000 is for loan loss reserves to
- 67.5 support loan volume growth and attract
- 67.6 additional capital;
- 67.7 (3) \$836,000 is for increasing organizational
- 67.8 capacity;
- 67.9 (4) \$300,000 is for the safe 2 eat project of
- 67.10 inclusive assistance with required restaurant
- 67.11 licensing examinations; and
- 67.12 (5) \$700,000 is for a center for community
- 67.13 resources for language and technology
- 67.14 assistance for small businesses.
- 67.15 (nn) \$7,000,000 the first year is for grants to
- 67.16 the Minnesota Initiative Foundations to
- 67.17 capitalize their revolving loan funds, which
- address unmet financing needs of for-profit
- 67.19 business start-ups, expansions, and ownership
- 67.20 transitions; nonprofit organizations; and
- 67.21 developers of housing to support the
- 67.22 construction, rehabilitation, and conversion
- 67.23 of housing units. Of the amount appropriated:
- 67.24 (1) \$1,000,000 is for a grant to the Southwest
- 67.25 Initiative Foundation;
- 67.26 (2) \$1,000,000 is for a grant to the West
- 67.27 Central Initiative Foundation;
- 67.28 (3) \$1,000,000 is for a grant to the Southern
- 67.29 Minnesota Initiative Foundation;
- 67.30 (4) \$1,000,000 is for a grant to the Northwest
- 67.31 Minnesota Foundation;
- 67.32 (5) \$2,000,000 is for a grant to the Initiative
- 67.33 Foundation of which \$1,000,000 is for

68.1	redevelopment of the St. Cloud Youth and

- 68.2 Family Center; and
- 68.3 (6) \$1,000,000 is for a grant to the Northland
- 68.4 Foundation.
- 68.5 (oo) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
- 68.6 Enterprise Minnesota, Inc., to reach and
- deliver talent, leadership, employee retention,
- 68.8 continuous improvement, strategy, quality
- 68.9 management systems, revenue growth, and
- 68.10 manufacturing peer-to-peer advisory services
- 68.11 to small manufacturing companies employing
- 68.12 35 or fewer full-time equivalent employees.
- 68.13 This is a onetime appropriation. No later than
- 68.14 February 1, 2025, and February 1, 2026,
- 68.15 Enterprise Minnesota, Inc., must provide a
- 68.16 report to the chairs and ranking minority
- 68.17 members of the legislative committees with
- 68.18 jurisdiction over economic development that
- 68.19 includes:
- 68.20 (1) the grants awarded during the past 12
- 68.21 months;
- 68.22 (2) the estimated financial impact of the grants
- awarded to each company receiving services
- 68.24 under the program;
- 68.25 (3) the actual financial impact of grants
- awarded during the past 24 months; and
- 68.27 (4) the total amount of federal funds leveraged
- 68.28 from the Manufacturing Extension Partnership
- at the United States Department of Commerce.
- 68.30 (pp) \$375,000 each year is for a grant to
- 68.31 PFund Foundation to provide grants to
- 68.32 LGBTQ+-owned small businesses and
- 68.33 entrepreneurs. Of this amount, up to five
- 68.34 percent may be used for PFund Foundation's

- 69.1 technical assistance and administrative costs.
- 69.2 This is a onetime appropriation and is
- available until June 30, 2026. To the extent
- 69.4 practicable, money must be distributed by
- 69.5 PFund Foundation as follows:
- 69.6 (1) at least 33.3 percent to businesses owned
- 69.7 by members of racial minority communities;
- 69.8 and
- 69.9 (2) at least 33.3 percent to businesses outside
- 69.10 of the seven-county metropolitan area as
- 69.11 defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
- 69.12 473.121, subdivision 2.
- 69.13 (qq) \$125,000 each year is for a grant to
- 69.14 Quorum to provide business support, training,
- 69.15 development, technical assistance, and related
- 69.16 activities for LGBTQ+-owned small
- 69.17 businesses that are recipients of a PFund
- 69.18 Foundation grant. Of this amount, up to five
- 69.19 percent may be used for Quorum's technical
- 69.20 assistance and administrative costs. This is a
- 69.21 onetime appropriation and is available until
- 69.22 June 30, 2026.
- 69.23 (rr) \$5,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
- 69.24 the Metropolitan Economic Development
- 69.25 Association (MEDA) for statewide business
- 69.26 development and assistance services to
- 69.27 minority-owned businesses. This is a onetime
- 69.28 appropriation. Any unencumbered balance
- 69.29 remaining at the end of the first year does not
- 69.30 cancel but is available the second year. Of this
- 69.31 amount:
- 69.32 (1) \$3,000,000 is for a revolving loan fund to
- 69.33 provide additional minority-owned businesses
- 69.34 with access to capital; and

70.1	(2) \$2,000,000 is for operating support
70.2	activities related to business development and
70.3	assistance services for minority business
70.4	enterprises.
70.5	By February 1, 2025, MEDA shall report to
70.6	the commissioner and the chairs and ranking
70.7	minority members of the legislative
70.8	committees with jurisdiction over economic
70.9	development policy and finance on the loans
70.10	and operating support activities, including
70.11	outcomes and expenditures, supported by the
70.12	appropriation under this paragraph.
70.13	(ss) \$2,500,000 each year is for a grant to a
70.14	Minnesota-based automotive component
70.15	manufacturer and distributor specializing in
70.16	electric vehicles and sensor technology that
70.17	manufactures all of their parts onshore to
70.18	expand their manufacturing. The grant
70.19	recipient under this paragraph shall submit
70.20	reports on the uses of the money appropriated,
70.21	the number of jobs created due to the
70.22	appropriation, wage information, and the city
70.23	and state in which the additional
70.24	manufacturing activity was located to the
70.25	chairs and ranking minority members of the
70.26	legislative committees with jurisdiction over
70.27	economic development. An initial report shall
70.28	be submitted by December 15, 2023, and a
70.29	final report is due by December 15, 2025. This
70.30	is a onetime appropriation.
70.31	(tt)(1) \$125,000 each year is for grants to the
70.32	Latino Chamber of Commerce Minnesota to
70.33	support the growth and expansion of small
70.34	businesses statewide. Funds may be used for

- 71.1 the cost of programming, outreach, staffing,
- and supplies. This is a onetime appropriation.
- 71.3 (2) By January 15, 2026, the Latino Chamber
- of Commerce Minnesota must submit a report
- 71.5 to the legislative committees with jurisdiction
- over economic development that details the
- use of grant funds and the grant's economic
- 71.8 impact.
- 71.9 (uu) \$175,000 the first year is for a grant to
- 71.10 the city of South St. Paul to study options for
- 71.11 repurposing the 1927 American Legion
- 71.12 Memorial Library after the property is no
- 71.13 longer used as a library. This appropriation is
- 71.14 available until the project is completed or
- 71.15 abandoned, subject to Minnesota Statutes,
- 71.16 section 16A.642.
- 71.17 (vv) \$250,000 the first year is for a grant to
- 71.18 LatinoLEAD for organizational
- 71.19 capacity-building.
- 71.20 (ww) \$80,000 the first year is for a grant to
- 71.21 the Neighborhood Development Center for
- 71.22 small business competitive grants to software
- 71.23 companies working to improve employee
- 71.24 engagement and workplace culture and to
- 71.25 reduce turnover.
- 71.26 (xx)(1) \$3,000,000 in the first year is for a
- 71.27 grant to the Center for Economic Inclusion for
- 71.28 strategic, data-informed investments in job
- 71.29 creation strategies that respond to the needs
- 71.30 of underserved populations statewide. This
- 71.31 may include forgivable loans, revenue-based
- 71.32 financing, and equity investments for
- entrepreneurs with barriers to growth. Of this
- amount, up to five percent may be used for

- 72.1 the center's technical assistance and
- administrative costs. This appropriation is
- available until June 30, 2025.
- 72.4 (2) By January 15, 2026, the Center for
- 72.5 Economic Inclusion shall submit a report on
- 72.6 the use of grant funds, including any loans
- made, to the legislative committees with
- 72.8 jurisdiction over economic development.
- 72.9 (yy) \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to
- 72.10 the Asian Economic Development Association
- 72.11 for asset building and financial empowerment
- 72.12 for entrepreneurs and small business owners,
- 72.13 small business development and technical
- assistance, and cultural placemaking. This is
- 72.15 a onetime appropriation.
- 72.16 (zz) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
- 72.17 Isuroon to support primarily African
- 72.18 immigrant women with entrepreneurial
- 72.19 training to start, manage, and grow
- 72.20 self-sustaining microbusinesses, develop
- 72.21 incubator space for these businesses, and
- 72.22 provide support with financial and language
- 72.23 literacy, systems navigation to eliminate
- 72.24 capital access disparities, marketing, and other
- 72.25 technical assistance. This is a onetime
- 72.26 appropriation.
- 72.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2023, except
- 72.28 that the amendment in paragraph (z), clause (3), item (ii), is effective retroactively from
- 72.29 July 1, 2024.

Sec. 12. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 21, section 7, as amended by Laws 2024, chapter 120, article 1, section 12; and Laws 2024, chapter 125, article 8, section 9, is amended to read:

Sec. 7. APPROPRIATIONS.

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- (a) \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the Minnesota forward fund account to the commissioner of employment and economic development for providing businesses with matching funds required by federal programs. Money awarded under this program is made retroactive to February 1, 2023, for applications and projects. The commissioner may use up to two percent of this appropriation for administration. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027 2030. Any funds that remain unspent are canceled to the general fund.
- (b) \$100,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the Minnesota forward fund account to the commissioner of employment and economic development to match existing federal funds made available in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, Public Law 117-328. This appropriation must be used to (1) construct and operate a bioindustrial manufacturing pilot innovation facility, biorefinery, or commercial campus utilizing agricultural feedstocks or (2) for a Minnesota aerospace center for research, development, and testing, or both (1) and (2). This appropriation is not subject to the grant limit requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8752, subdivisions 4, paragraph (b), and 5. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8752, subdivision 4, paragraph (a), this appropriation may include land acquisition as an eligible use to construct a bioindustrial manufacturing pilot innovation facility, a biorefinery, and an aerospace center for research, development, and testing. The commissioner may use up to two percent of this appropriation for administration. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027 2030. Any funds that remain unspent are canceled to the general fund.
- (c) \$240,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the Minnesota forward fund account to the commissioner of employment and economic development to match federal funds made available in the Chips and Science Act, Public Law 117-167. Money awarded under this program is made retroactive to February 1, 2023, for applications and projects. This appropriation is not subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8752, subdivision 5. The commissioner may use up two percent for administration. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027 2030. Any funds that remain unspent are canceled to the general fund.

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(d) The co	ommissioner may use	the appropriat	ion under paragraph (c) to allocate up to		
15 percent of	the total project cost	with a maximu	ım of \$75,000,000 per	project for the		
purpose of co	purpose of constructing, modernizing, or expanding commercial facilities on the front- and					
back-end fabrication of leading-edge, current-generation, and mature-node semiconductors;						
funding semiconductor materials and manufacturing equipment facilities; and for research						
and development facilities.						
(e) The commissioner may use the appropriation under paragraph (c) to award:						
(1) grants to institutions of higher education for developing and deploying training						
programs and to build pipelines to serve the needs of industry; and						
(2) grants	to increase the capac	ity of institutio	ns of higher education	to serve industrial		
requirements	for research and devel	opment that coi	ncide with current and t	future requirements		
of projects el	igible under this secti	on. Grant mon	ey may be used to cons	struct and equip		
facilities that	serve the purpose of	the industry. T	he maximum grant awa	ard per institution		
of higher edu	cation under this sect	ion is \$5,000,0	00 and may not repres	ent more than 50		
percent of the	total project funding	from other sour	ces. Use of this funding	must be supported		

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

Sec. 13. CHANGE STARTS WITH COMMUNITY VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM.

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

by businesses receiving funds under clause (1).

- (1) develop and implement year-round job training programs for at-risk youth and adults
 and provide trusted adult mentorship for at-risk Black, Indigenous, and People of Color
 youth, providing them with the skills needed for gainful employment and career opportunities;
 and
- 74.29 (2) create on-site job opportunities at Shiloh Cares Food Shelf Northside Community
 74.30 Safety Resource Center, promoting community engagement and economic development.
- Subd. 2. Partnership. Change Starts With Community shall partner with the Cargill
 Foundation to support at-risk youth educational career exposure field trips and exposing

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5.1	participants to the Change Starts With Community Agrihood garden and preventing further
5.2	trauma through field trips for youth.
5.3	Subd. 3. At-risk youth and adult job program positions. Change Starts With
5.4	Community must use grant proceeds to add positions to the program's complement, including
5.5	but not limited to adult food service workers, youth food service workers, an executive
5.6	director, operations director, program coordinator, and food shelf manager.
5.7	Subd. 4. Report. Beginning in fiscal year 2026, Change Starts With Community shall
5.8	report to the commissioner of employment and economic development outlining the use of
5.9	grant money, program outcomes, and the impact on the targeted population. The report must
5.10	be submitted no later than six months after the end of each fiscal year.
5.11	Sec. 14. <u>APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS TO APPROPRIATION.</u>
5.12	The appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 20, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph
5.13	(ee), is not subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.98.
5.14	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2023.
5.15	Sec. 15. RELOCATION GRANTS.
5.16	The commissioner of employment and economic development must reissue a request
5.17	for proposal for relocation grants under Laws 2024, chapter 120, article 1, section 2,
5.18	paragraph (i). The commissioner must make best efforts to conduct outreach and provide
5.19	technical assistance to businesses eligible for the grants. The appropriation under Laws
5.20	2024, chapter 120, article 1, section 2, paragraph (i), is available until June 30, 2026.
5.21	Sec. 16. <u>REVISOR INSTRUCTION.</u>
5.22	The revisor of statutes shall change the term "small business growth acceleration program"
5.23	to "Made in Minnesota program" wherever it appears in Minnesota Statutes, section
5.24	<u>116O.115.</u>
5.25	ARTICLE 3
5.26	EXPLORE MINNESOTA
5.27	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116U.05, is amended to read:
5.28	116U.05 EXPLORE MINNESOTA; ESTABLISHMENT.
5.29	Explore Minnesota is an office in the executive branch with a director appointed by the
5.30	governor. The director is under the supervision of the commissioner of employment and

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economic development and oversees Explore Minnesota Tourism and, Explore Minnesota for Business, and Explore Minnesota Film divisions. The director serves in the unclassified service and must be qualified by experience and training in related fields.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116U.06, is amended to read:

116U.06 EXPLORE MINNESOTA TOURISM.

- Explore Minnesota Tourism is a division of Explore Minnesota and exists to support Minnesota's economy through promotion and facilitation of travel to and within the state of Minnesota.
- Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116U.15, is amended to read:

76.10 **116U.15 MISSION.**

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- (a) The mission of Explore Minnesota is to promote and facilitate increased travel to
 and within the state of Minnesota, promote overall livability, and promote workforce and
 economic opportunity in Minnesota support the growth of Minnesota's economy through
 the management of the state's tourism, livability and economic opportunity, outdoor
 recreation, film, and other statewide promotion efforts as directed. To further the mission
 of Explore Minnesota, the office is advised by various advisory councils focused on tourism
 and talent attraction and business marketing. Its goals are to:
- 76.18 (1) expand public and private partnerships through increased interagency efforts and increased tourism and business industry participation;
- 76.20 (2) increase productivity through enhanced flexibility and options; and
- 76.21 (3) use innovative fiscal and human resource practices to manage the state's resources 76.22 and operate the office as efficiently as possible.
- 76.23 (b) The director shall report to the legislature on the performance of the office's operations 76.24 and the accomplishment of its goals in the office's biennial budget according to section 76.25 16A.10, subdivision 1.
- Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116U.30, is amended to read:

116U.30 DUTIES OF DIRECTOR.

- 76.28 (a) The director shall:
- 76.29 (1) publish, disseminate, and distribute informational and promotional materials;

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(2) promote and encourage the coordination of Explore Minnesota travel, tourism, overall
livability, and workforce and economic opportunity promotion efforts with other state
agencies and develop multiagency marketing strategies when appropriate;
(3) promote and encourage the expansion and development of international tourism,
trade, and Minnesota livability marketing programs that support the mission of the office;
(4) advertise and disseminate information about Minnesota travel, tourism, and workforce
and economic development opportunities Explore Minnesota and its activities that support
the mission of the office;
(5) aid various provide local communities a reasonable level of support to improve their
travel, tourism, and overall livability marketing programs as they relate to the mission of
the office;
(6) coordinate and implement comprehensive state travel, tourism, workforce and
economic development, and overall livability mission-driven marketing programs that take
into consideration public and private businesses and attractions;
(7) contract, in accordance with section 16C.08, for professional services if the work or
services cannot be satisfactorily performed by employees of the agency or by any other
state agency;
(8) provide local, regional, and statewide organizations with information, technical
assistance educational opportunities, training, and advice on using state tourism and livability
information and promotional programs related to the office's mission; and
(9) generally gather, compile, and make available statistical information relating to
Minnesota travel, tourism, workforce and economic development, overall livability, and
related areas in this state the office's mission. The director has the authority to call upon
other state agencies for statistical data and results obtained by them and to arrange and
compile that statistical information.
(b) The director may:
(1) apply for, receive, and spend money for travel, tourism, workforce and economic
development, and overall livability development and marketing, as it relates to the mission
of the office, from other agencies, organizations, and businesses;

(2) apply for, accept, and disburse grants and other aids for tourism development and

marketing from the federal government and other sources;

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78.1	(3) enter into joint powers or cooperative agreements with agencies of the federal
78.2	government, local governmental units, regional development commissions, other state
78.3	agencies, the University of Minnesota and other educational institutions, other states,
78.4	Canadian provinces, and local, statewide, and regional organizations as necessary to perform
78.5	the director's duties;
78.6	(4) enter into interagency agreements and agree to share net revenues with the contributing
78.7	agencies;
78.8	(5) make grants;
78.9	(6) conduct market research and analysis to improve marketing techniques in the area
78.10	of travel, tourism, workforce and economic development, and overall livability;
78.11	(7) monitor and study trends in the related industries and provide resources and training
78.12	to address change;
78.13	(8) annually convene conferences of Minnesota providers for the purposes of exchanging
78.14	information on tourism development, coordinating marketing activities, and formulating
78.15	tourism, overall livability, and workforce and economic opportunity mission-related
78.16	promotion development strategies; and
78.17	(9) enter into promotion contracts or other agreements with private persons and public
78.18	entities, including agreements to establish and maintain offices and other types of
78.19	representation in foreign countries to promote international travel and to implement this
78.20	chapter.
78.21	(c) Contracts for goods and nonprofessional services and professional technical services
78.22	made under paragraph (b), clauses (3) and (9), are not subject to the provisions of sections
78.23	16C.03, subdivision 3, and 16C.06 concerning competitive bidding and section 16C.055
78.24	concerning barter arrangements. Professional technical service contracts that promote
78.25	Minnesota as a tourism travel destination or a talent attraction may be negotiated and are
78.26	not subject to the provisions of chapter 16C relating to competitive bidding.
78.27	Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116U.35, is amended to read:
78.28	116U.35 PROMOTIONAL EXPENSES.

116U.35 PROMOTIONAL EXPENSES.

To promote travel, tourism, workforce and economic development, and overall livability of the state programs that align with Explore Minnesota's mission, the director may expend money appropriated by the legislature for these purposes in the same manner as private persons, firms, corporations, and associations make expenditures for these purposes. Policies

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on promotional expenses must be approved by the commissioner of administration. A policy for expenditures on food, lodging, and travel must be approved by the commissioner of management and budget. No money may be expended for the appearance in radio or television broadcasts by an elected public official.

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DEED CANNABIS PROGRAMS

- 79.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116J.659, subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- Subd. 4. **Loans to businesses.** (a) The criteria in this subdivision apply to loans made by nonprofit corporations under the program.
 - (b) Loans must be used to support a new cannabis microbusiness in the legal cannabis industry. Priority must be given to loans to businesses owned by individuals who are eligible to be social equity applicants and businesses located in communities where long-term residents are eligible to be social equity applicants.
- 79.14 (c) Loans must be made to cannabis microbusinesses that are not likely to undertake the 79.15 project for which loans are sought without assistance from the program.
- 79.16 (d) The minimum state contribution to a loan is \$2,500 and the maximum is either:
- 79.17 (1) \$50,000 \$75,000; or
- 79.18 (2) \$150,000 \$200,000, if state contributions are matched by an equal or greater amount
 79.19 at least 25 percent of new private investment.
 - (e) Loan applications given preliminary approval by the nonprofit corporation must be forwarded to the commissioner for approval. The commissioner must give final approval for each loan made by the nonprofit corporation under the program make approval decisions within 30 days of receiving a loan application. If the application contains insufficient information to make an approval decision, the nonprofit corporation must be notified within 14 days with all information that needs to be provided.
 - (f) A cannabis microbusiness that receives a loan may apply to renew the for a subsequent loan. Renewal applications must be made on an annual basis and A cannabis microbusiness may receive loans for up to six consecutive years have a maximum of two program loans. A nonprofit corporation may renew originate a loan to a cannabis microbusiness that is no longer a new business provided the business would otherwise qualify for an initial loan and is in good standing with the nonprofit corporation and the commissioner. A nonprofit corporation may adjust the amount of a renewed loan, or not renew a loan, decline to originate

<u>a subsequent loan</u> if the nonprofit corporation determines that the cannabis microbusiness is financially stable and is substantially likely to continue the project for which the loan renewal is sought. Refinancing of existing debt is prohibited.

- (g) If a borrower has met lender criteria, including being current with all payments for a minimum of three years, the commissioner may approve either full or partial forgiveness of interest or principal amounts.
- Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116J.659, subdivision 5, is amended to read:
- Subd. 5. **Revolving loan account administration.** (a) The commissioner shall establish a minimum interest rate for loans or guarantees to ensure that necessary loan administration costs are covered. The interest rate <u>or fee equivalent</u> charged by a nonprofit corporation for a loan under this section must not exceed the Wall Street Journal prime rate. For a loan under this section, the nonprofit corporation may charge a loan origination fee equal to or less than one percent of the loan value. The nonprofit corporation may retain the amount of the origination fee.
- (b) Loan repayment of principal must be paid to the commissioner for deposit in the CanStartup revolving loan account. Loan interest payments must be deposited in a revolving loan account created by the nonprofit corporation originating the loan being repaid for further distribution or use, consistent with the criteria of this section may be retained by the nonprofit corporation originating the loan to help cover expenses for loan servicing and origination.
- (c) Administrative expenses of the nonprofit corporations with whom the commissioner enters into agreements, including expenses incurred by a nonprofit corporation in providing technology, insurance, legal, audit and accounting, reporting, financial, technical, managerial, and marketing assistance to a business receiving a loan under this section, are eligible program expenses the commissioner may agree to pay under the grant agreement.
- (d) Average interest rates charged by the nonprofit corporations must be reported biannually and publicly published by both the agency and the nonprofit corporation.

80.28 ARTICLE 5 80.29 PROMISE ACT MODIFICATIONS

Section 1. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 18, section 2, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

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(b) "Business" means both for-profit businesses and nonprofit organizations that earn 81.1 revenue in ways similar to businesses. 81.2 (c) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of employment and economic development. 81.3 (d) "Partner organization" or "partner" means the Minnesota Initiative Foundations and 81.4 81.5 nonprofit corporations receiving grants to provide grants to businesses under this section. (e) "Prior taxable year" means the most recently completed tax year to the calendar year 81.6 81.7 that an application is submitted. (f) "Program" means the PROMISE grant program under this section. 81.8 81.9 (g) "Taxpayer" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 290.01, subdivision 6. 81.10 Sec. 2. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 18, section 2, subdivision 4, is amended to read: 81.11 Subd. 4. Grants to businesses. (a) Partners shall make grants to businesses using criteria, 81.12 forms, applications, and reporting requirements developed by the partner organization and 81.13 approved by the commissioner. 81.14 (b) To be eligible for a grant under this subdivision, a business must: 81.15 (1) have primary business operations located in the state of Minnesota; 81.16 (2) be located in a community that has been adversely affected by structural racial 81.17 discrimination, civil unrest, lack of access to capital, a loss of population or an aging 81.18 population, or a lack of regional economic diversification; and 81.19 (3) have a gross annual revenue of \$750,000 or less based on 2021 taxes the prior taxable 81.20 year. 81.21 (c) In addition to the requirements under paragraph (a), if a taxpayer's business meets 81.22 81.23 requirements of paragraph (b), clause (2), and the business location is the taxpayer's residence, the taxpayer must have been eligible for the deduction allowed under section 81.24 280A(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, in the prior taxable year. 81.25 (e) (d) Preference shall be given to businesses that did not receive previous assistance 81.26 of more than \$10,000 cumulatively from the state under: 81.27 (1) the governor's Executive Order No. 20-15; 81.28 (2) Laws 2020, First Special Session chapter 1, section 4; 81.29 (3) Laws 2020, Seventh Special Session chapter 2, article 4 or 5; or 81.30

- (4) Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 10, article 2, section 22.
- 82.2 (d) (e) Preference shall be given to businesses that are able to demonstrate financial 82.3 hardship.
- (e) (f) Preference shall be given to businesses that were in operation in 2021 and had revenue of \$750,000 or less based on the prior year tax documentation submitted under paragraph (b), clause (3).
- (g) Grants under this subdivision must not exceed:
- 82.8 (1) \$10,000 for businesses with a gross revenue in the prior year of \$100,000 or less;
- 82.9 (2) \$25,000 for businesses with a gross revenue in the prior year of more than \$100,000 but no more than \$350,000; and
- (3) \$50,000 for businesses with a gross revenue in the prior year of more than \$350,000 but no more than \$750,000.
- 82.13 (f) (h) No business or individual may receive more than one grant under this section.
- 62.14 (g) (i) Grant money may be used for working capital to support payroll expenses, rent 62.15 or mortgage payments, utility bills, equipment, and other similar expenses that occur in the 62.16 regular course of business.
- Sec. 3. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 18, section 3, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given.
- (b) "Borrower" means an eligible recipient receiving a loan under this section.
- (c) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of employment and economic development.
- (d) "Eligible project" means the development, redevelopment, demolition, site preparation, predesign, design, engineering, repair, land acquisition, relocation, or renovation of real property or capital improvements. Eligible project includes but is not limited to construction of buildings, equipment purchases, infrastructure, related site amenities, landscaping, and
- 82.26 street-scaping.
- 82.27 (e) "Eligible recipient" means a:
- 82.28 (1) business;
- 82.29 (2) nonprofit organization; or

(3) developer that is seeking funding to complete an eligible project. Eligible recipient 83.1 does not include a partner organization or a local unit of government. 83.2 Eligible recipients must: (i) have primary operations located in the state of Minnesota; (ii) 83.3 have gross annual revenue of less than \$1,000,000 \$1,500,000 based on 2021 taxes the prior 83.4 taxable year; and (iii) be located in a community that has been adversely affected by structural 83.5 racial discrimination, civil unrest, lack of access to capital, a loss of population or an aging 83.6 population, or a lack of regional economic diversification. 83.7 (f) "Partner organization" or "Partner" means the Minnesota Initiative Foundations and 83.8 nonprofit corporations receiving grants to provide loans under this section. 83.9 (g) "Program" means the PROMISE loan program under this section. 83.10 (h) "Redevelopment" means the acquisition of real property; site preparation; predesign, 83.11 design, engineering, repair, or renovation of facilities facade improvements, and construction 83.12 of buildings, infrastructure, and related site amenities; landscaping; street-scaping; 83.13 land-banking for future development or redevelopment; or financing any of these activities 83.14 taken on by a private party pursuant to an agreement with the city. Redevelopment does not 83.15 include project costs that have received compensation or assistance available through 83.16 insurance policies or from other organizations or government agencies. 83.17 83.18 Sec. 4. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 18, section 3, subdivision 4, is amended to read: 83.19 Subd. 4. Loans to eligible recipients. (a) A partner organization may make loans to eligible recipients for eligible projects. A loan to an eligible recipient for an eligible project 83.20 must: 83.21 (1) be for no more than \$1,000,000 \$1,500,000; 83.22 (2) be for a term of no more than ten 20 years; and 83.23 83.24 (3) not charge an interest rate of more than three percent. (b) Loans must not be used for working capital or inventory; consolidating, or repaying, 83.25 83.26 or refinancing debt; or speculation or investment in rental real estate. (c) All payments of interest on a loan under this section are the property of the partner 83.27 83.28 organization and shall be used for its administrative and operating expenses under the

- (d) A partner organization may:
- (1) charge a loan origination fee of no more than one percent per loan; and

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(2) charge a monthly fee in lieu of interest.

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Sec. 5. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 18, section 3, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Revolving loan fund.** Partner organizations that receive grants from the commissioner under the program must establish a commissioner-certified revolving loan fund for the purpose of making eligible loans. All loan payments shall be deposited in the partner organization's revolving loan fund. Funds repaid to the partner organization are not limited in their uses by the language in this section, except that funds repaid may not be used for loans for speculation or investment in rental real estate.

Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

the following conditions have been met:

Sections 1 to 5 are effective the day following final enactment.

ARTICLE 6

EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MISCELLANEOUS

- Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116L.05, subdivision 5, is amended to read:
- Subd. 5. **Use of workforce development funds.** After March 1 of any fiscal year, the board may use workforce development funds for the purposes outlined in sections 116L.02 and 116L.04, or to provide incumbent worker training services under section 116L.18 if
 - (1) the board examines relevant economic indicators, including the projected number of layoffs for the remainder of the fiscal year and the next fiscal year, evidence of declining and expanding industries, the number of initial applications for and the number of exhaustions of unemployment benefits, job vacancy data, county labor force participation rates, and any additional relevant information brought to the board's attention;
 - (2) the board accounts for all allocations made in section 116L.17, subdivision 2;
- (3) based on the past expenditures and projected revenue, the board estimates future funding needs for services under section 116L.17 for the remainder of the current fiscal year and the next fiscal year;
- (4) the board determines there will be unspent funds after meeting the needs of dislocated workers in the current fiscal year and there will be sufficient revenue to meet the needs of dislocated workers in the next fiscal year; and

(5) the board reports its findings in clauses (1) to (4) to the chairs of legislative committees with jurisdiction over the workforce development fund, to the commissioners of revenue and management and budget, and to the public.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 248.07, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

- Subd. 7. Blind, vending stands and machines facilities on governmental property; liability limited. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, for the rehabilitation of blind persons the commissioner shall have exclusive authority to establish and to operate vending stands and vending machines facilities in all buildings and properties owned or rented exclusively by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities at a state university, a community college, a consolidated community technical college, or a technical college served by the commissioner before January 1, 1996, or by any department or agency of the state of Minnesota except the Department of Natural Resources properties operated directly by the Division of State Parks and not subject to private leasing. Vending stands and machines facilities authorized under this subdivision may dispense nonalcoholic beverages, food, candies, tobacco, souvenirs, notions, and related items and must be operated on the same basis as other vending stands facilities for the blind established and supervised by the commissioner under federal law. The commissioner shall waive this authority to displace any present private individual concessionaire in any state-owned or rented building or property who is operating under a contract with a specific renewal or termination date, until the renewal or termination date. With the consent of the governing body of a governmental subdivision of the state, the commissioner may establish and supervise vending stands and vending machines facilities for the blind in any building or property exclusively owned or rented by the governmental subdivision.
- (b) The Department of Employment and Economic Development is not liable under chapter 176 for any injury sustained by a blind vendor's employee or agent. The Department of Employment and Economic Development, its officers, and its agents are not liable for the acts or omissions of a blind vendor or of a blind vendor's employee or agent that may result in the blind vendor's liability to third parties. The Department of Employment and Economic Development, its officers, and its agents are not liable for negligence based on any theory of liability for claims arising from the relationship created under this subdivision with the blind vendor.

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Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 248.07, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

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- Subd. 8. Use of revolving fund, licenses for operation of vending stands facilities. (a) The revolving fund created by Laws 1947, chapter 535, section 5, is continued as provided in this subdivision and shall be known as the revolving fund for vocational rehabilitation of the blind. It shall be used for the purchase of equipment and supplies for establishing and operating of vending stands facilities by blind persons. All income, receipts, earnings, and federal vending machine facility income due to the operation of vending stands facilities operated under this subdivision shall also be paid into the fund. All interest earned on money accrued in the fund must be credited to the fund by the commissioner of management and budget. All equipment, supplies, and expenses for setting up these stands facilities shall be paid for from the fund.
- (b) The commissioner is authorized to use the money available in the revolving fund that originated as operational charges to individuals licensed under this subdivision for the establishment, operation, and supervision of vending stands facilities by blind persons for the following purposes:
 - (1) purchase, upkeep and replacement of equipment;
- 86.17 (2) expenses incidental to the setting up of new stands facilities and improvement of old stands facilities;
 - (3) reimbursement under section 15.059 to individual blind vending operators for reasonable expenses incurred in attending supervisory meetings as called by the commissioner and other expenditures for management services consistent with federal law; and
 - (4) purchase of fringe benefits for blind vending operators and their employees such as group health insurance, retirement program, vacation or sick leave assistance provided that the purchase of any fringe benefit is approved by a majority vote of blind vending operators licensed pursuant to this subdivision after the commissioner provides to each blind vending operator information on all matters relevant to the fringe benefits. "Majority vote" means a majority of blind vending operators voting. Fringe benefits shall be paid only from assessments of operators for specific benefits, gifts to the fund for fringe benefit purposes, and vending income which is not assignable to an individual stand facility.
 - (c) Money originally deposited as merchandise and supplies repayments by individuals licensed under this subdivision may be expended for initial and replacement stocks of supplies and merchandise. Money originally deposited from vending income on federal property must be spent consistent with federal law.

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(d) All other deposits may be used for the purchase of general liability insurance or any other expense related to the operation and supervision of vending stands facilities.

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- (e) The commissioner shall issue each license for the operation of a vending stand facility or vending machine for an indefinite period but may terminate any license in the manner provided. In granting licenses for new or vacated stands facilities preference on the basis of seniority of experience in operating stands facilities under the control of the commissioner shall be given to capable operators who are deemed competent to handle the enterprise under consideration. Application of this preference shall not prohibit the commissioner from selecting an operator from the community in which the stand facility is located.
- Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 268.085, subdivision 15, is amended to read:
 - Subd. 15. **Available for suitable employment defined.** (a) "Available for suitable employment" means an applicant is ready, willing, and able to accept suitable employment. The attachment to the work force must be genuine. An applicant may restrict availability to suitable employment, but there must be no other restrictions, either self-imposed or created by circumstances, temporary or permanent, that prevent accepting suitable employment.
 - (b) Unless the applicant is in reemployment assistance training, to be "available for suitable employment," a student who has regularly scheduled classes must be willing to discontinue classes to accept suitable employment when:
 - (1) class attendance restricts the applicant from accepting suitable employment; and
 - (2) the applicant is unable to change the scheduled class or make other arrangements that excuse the applicant from attending class.
 - (c) Except for an active search that may be done remotely, an applicant who is absent from the labor market area for personal reasons, other than to search for work, is not "available for suitable employment." An applicant who is conducting an active work search remotely must be able to be physically present for an in-person interview, if scheduled, to be considered "available for suitable employment" under this paragraph.
 - (d) An applicant who has restrictions on the hours of the day or days of the week that the applicant can or will work, that are not normal for the applicant's usual occupation or other suitable employment, is not "available for suitable employment." An applicant must be available for daytime employment, if suitable employment is performed during the daytime, even though the applicant previously worked the night shift.

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Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 268.184, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Misrepresentation: administrative penalties.** (a) The commission

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Subdivision 1. **Misrepresentation; administrative penalties.** (a) The commissioner must penalize an employer if that employer or any employee, officer, or agent of that employer made a false statement or representation without a good faith belief as to correctness of the statement or representation or knowingly failed to disclose a material fact in order to:

- (1) assist an applicant to receive unemployment benefits to which the applicant is not entitled;
- (2) prevent or reduce the payment of unemployment benefits to an applicant; or
- (3) avoid or reduce any payment required from an employer under this chapter or section 116L.20.
- The penalty is the greater of \$500 or 50 100 percent of the following resulting from the employer's action:
- (i) the amount of any overpaid unemployment benefits to an applicant;
- 88.15 (ii) the amount of unemployment benefits not paid to an applicant that would otherwise 88.16 have been paid; or
- (iii) the amount of any payment required from the employer under this chapter or section 116L.20 that was not paid.
 - (b) The commissioner must penalize an employer if that employer failed or refused to honor a subpoena issued under section 268.188. The penalty is \$500 and any costs of enforcing the subpoena, including attorney fees.
 - (c) Penalties under this subdivision and under section 268.047, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), are in addition to any other penalties and subject to the same collection procedures that apply to past due taxes. Penalties must be paid within 30 calendar days of issuance of the determination of penalty and credited to the trust fund.
- (d) The determination of penalty is final unless the employer files an appeal within 45 calendar days after the sending of the determination of penalty to the employer by mail or electronic transmission. Proceedings on the appeal are conducted in accordance with section 268.105.

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Sec. 13. JOB CREATION FUND; TRANSFER OUT.

\$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 is transferred from the job creation fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8748, to the general fund. This is a onetime transfer.