



S.F. No. 2520 – East Side of St. Paul road construction mitigation grants (as proposed to be amended by SCS2520A-1 amendment)

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S.F. 2520 establishes a grant program to award financial assistance to businesses affected by road construction on Arcade Street and East 7th Street in the city of St. Paul.

Section 1 creates the construction mitigation grant program.

Subdivision 1 requires the Department of Employment and Economic Development (“DEED”) in consultation with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (“MnDOT”), to award a grant to an east-side St. Paul community-based development organization with experiencing providing direct services to small business award financial assistance to qualified businesses along the Arcade Street – East 7th street reconstruction project.

Subdivision 2 defines terms.

Subdivision 3 specifies the criteria used to award financial assistance to affected businesses by the selected east-side St. Paul community-based development organization. Requires coordination with MnDOT’s business liaison designated for the project in St. Paul.

Subdivision 4 requires a legislative report by January 15, 2027, and each January 15 until the project is completed. The report must include a complete list of grants awarded in the prior calendar year.

Section 2 appropriates \$2,200,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the general fund to the commissioner of DEED for the grant awards in **section 1**. Limits the percentage that may be used by the commissioner for administrative expenses.

