

S.F. No. 2203 – Empowering small communities partnership program establishment; University of Minnesota

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S.F. 2230 codifies and establishes the Empowering Small Minnesota Communities program and appropriates money from the general fund to the University of Minnesota Board of Regents for the program.

Section 1 establishes the Empowering Small Minnesota Communities program. The program provides for partnerships between entities in the University of Minnesota and smaller political subdivisions to provide support and assistance on analysis, design, and project development for infrastructure projects. Specifies prioritization for assistance and use of funds under the program.

Subdivision 2 appropriates \$2,500,000 in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for the program established in **section 1**.