



Report to the Legislature

Grain Storage Facility Power Off Digital Application Grants

April 1, 2021

This report fulfills the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's (MDA) requirement to report on grants issued for the design of digital applications that allow a user to remotely power off a grain storage facility via cell phone or electronic device. (Laws of Minnesota 2020, chapter 101, section 4(b)).

To date, there have been no grants issued under the appropriation. In consultation with the Farm Safety Working Group, the MDA is developing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to design such a digital application based on the requirements of this legislation, which states:

(b) The commissioner of agriculture may award grants to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota or the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities to design digital applications that allow a user to remotely power off a grain storage facility via cell phone or electronic device. Any digital applications created as a result of this grant must be made available to the public at no cost.

The RFP is expected to be released in April 2021, with any selected projects to be completed by December 2021.

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