

# 2022 Business Assistance Report

Report to the Legislature Summary of Business and Financial  
Assistance Reported by State and Local Government Agencies  
Provided Between August 1, 1999 and December 31, 2021

In Accordance With  
Minnesota Statutes, Chapters §116J.993 through §116J.995

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## Introduction

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The business subsidy law, Minnesota Statutes §116J.993 through §116J.995, provides a mechanism for taxpayers to learn about state and local funds used for business subsidies and financial assistance. The law applies to state and local government agencies with the authority to provide business subsidies and financial assistance. Grantors are required to submit a Minnesota Business Assistance Form (MBAF) to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) for each agreement signed since August 1, 1999 for two years after the benefit date or until all goals are met.

Under the law, local government agencies in communities with a population of more than 2,500 persons and state and local agencies with authority to grant subsidies must submit a report to DEED, regardless of whether they have awarded business subsidies. Local government agencies with communities with a population of 2,500 or less are exempt from filing the MBAF unless they have awarded a subsidy in the past five years.

Forms summarized in this report are primarily reported by local government agencies and are primarily local aid. Examples of local aid include loans, grants, tax abatements and tax increment financing. Some, but not all, state subsidies are captured in this report but are reflected if the local entity receiving the subsidy submits their report. Minnesota Job Creation Fund grants and Minnesota Investment Fund loans provided by DEED and reported by local government agencies are also summarized.

State government agencies are also required to report if they have the authority to award business subsidies. Eligible business assistance loans and grants reported from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Minnesota Agricultural and Economic Development Board, Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation, and Minnesota Rural Financial Authority are summarized in this report. Public facilities funding programs, flood recovery funding programs, housing financing, federal loan funds and angel tax credits are not subject to business subsidy reporting. DEED monitors and reports on all agency-run programs, and the annual report program summaries can be found at DEED's website located at <http://mn.gov/deed/about/what-we-do/agency-results/program-summaries/>.

## Data Collection and Reporting Periods

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Reports can be filed to DEED by mailing a hard copy or using the online application launched in 2016. For agreements entered into between August 1, 1999 and December 31, 2021, government agencies use the standard MBAF form.<sup>2</sup> A separate form is now required for financial assistance of \$25,000 and

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<sup>2</sup>Because the reporting requirements changed on August 1, 1999 for business assistance agreements entered into by government agencies between July 1, 1995 and July 31, 1999 DEED no longer reports on activities for those projects. The final report for those projects is located at DEED's website at <https://mn.gov/deed/government/business-subsidy/legislative-reports/> - 2016 Business Assistance Report. Government agencies reported in 2000 through 2016 on 393 eligible business assistance agreements reached between July 1, 1995 and July 31, 1999. There were 368 agreements (93.6 percent) that had achieved all stipulated goals and obligations compared to five agreements (1.3 percent) that have yet to achieve goals and obligations and 20 agreements (5.0 percent) that were terminated. The total value of those 368 agreements that meet all goals was \$161.0 million (92.4 percent) compared to \$13.3 million (7.6 percent) that had yet to achieve all goals and obligations. The total value of business assistance provided by agencies was \$174.3 million.

greater that is excluded from the definition of “business subsidy” by Minnesota Statute Chapter §116J.993, Subdivision 3, clause (1), and of business loans and loan guarantees from \$75,000 and \$150,000 for agreements signed on or after January 1, 2008.

Forms summarized cover business assistance agreements reached between August 1, 1999 and December 31, 2021 that were submitted to DEED by June 1, 2022. These forms and forms submitted by government agencies after June 1, 2022 are available on DEED website online at <https://mn.gov/deed/government/business-subsidy/biz-subsidy-annuals/non-jobz/>.

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## Overview

Per [Minnesota Statute §116J.994, Subdivision 9](#), the Commissioner of DEED is required to publish a compilation and summary of results on eligible business and financial assistance provided by state and local government agencies by December 2022 for the previous two calendar years and every year thereafter. To fulfill that requirement, DEED staff prepared updated calendar year (CY) 2020 and CY 2021 reports for all of the eligible business and financial assistance reported by government agencies from August 1, 1999 through December 31, 2021. Reporting on business and financial assistance is available at the links provided throughout the report.

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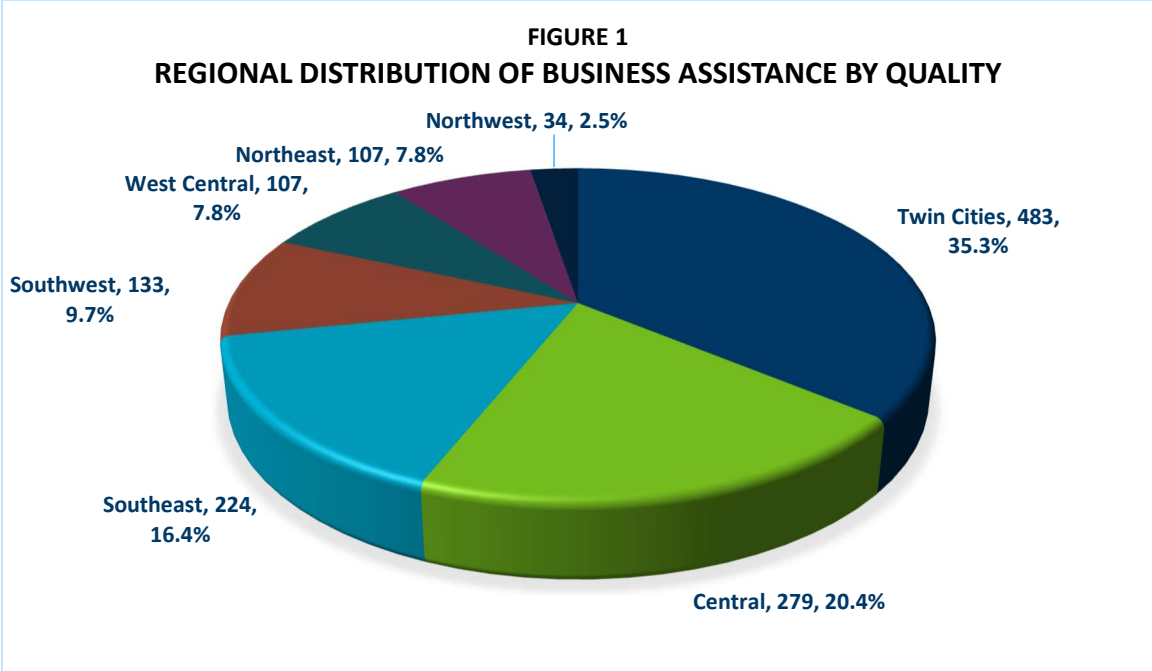
## 2021 Business Assistance Activity Findings

There were 15 business assistance agreements reported by government agencies for CY 2021 and 20 agreements reported for CY 2020 in 2022. The total value of business assistance agreements for CY 2021 was \$9.8 million and \$11.9 million for CY 2020 activity.

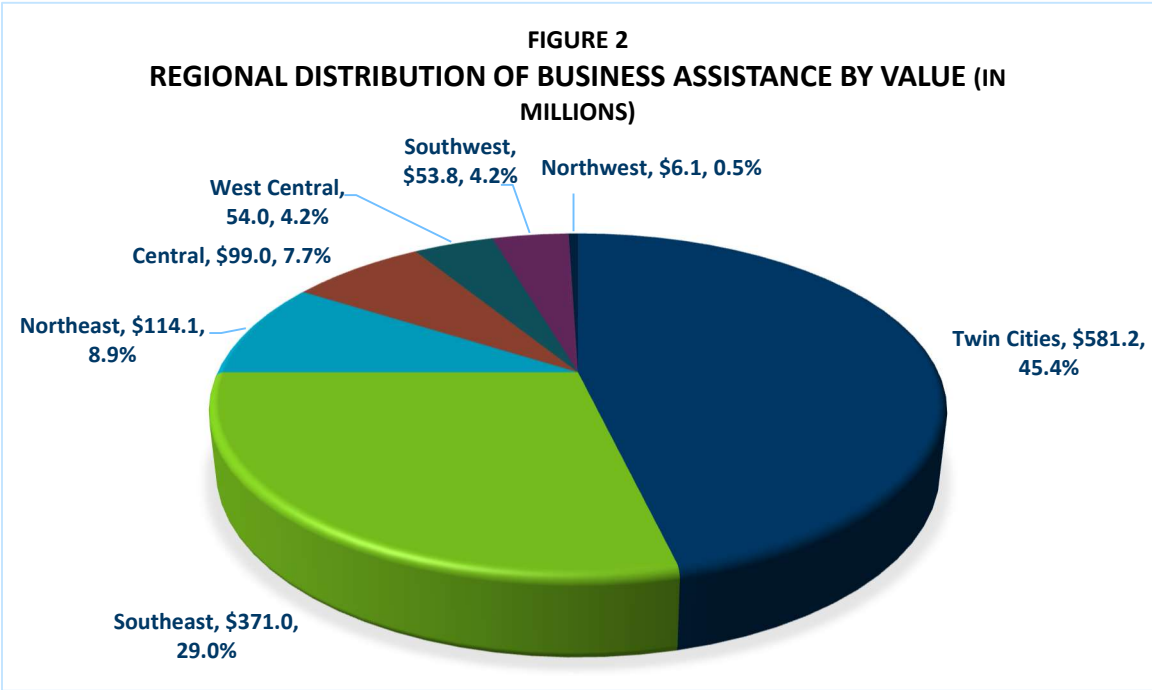
Of the 15 business assistance agreements reached between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021, one recipient (6.7 percent) had achieved stipulated goals and obligations, compared to 14 recipients (93.3 percent) that have yet to achieve goals and obligations. Agencies reported that recipients had more time to meet their goals and obligations.

Of the 20 business assistance agreements reached between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020, six recipients (30.0 percent) had achieved stipulated goals and obligations, compared to 14 recipients (70.0 percent) that have yet to achieve goals and obligations. Agencies reported that recipients had more time to meet their goals and obligations.

There were 1,367 business assistance agreements entered into by government agencies between August 1, 1999 and December 31, 2021. The Twin Cities region accounted for 483 agreements (35.3 percent); Central region, 279 agreements (20.4 percent); Southeast, 224 agreements (16.4 percent); Southwest, 133 agreements (9.7 percent); West Central, 107 agreements (7.8 percent); Northeast, 107 agreements (7.8 percent); and Northwest, 34 agreements (2.5 percent) (Figure 1).



There were \$1.27 billion of business subsidies reported for agreements between August 1, 1999 and December 31, 2021 reported in 2022 by government agencies. The Twin Cities region provided about \$581.2 million (45.4 percent); Southeast region, \$371.0 million (29.0 percent); Northeast region, \$114.1 million (8.9 percent); Central region, \$99.0 million (7.7 percent), West Central region, \$54.0 million (4.2 percent); Southwest, \$53.8 million (4.2 percent); and Northwest region, \$6.1 million (0.5 percent) (Figure 2).



Of the \$1.27 billion in subsidies awarded by state, county and local government agencies, loans, and tax increment financing (TIF) were the most common types of subsidies provided. Of the 1,367 business

subsidy projects reported by government agencies, there were 1,648 types of business subsidies reported because several agencies reported more than one type of assistance for each project. Of the 1,648 types of business subsidies reported by government agencies, loans were involved in 482 (29.2 percent) agreements and TIF was involved in 466 agreements (28.3 percent).

There were 1,367 business assistance agreements reached between August 1, 1999 and December 31, 2021, 1,120 agreements (81.9 percent) had achieved all stipulated goals and obligations, compared to 158 active agreements (11.6 percent) had not attained their goals and 89 terminated agreements (6.5 percent) that were discontinued. Government agencies reported that recipients had more time to meet their goals for the active projects.

## 2021 Financial Assistance Activity Findings

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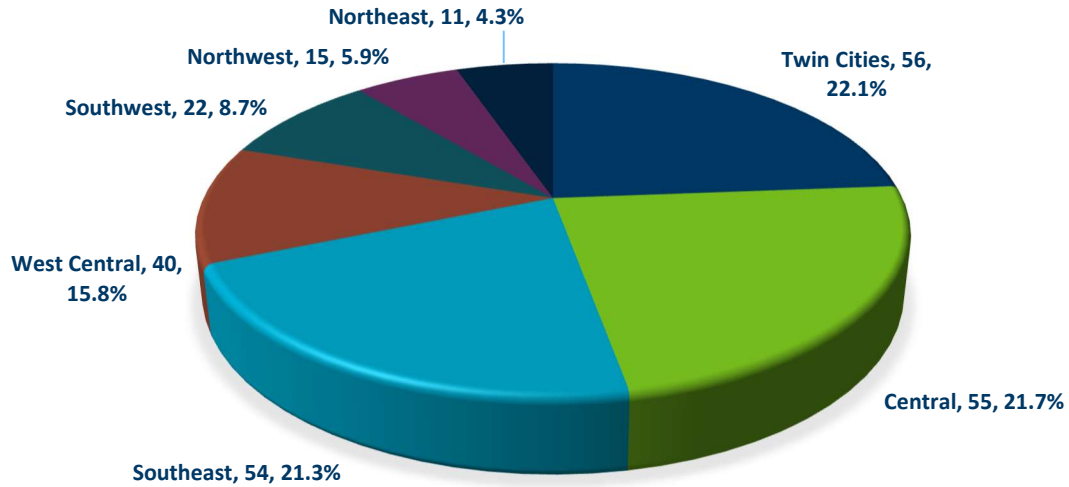
There were two financial assistance agreements reported by government agencies CY 2021 and four agreements reported for CY 2020 in 2022. The total value of financial assistance agreements for CY 2021 was \$220,000 and \$339,299 for CY 2020 activity.

Of the two financial assistance agreements reached between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021, no recipient (0.0 percent) had achieved stipulated goals and obligations, compared to two recipients (100.0 percent) that have yet to achieve goals and obligations. Agencies reported that recipients had more time to meet their goals and obligations.

Of the four financial assistance agreements reached between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020, one recipient (25.0 percent) had achieved stipulated goals and obligations, compared to three recipients (75.0 percent) that have yet to achieve goals and obligations. Agencies reported that all of the active project recipients had more time to meet their goals and obligations.

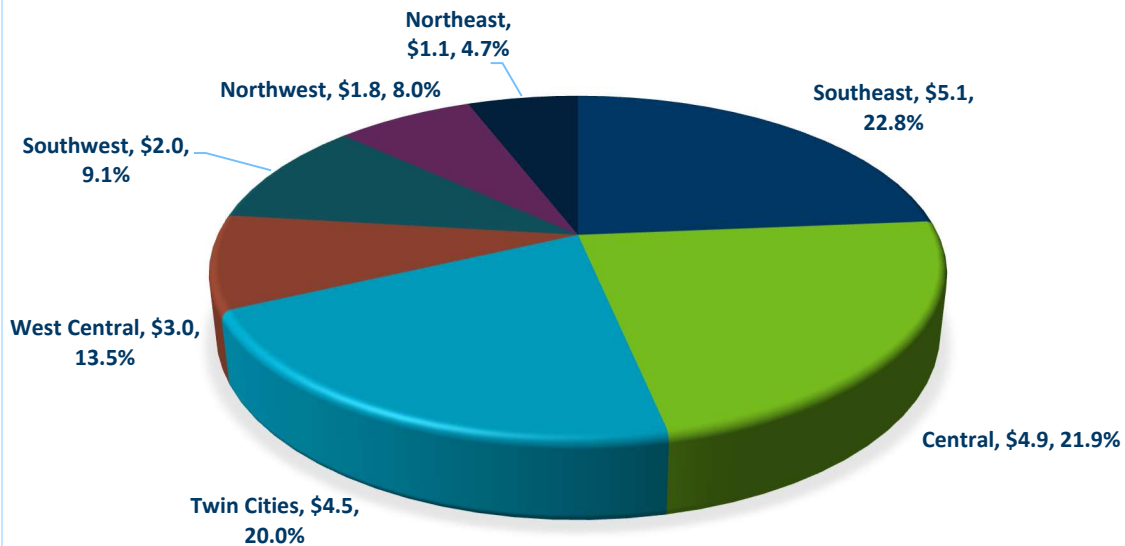
There were 253 financial assistance agreements entered into by government agencies for agreements between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2021. The Twin Cities region accounted for 56 agreements (22.1 percent); Central region, 55 agreements (21.7 percent); Southeast region, 54 agreements (21.3 percent); West Central region, 40 agreements (15.8 percent); Southwest region, 22 agreements (8.7 percent); Northwest region, 15 agreements (5.9 percent) and Northeast region, 11 agreements (4.3 percent) (Figure 3).

**FIGURE 3  
REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BY QUALITY**



There were about \$22.4 million of financial assistance reported by agreements between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2021 reported in 2022 by government agencies. The Southeast region provided about \$5.1 million (22.8 percent); Central region, \$4.9 million (21.9 percent); Twin Cities region, \$4.5 million (20.0 percent); West Central region, \$3.0 million (13.5 percent); Southwest region, \$2.0 million (9.1 percent); Northwest region, \$1.8 million (8.0 percent); and Northeast region, \$1.1 million (4.7 percent) (Figure 4).

**FIGURE 4  
REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BY VALUE (IN MILLIONS)**



Of the 253 financial assistance agreements that were reached between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2021, 162 agreements (64.0 percent) had achieved all stipulated goals and obligations, compared to 89 active agreements (35.2 percent) that did not achieve goals and obligations and

two terminated agreements (0.8 percent) that were discontinued. Government agencies reported that recipients had more time to meet their goals for the active projects.

## Job Creation Fund and Minnesota Investment Fund Program Activity Findings

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The report also summarizes program activity for the Minnesota Job Creation Fund for projects designated between CY 2014 and CY 2022. This program provides assistance to businesses for up to seven years (Greater Minnesota) and five years (Twin Cities). Businesses are required to spend at least \$500,000 in real property improvements within one year and to create at least 10 new full-time positions with two years. All financing is performance-based and is provided after the business meets capital investment and job creation thresholds. No program dollars are disbursed until the business submits evidence of qualifying capital investment and job creation to DEED. The projects remain active until the contract period has expired, once the contract period is completed the projects are considered completed. In some cases, projects that have not met performance benchmarks such as capital investment or job creation and have been removed from the program without receiving any assistance, those projects are not reflected in either the active or completed project data. Program summaries and project activity are located at <https://mn.gov/deed/business/financing-business/deed-programs/mn-jcf/job-creation-fund-map.jsp>.

Businesses reported to DEED in 2022 between CY 2014 and CY 2022 on 83 active projects for the Job Creation Fund program. Of the 83 active Job Creation Fund agreements reached by businesses between January 2014 and October 2022, they reported projected full-time jobs of 4,961. The projected average hourly wage was \$24.89 and a projected eligible capital investment of \$557.9 million. The total Job Creation Fund awarded was \$28.9 million. There were 67 completed Job Creation Fund projects reported by businesses to DEED in 2022 for CY 2014 through CY 2022. Of the 67 completed projects businesses reported 3,225 actual new full-time jobs created with an average actual hourly wage of \$27.74 and an actual eligible capital investment of \$348.4 million. The total Job Creation Fund awarded was \$26.7 million. Government agencies reported that businesses had more time to meet their goals for the active projects.

This report also summarizes program activity for the Minnesota Investment Fund projects for approved between CY 2013 and CY 2022. The Minnesota Investment Fund provides financing to help add new workers and retain high-quality jobs on a statewide basis. The focus is on industrial, manufacturing, and technology-related industries to increase the local and state tax base and improve economic vitality statewide. Funds are awarded to local units of government who provide loans to assist expanding businesses. Cities, counties, townships, certain development authorities and recognized Indian tribal governments are eligible for this fund. Program summaries and project activity are located at <https://mn.gov/deed/business/financing-business/deed-programs/mif/award-map.jsp>.

Businesses reported to DEED in 2022 between CY2013 and CY 2022 on 81 active projects for the Minnesota Investment Fund program. Of the 81 active Minnesota Investment Fund agreements reached between January 2013 and October 2022, they reported projected full-time jobs of 4,315. The projected average hourly wage was \$23.99 and a projected leverage amount of \$1.5 billion. The total



Minnesota Investment Fund award was \$36.9 million. There were 73 closed or completed Minnesota Investment Fund projects reported by businesses to DEED in 2022 between CY 2013 and CY 2022. Of the closed or completed projects businesses reported 6,923 actual full-time jobs created with an average actual hourly wage of \$26.64 and an actual leverage amount of \$1.23 billion. The total Minnesota Investment Fund award was \$40.0 million. Government agencies reported that businesses had more time to meet their goals for the active projects.

## Annual Business Assistance Reporting Summary Features

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Per [Minnesota Statute §116J.994, Subdivision 9](#), information in the summary and completion reports include:

- [Total amount of business assistance awarded in each development region in the state;](#)
- [Distribution of business assistance amounts by size of subsidy;](#)
- [Distribution of business assistance amounts by time category;](#)
- [Distribution of business assistance by type and public purpose;](#)
- [Percentage of all business assistance that reached their goals;](#)
- [Percentage of business assistance that did not reach their goals after two years from the benefit date;](#)
- [Total dollar amount of business assistance that did not meet their goals after two years from the benefit date;](#)
- [Percentage of business assistance that did not meet their goals and that did not receive repayment;](#)
- [List of recipients that have failed to meet the terms of a business assistance agreement in the past five years and have not satisfied their repayment obligations;](#)
- [Number of full-time and part-time jobs within separate bands of wages for the entire state and for each development region of the state;](#)
- [Average benefits paid for business assistance projects within separate bands of wages for the entire state and for each development region of the state;](#)
- [Number of employees in the entire state and in each development region of the state who ceased to be employed because of their employers relocated to become eligible for a business assistance;](#) and
- [Business assistance by industry sector](#)

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- [Total amount of financial assistance awarded in each development region in the state;](#)
- [Distribution of financial assistance amounts by size of subsidy;](#)
- [Distribution of financial assistance by type and public purpose;](#)
- [Project status of financial assistance projects that reached their goals;](#)
- [Number of full-time, part-time, and retained jobs for the entire state and for each development region of the state;](#)
- [Average benefits paid for financial assistance projects for the entire state and for each development region of the state;](#) and
- [Financial assistance by industry sector](#)