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# Grants to the Ag Innovation Campus

A Report to the Minnesota Legislature

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## Introduction

This report is required by the Minnesota Legislature (Laws of Minnesota 2021, First Special Session, Chapter 3, Article 1, Section 2, Subd. 5(x)):

The commissioner shall submit a report on the utilization of the grants to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture policy and finance by February 1, 2024.

## Background

The Minnesota Legislature appropriated a total of \$5.75 million to the Ag Innovation Campus for the construction of a soybean processing and research facility. The first appropriation for \$5 million was made available in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 out of the Agriculture Growth, Research, and Innovation (AGRI) program for innovation soybean processing and research. The second appropriation of \$750,000 was made available through the general fund in FY 2022 to continue the construction of the facility.

## Utilization of Grants

A grant agreement was issued to the Ag Innovation Campus in September 2020 for the initial \$5 million award and was amended in February 2023 to include the additional \$750,000. As of July 2023, the Ag Innovation Campus fully expended all grant funds, and the grant agreement was closed.