



Grant Administration Reporting

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Executive Summary

The Minnesota Department of Commerce (Commerce) submits this report in fulfillment of the requirement set forth by the Laws of Minnesota 2024, Chapter 126, article 4, section 4(c):

Sec. 4. GRANT ADMINISTRATION REPORTING.

(c) By January 15, 2025, and each year thereafter, the commissioner must report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over energy finance and policy on the annual cost to administer (1) each competitive grant program included in paragraph (a), and (2) each competitive grant program in this article and article 5.

Section 4(c)(1) requires reporting on the programs included in paragraph (a). Paragraph (a) includes the laws of 2023, chapter 60, article 10, section 2, and the laws of 2023, chapter 60, article 11, section 2. Section 4(c)(2) requires reporting on the programs in the laws of 2024, chapter 126, article 4, and the laws of 2024, chapter 126, article 5.

Table 1 below provides administrative costs for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 for each of the competitive grant and rebate programs included in the session law above. The administrative costs for each program are capped at 10% of the total appropriation. Programs authorized during the 2024 legislative session were funded to begin in fiscal year 2025, so Table 1 reports costs for these programs for the first time.

Administrative Cost Table

Table 1: Annual costs to administer each competitive grant program.

Grant Program	Total Appropriation	FY24 Administrative Costs ¹	FY25 Administrative Costs
Solar for Schools (K-12, GF)	\$21,758,891 ²	\$135,772 ³	\$281,083
Solar for Schools (K-12, RDA)	\$19,485,691 ⁴	\$133,228 ⁵	\$186,163
Solar for Schools (MNSCU GF)	\$2,363,086 ⁶	\$56,370	\$26,325
Electric Panel Grants (GF)	\$3,000,000	\$49,791	\$111,747
Electric Panel Grants (RDA)	\$3,500,000	\$50,917	\$50,980
Benchmarking	\$2,108,000	\$48,513	\$269,501
Electric School Bus Grants (GF)	\$6,000,000	\$3,856	\$111,416
Electric School Bus Grants (RDA)	\$7,000,000	\$3,815	\$111,268
Grid Resilience Grants	\$5,300,000	\$63,546	\$47,417
HVAC for Schools	\$1,000,000	\$2,136	\$77,420
On-Site Energy Storage (GF)	\$3,000,000	\$26,256	\$80,675
Solar on Public Buildings	\$5,000,000	\$74,471	\$105,285
Electric Vehicle Rebates (GF)	\$5,000,000	\$131,744	\$17,406

¹ Reported costs for FY24 have been updated to reflect exact amounts rather than rounded.

² Solar for Schools (K-12, GF): The appropriation amount includes a \$6.8 million remaining balance from the FY22/23 appropriation, in addition to the FY24 appropriation of \$15 million.

³ The previously reported administrative costs have been revised upwards to include payments to Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs).

⁴ Solar for Schools (K-12, RDA): The appropriation amount includes a \$5.2 million remaining balance from the FY22/23 appropriation, in addition to the FY24 appropriation of \$14.3 million.

⁵ The previously reported administrative costs have been revised upwards to include payments to CERTs.

⁶ Solar for Schools (MNSCU GF): The appropriation amount includes a \$1.2M remaining balance from the FY22/23 appropriation, in addition to the FY24 appropriation of \$1.1 million.

Grant Program	Total Appropriation	FY24 Administrative Costs ¹	FY25 Administrative Costs
Electric Vehicle Rebates (RDA)	\$10,716,000	\$153,681	\$88,195
Heat Pump Rebate Program (GF)	\$6,000,000	\$33,294	\$174,887
Heat Pump Rebate Program (RDA)	\$7,000,000	\$59,757	\$102,211
Auto Dealer EV Certification Rebate (GF)	\$1,000,000	\$10,060	\$0
Auto-Dealer EV Certification Rebate (RDA)	\$1,000,000	\$11,500	\$0
Weatherization/Pre-Weatherization and Workforce	\$38,737,000	\$190,210	\$501,982
SolarAPP+ Prog (GF)	\$500,000	-	\$2,012
SolarAPP+ Prog (RDA)	\$1,500,000	-	\$2,122
Geothermal Planning Grants	\$1,200,000	-	\$15,584
Ultraefficient Vehicles Development	\$250,000	-	\$16,046
Total	\$152,418,668	\$1,238,917	\$2,379,725