

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 1262 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. UPPER ST. ANTHONY LOCK CLOSURE GRANTS.

1.4 (a) \$40,000,000 in fiscal year 2016 is appropriated from the general fund to the
1.5 commissioner of employment and economic development for the St. Paul Port Authority
1.6 for grants to provide economic assistance to businesses adversely affected by the closure
1.7 of the Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock. This is a onetime appropriation and is available
1.8 until June 30, 2035.

1.9 (b) The St. Paul Port Authority shall:

1.10 (1) accept grant applications from businesses eligible for assistance under paragraph

1.11 (c). Grant applications must be submitted on a form specified by the port authority;

1.12 (2) review grant applications in the order in which they are received; and

1.13 (3) award grants to eligible applicants as provided for under paragraph (e), within
1.14 the limits of available appropriations. The maximum total grant award to any grantee shall
1.15 not exceed \$20,000,000.

1.16 (c) To be eligible for a grant under this section, a business must:

1.17 (1) be located upriver of the Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock;

1.18 (2) as of the effective date of this section, operate a commercial navigation facility
1.19 as defined under section 457A.01; and

1.20 (3) as of the effective date of this section, be actively engaged in the use of
1.21 commercial vessels on the commercially navigable waters of the Mississippi River to
1.22 expedite the movement of commodities or materials. For the purposes of this section,
1.23 "commercial vessel" has the meaning given in section 457A.01.

1.24 (d) Funds awarded under this subdivision may be used for:

1.25 (1) relocation costs including the costs of acquiring or leasing property or capital
1.26 equipment;

2.1 (2) costs related to the demolition, dismantling, or transportation of property or
2.2 capital equipment;

2.3 (3) materials and supplies used or consumed in, capital equipment incorporated
2.4 into, and privately owned infrastructure in support of the construction, improvement, or
2.5 expansion of a facility to be used in the operation of a commercial navigation facility or
2.6 facility for the alternative method of transporting commodities or materials;

2.7 (4) the development or operation of alternative methods of transporting commodities
2.8 or materials;

2.9 (5) mitigation of increased operating costs directly related to the relocation or use of
2.10 alternative methods of transporting commodities or materials; and

2.11 (6) other costs, including but not limited to shipping and handling costs associated
2.12 with the development and operation of alternative methods of transporting commodities or
2.13 materials over the period of time specified in the grant application.

2.14 (e) The St. Paul Port Authority may only disburse funds pursuant to a written
2.15 agreement to be entered into between the St. Paul Port Authority and the grantee.

2.16 (f) Of the amount appropriated under this section, up to \$..... may be used by the
2.17 commissioner and the St. Paul Port Authority for administrative costs."