

Subject Assistance to businesses impacted by Governor's Executive Order No. 20-99

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Overview

Appropriates funds for programs to financially assist businesses impacted by the Governor's Executive Order No. 20-99.

Summary

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1	Main street relief; appropriations.
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Appropriates funds for programs to assist businesses impacted by the Governor's Executive Order No. 20-99. Funds are divided into three programs, administered by the Department of Revenue, the Department of Employment and Economic Development, and the counties, each with specific rules for eligibility and awards.

Subd. 1. Appropriations. Funds each of the three programs and allows for the administrative costs of each agency.

Subd. 2. Department of Revenue grants. Allows payments to businesses that provide on-site food and beverages, such as restaurants, bars, and breweries, as well as to gyms, fitness studios, bowling alleys, and other sports recreation centers. Requires that businesses have been directly impacted by Governor's Executive Order No. 20-99, generated a minimum of \$10,000 in revenue in 2019, and have experienced at least a 30 percent decline in sales since then. Businesses must also be in good standing with the Department of Revenue and have a physical presence in the state. Defines payment amounts for businesses based on the number of workers. Sends undistributed funds back to the general fund by April 1, 2021.

Subd. 3. Department of Employment and Economic Development grants. Allows grants to movie theaters and convention centers directly impacted by Governor's Executive Order No. 20-99 and that have experienced at least a 30 percent decline in sales since 2019. Requires businesses to be in good standing with the

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Department of Revenue and to have a physical presence in the state. Defines award amounts by a per screen formula for movie theaters and by the department's consideration of several factors for convention centers. Awards to convention centers must be used for the direct operations and upkeep of facilities. Sets maximum award amounts for both types of grant and sends undistributed funds back to the general fund by April 1, 2021.

Subd. 4. County administered grants. Allows counties to make grants to both businesses and nonprofits that were impacted by any executive order related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Requires the grant recipient to be located in the county awarding the grant or on adjacent tribal lands and in good standing with the Department of Revenue. States that counties may contract with a nonprofit to administer grants and shall set the grant amounts. Stipulates that grant funds must be used for operations expenses incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic. Sends undistributed funds back to the general fund by April 1, 2021.

Subd. 5. Report to the legislature. Requires the commissioners of revenue and employment and economic development to submit a report to the legislature by June 31, 2021, detailing the use of grant funds under this section.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This section is effective the day following final enactment.



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