



2.1	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>700,000</u>	<u>700,000</u>
2.2	<u>Workforce</u>		
2.3	<u>Development</u>	<u>39,749,000</u>	<u>39,499,000</u>

2.4 The amounts that may be spent for each  
 2.5 purpose are specified in the following  
 2.6 subdivisions.

2.7	<b><u>Subd. 2. Business and Community Development</u></b>	<u>203,015,000</u>	<u>44,741,000</u>
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2.8	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
2.9	<u>General</u>	<u>200,215,000</u>	<u>41,941,000</u>
2.10	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>700,000</u>	<u>700,000</u>
2.11	<u>Workforce</u>		
2.12	<u>Development</u>	<u>2,100,000</u>	<u>2,100,000</u>

2.13 (a) \$1,787,000 each year is for the greater  
 2.14 Minnesota business development public  
 2.15 infrastructure grant program under Minnesota  
 2.16 Statutes, section 116J.431. This appropriation  
 2.17 is available until June 30, 2025.

2.18 (b) \$8,425,000 in the first year and \$1,425,000  
 2.19 in the second year are for the business  
 2.20 development competitive grant program. Of  
 2.21 this amount, up to five percent is for  
 2.22 administration and monitoring of the business  
 2.23 development competitive grant program and  
 2.24 \$7,000,000 in the first year is for technical  
 2.25 assistance to small businesses. Except for  
 2.26 awards for technical assistance for small  
 2.27 businesses, all grant awards shall be for two  
 2.28 consecutive years. Grants shall be awarded in  
 2.29 the first year.

2.30 (c) \$1,772,000 each year is for contaminated  
 2.31 site cleanup and development grants under  
 2.32 Minnesota Statutes, sections 116J.551 to  
 2.33 116J.558. This appropriation is available until  
 2.34 expended.

3.1 (d) \$700,000 each year is from the remediation  
3.2 fund for contaminated site cleanup and  
3.3 development grants under Minnesota Statutes,  
3.4 sections 116J.551 to 116J.558. This  
3.5 appropriation is available until expended.

3.6 (e) \$139,000 each year is for the Center for  
3.7 Rural Policy and Development.

3.8 (f) \$25,000 each year is for the administration  
3.9 of state aid for the Destination Medical Center  
3.10 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 469.40 to  
3.11 469.47.

3.12 (g) \$875,000 each year is for the host  
3.13 community economic development program  
3.14 established in Minnesota Statutes, section  
3.15 116J.548.

3.16 (h)(1) \$2,500,000 each year is for grants to  
3.17 local communities to increase the number of  
3.18 quality child care providers to support  
3.19 economic development. This appropriation is  
3.20 available through June 30, 2023. Fifty percent  
3.21 of grant funds must go to communities located  
3.22 outside the seven-county metropolitan area as  
3.23 defined in Minnesota Statutes, section  
3.24 473.121, subdivision 2. In fiscal year 2024  
3.25 and beyond, the base amount is \$1,500,000.

3.26 (2) Grant recipients must obtain a 50 percent  
3.27 nonstate match to grant funds in either cash  
3.28 or in-kind contribution, unless the  
3.29 commissioner waives the requirement. Grant  
3.30 funds available under this subdivision must  
3.31 be used to implement projects to reduce the  
3.32 child care shortage in the state, including but  
3.33 not limited to funding for child care business  
3.34 start-ups or expansion, training, facility

4.1 modifications, direct subsidies or incentives  
4.2 to retain employees, or improvements required  
4.3 for licensing, and assistance with licensing  
4.4 and other regulatory requirements. In awarding  
4.5 grants, the commissioner must give priority  
4.6 to communities that have demonstrated a  
4.7 shortage of child care providers.

4.8 (3) Within one year of receiving grant funds,  
4.9 grant recipients must report to the  
4.10 commissioner on the outcomes of the grant  
4.11 program, including but not limited to the  
4.12 number of new providers, the number of  
4.13 additional child care provider jobs created, the  
4.14 number of additional child care slots, and the  
4.15 amount of cash and in-kind local funds  
4.16 invested. Within one month of all grant  
4.17 recipients reporting on program outcomes, the  
4.18 commissioner must report the grant recipients'  
4.19 outcomes to the chairs and ranking members  
4.20 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction  
4.21 over early learning and child care and  
4.22 economic development.

4.23 (i) \$1,500,000 each year is for a grant to the  
4.24 Minnesota Initiative Foundations. This  
4.25 appropriation is available until June 30, 2025.  
4.26 In fiscal year 2024 and beyond, the base  
4.27 amount is \$1,000,000. The Minnesota  
4.28 Initiative Foundations must use grant funds  
4.29 under this section to:

4.30 (1) facilitate planning processes for rural  
4.31 communities resulting in a community solution  
4.32 action plan that guides decision making to  
4.33 sustain and increase the supply of quality child  
4.34 care in the region to support economic  
4.35 development;

5.1 (2) engage the private sector to invest local  
5.2 resources to support the community solution  
5.3 action plan and ensure quality child care is a  
5.4 vital component of additional regional  
5.5 economic development planning processes;

5.6 (3) provide locally based training and technical  
5.7 assistance to rural child care business owners  
5.8 individually or through a learning cohort.  
5.9 Access to financial and business development  
5.10 assistance must prepare child care businesses  
5.11 for quality engagement and improvement by  
5.12 stabilizing operations, leveraging funding from  
5.13 other sources, and fostering business acumen  
5.14 that allows child care businesses to plan for  
5.15 and afford the cost of providing quality child  
5.16 care; and

5.17 (4) recruit child care programs to participate  
5.18 in quality rating and improvement  
5.19 measurement programs. The Minnesota  
5.20 Initiative Foundations must work with local  
5.21 partners to provide low-cost training,  
5.22 professional development opportunities, and  
5.23 continuing education curricula. The Minnesota  
5.24 Initiative Foundations must fund, through local  
5.25 partners, an enhanced level of coaching to  
5.26 rural child care providers to obtain a quality  
5.27 rating through measurement programs.

5.28 (j) \$8,000,000 each year is for the Minnesota  
5.29 job creation fund under Minnesota Statutes,  
5.30 section 116J.8748. Of this amount, the  
5.31 commissioner of employment and economic  
5.32 development may use up to three percent for  
5.33 administrative expenses. This appropriation  
5.34 is available until expended.

6.1 (k) \$10,029,000 the first year and \$10,028,000  
6.2 the second year are for the Minnesota  
6.3 investment fund under Minnesota Statutes,  
6.4 section 116J.8731. Of this amount, the  
6.5 commissioner of employment and economic  
6.6 development may use up to three percent for  
6.7 administration and monitoring of the program.  
6.8 In fiscal year 2024 and beyond, the base  
6.9 amount is \$12,370,000. This appropriation is  
6.10 available until expended. Notwithstanding  
6.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731, money  
6.12 appropriated to the commissioner for the  
6.13 Minnesota investment fund may be used for  
6.14 the redevelopment program under Minnesota  
6.15 Statutes, sections 116J.575 and 116J.5761, at  
6.16 the discretion of the commissioner. Grants  
6.17 under this paragraph are not subject to the  
6.18 grant amount limitation under Minnesota  
6.19 Statutes, section 116J.8731.

6.20 (l) \$0 each year is for the redevelopment  
6.21 program under Minnesota Statutes, sections  
6.22 116J.575 and 116J.5761. In fiscal year 2024  
6.23 and beyond, the base amount is \$2,246,000.

6.24 (m) \$1,000,000 each year is for the Minnesota  
6.25 emerging entrepreneur loan program under  
6.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 116M.18. Funds  
6.27 available under this paragraph are for transfer  
6.28 into the emerging entrepreneur program  
6.29 special revenue fund account created under  
6.30 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116M, and are  
6.31 available until expended. Of this amount, up  
6.32 to four percent is for administration and  
6.33 monitoring of the program.

6.34 (n) \$325,000 each year is for the Minnesota  
6.35 Film and TV Board. The appropriation in each

7.1 year is available only upon receipt by the  
7.2 board of \$1 in matching contributions of  
7.3 money or in-kind contributions from nonstate  
7.4 sources for every \$3 provided by this  
7.5 appropriation, except that each year up to  
7.6 \$50,000 is available on July 1 even if the  
7.7 required matching contribution has not been  
7.8 received by that date.

7.9 (o) \$12,000 each year is for a grant to the  
7.10 Upper Minnesota Film Office.

7.11 (p) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to the  
7.12 Minnesota Film and TV Board for the film  
7.13 production jobs program under Minnesota  
7.14 Statutes, section 116U.26. This appropriation  
7.15 is available until June 30, 2025.

7.16 (q) \$4,195,000 each year is for the Minnesota  
7.17 job skills partnership program under  
7.18 Minnesota Statutes, sections 116L.01 to  
7.19 116L.17. If the appropriation for either year  
7.20 is insufficient, the appropriation for the other  
7.21 year is available. This appropriation is  
7.22 available until expended.

7.23 (r) \$1,350,000 each year from the workforce  
7.24 development fund is for jobs training grants  
7.25 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.42.

7.26 (s) \$2,500,000 each year is for Launch  
7.27 Minnesota. This appropriation is available  
7.28 until June 30, 2025. The base in fiscal year  
7.29 2026 is \$0. Of this amount:

7.30 (1) \$1,500,000 each year is for innovation  
7.31 grants to eligible Minnesota entrepreneurs or  
7.32 start-up businesses to assist with their  
7.33 operating needs;

- 8.1 (2) \$500,000 each year is for administration  
8.2 of Launch Minnesota; and
- 8.3 (3) \$500,000 each year is for grantee activities  
8.4 at Launch Minnesota.
- 8.5 (t) \$1,148,000 the first year is for a grant to  
8.6 the Northeast Entrepreneur Fund, a small  
8.7 business administration microlender and  
8.8 community development financial institution  
8.9 operating in northern Minnesota. Grant funds  
8.10 must be used as capital for accessing  
8.11 additional federal lending for small businesses  
8.12 impacted by COVID-19 and must be returned  
8.13 to the commissioner for deposit in the general  
8.14 fund if the Northeast Entrepreneur Fund fails  
8.15 to secure such federal funds before January 1,  
8.16 2022.
- 8.17 (u) \$80,000,000 the first year is for the Main  
8.18 Street Economic Revitalization Loan Program.  
8.19 Of this amount, up to \$300,000 is for the  
8.20 commissioner's administration and monitoring  
8.21 of the program.
- 8.22 (v) \$70,000,000 the first year is for the Main  
8.23 Street COVID-19 Relief Grant Program. Of  
8.24 this amount, up to:
- 8.25 (1) \$34,950,000 is for grants to the Minnesota  
8.26 Initiative Foundations to serve businesses  
8.27 outside of the metropolitan area as defined in  
8.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121,  
8.29 subdivision 2;
- 8.30 (2) \$34,950,000 is for grants to partner  
8.31 organizations to serve businesses inside the  
8.32 metropolitan area as defined in Minnesota  
8.33 Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2; and

9.1 (3) \$100,000 is for the commissioner's  
9.2 administration and monitoring of the program.

9.3 (w) \$250,000 each year is for the publication,  
9.4 dissemination, and use of labor market  
9.5 information under Minnesota Statutes, section  
9.6 116J.401.

9.7 (x) \$500,000 each year is for the airport  
9.8 infrastructure renewal (AIR) grant program  
9.9 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.439.

9.10 In awarding grants with this appropriation, the  
9.11 commissioner must prioritize eligible  
9.12 applicants that did not receive a grant pursuant  
9.13 to the appropriation in Laws 2019, First  
9.14 Special Session chapter 7, article 1, section 2,  
9.15 subdivision 2, paragraph (q).

9.16 (y) \$750,000 each year is from the workforce  
9.17 development fund for grants to the  
9.18 Neighborhood Development Center for small  
9.19 business programs, including:

9.20 (1) training, lending, and business services;

9.21 (2) model outreach and training in greater  
9.22 Minnesota; and

9.23 (3) development of new business incubators.

9.24 This is a onetime appropriation.

9.25 **Subd. 3. Employment and Training Programs**                      37,185,000                      36,935,000

9.26                      Appropriations by Fund

9.27 General                      7,421,000                      7,421,000

9.28 Workforce  
9.29 Development                      29,764,000                      29,514,000

9.30 (a) \$500,000 each year from the general fund  
9.31 and \$500,000 each year from the workforce  
9.32 development fund are for rural career  
9.33 counseling coordinators in the workforce

10.1 service areas and for the purposes specified  
10.2 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.667.

10.3 (b) \$750,000 each year is for the women and  
10.4 high-wage, high-demand, nontraditional jobs  
10.5 grant program under Minnesota Statutes,  
10.6 section 116L.99. Of this amount, up to five  
10.7 percent is for administration and monitoring  
10.8 of the program.

10.9 (c) \$2,546,000 each year from the general fund  
10.10 and \$4,604,000 each year from the workforce  
10.11 development fund are for the pathways to  
10.12 prosperity competitive grant program. Of this  
10.13 amount, up to five percent is for administration  
10.14 and monitoring of the program.

10.15 (d) \$712,000 each year is from the workforce  
10.16 development fund for a grant to the American  
10.17 Indian Opportunities and Industrialization  
10.18 Center, in collaboration with the Northwest  
10.19 Indian Community Development Center, to  
10.20 reduce academic disparities for American  
10.21 Indian students and adults. This is a onetime  
10.22 appropriation. The grant funds may be used  
10.23 to provide:

10.24 (1) student tutoring and testing support  
10.25 services;

10.26 (2) training and employment placement in  
10.27 information technology;

10.28 (3) training and employment placement within  
10.29 trades;

10.30 (4) assistance in obtaining a GED;

10.31 (5) remedial training leading to enrollment  
10.32 and to sustain enrollment in a postsecondary  
10.33 higher education institution;

- 11.1 (6) real-time work experience in information  
 11.2 technology fields and in the trades;
- 11.3 (7) contextualized adult basic education;
- 11.4 (8) career and educational counseling for  
 11.5 clients with significant and multiple barriers;  
 11.6 and
- 11.7 (9) reentry services and counseling for adults  
 11.8 and youth.
- 11.9 After notification to the chairs and minority  
 11.10 leads of the legislative committees with  
 11.11 jurisdiction over jobs and economic  
 11.12 development, the commissioner may transfer  
 11.13 this appropriation to the commissioner of  
 11.14 education.
- 11.15 (e) \$500,000 each year is from the workforce  
 11.16 development fund for current Minnesota  
 11.17 affiliates of OIC of America, Inc. This  
 11.18 appropriation shall be divided equally among  
 11.19 the eligible centers.
- 11.20 (f) \$1,000,000 each year is for competitive  
 11.21 grants to organizations providing services to  
 11.22 relieve economic disparities in the Southeast  
 11.23 Asian community through workforce  
 11.24 recruitment, development, job creation,  
 11.25 assistance of smaller organizations to increase  
 11.26 capacity, and outreach. Of this amount, up to  
 11.27 five percent is for administration and  
 11.28 monitoring of the program.
- 11.29 (g) \$1,000,000 each year is for a competitive  
 11.30 grant program to provide grants to  
 11.31 organizations that provide support services for  
 11.32 individuals, such as job training, employment  
 11.33 preparation, internships, job assistance to  
 11.34 parents, financial literacy, academic and

12.1 behavioral interventions for low-performing  
12.2 students, and youth intervention. Grants made  
12.3 under this section must focus on low-income  
12.4 communities, young adults from families with  
12.5 a history of intergenerational poverty, and  
12.6 communities of color. Of this amount, up to  
12.7 five percent is for administration and  
12.8 monitoring of the program.

12.9 (h) \$750,000 each year from the general fund  
12.10 and \$3,348,000 each year from the workforce  
12.11 development fund are for the youth-at-work  
12.12 competitive grant program under Minnesota  
12.13 Statutes, section 116L.562. Of this amount,  
12.14 up to five percent is for administration and  
12.15 monitoring of the youth workforce  
12.16 development competitive grant program. All  
12.17 grant awards shall be for two consecutive  
12.18 years. Grants shall be awarded in the first year.

12.19 (i) \$875,000 each year is for a grant to the  
12.20 Minnesota Technology Association to support  
12.21 the SciTech Internship Program, a program  
12.22 that supports science, technology, engineering,  
12.23 and math (STEM) internship opportunities for  
12.24 two- and four-year college students and  
12.25 graduate students in their fields of study. The  
12.26 internship opportunities must match students  
12.27 with paid internships within STEM disciplines  
12.28 at small, for-profit companies located in  
12.29 Minnesota having fewer than 250 employees  
12.30 worldwide. At least 200 students must be  
12.31 matched each year. No more than 15 percent  
12.32 of the hires may be graduate students. Selected  
12.33 hiring companies shall receive from the grant  
12.34 50 percent of the wages paid to the intern,  
12.35 capped at \$2,500 per intern. The program must

- 13.1 work toward increasing the participation  
13.2 among women or other underserved  
13.3 populations. This is a onetime appropriation.
- 13.4 (j) \$1,000,000 each year is from the workforce  
13.5 development fund for the youthbuild program  
13.6 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 116L.361  
13.7 to 116L.366.
- 13.8 (k) \$4,050,000 each year is from the  
13.9 workforce development fund for the  
13.10 Minnesota youth program under Minnesota  
13.11 Statutes, sections 116L.56 and 116L.561.
- 13.12 (l) \$500,000 each year is from the workforce  
13.13 development fund for performance grants  
13.14 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8747,  
13.15 to Goodwill-Easter Seals Minnesota and its  
13.16 partners. The grant shall be used to continue  
13.17 the FATHER Project in Rochester, Park  
13.18 Rapids, St. Cloud, St. Paul, Minneapolis, and  
13.19 the surrounding areas to assist fathers in  
13.20 overcoming barriers that prevent fathers from  
13.21 supporting their children economically and  
13.22 emotionally. This is a onetime appropriation.
- 13.23 (m) \$350,000 each year is from the workforce  
13.24 development fund for performance grants  
13.25 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8747,  
13.26 to the International Institute of Minnesota for  
13.27 workforce training for New Americans in  
13.28 industries in need of a trained workforce. This  
13.29 is a onetime appropriation.
- 13.30 (n) \$750,000 each year is from the workforce  
13.31 development fund for a grant to the Minnesota  
13.32 Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs to administer  
13.33 a statewide project of youth job skills and  
13.34 career development. This project, which may

- 14.1 have career guidance components including  
14.2 health and life skills, must be designed to  
14.3 encourage, train, and assist youth in: early  
14.4 access to education and job-seeking skills;  
14.5 work-based learning experience including  
14.6 career pathways in STEM learning, career  
14.7 exploration, and matching; and first job  
14.8 placement through local community  
14.9 partnerships and on-site job opportunities. This  
14.10 grant requires a 25 percent match from  
14.11 nonstate sources. This is a onetime  
14.12 appropriation.
- 14.13 (o) \$250,000 each year is from the workforce  
14.14 development fund for grants to the Minnesota  
14.15 Grocers Association Foundation for Carts to  
14.16 Careers, a statewide initiative to promote  
14.17 careers, conduct outreach, provide job skills  
14.18 training, and grant scholarships for careers in  
14.19 the retail food industry. This is a onetime  
14.20 appropriation.
- 14.21 (p) \$250,000 the first year is from the  
14.22 workforce development fund for a grant to the  
14.23 ProStart and Hospitality Tourism Management  
14.24 Program for a well-established, proven, and  
14.25 successful education program that helps young  
14.26 people advance careers in the hospitality  
14.27 industry and addresses critical long-term  
14.28 workforce shortages in that industry.
- 14.29 (q) \$375,000 each year is from the workforce  
14.30 development fund for a grant to the  
14.31 Construction Careers Foundation for the  
14.32 construction career pathway initiative to  
14.33 provide year-round educational and  
14.34 experiential learning opportunities for teens  
14.35 and young adults under the age of 21 that lead

15.1 to careers in the construction industry. This is  
15.2 a onetime appropriation. Grant funds must be  
15.3 used to:

15.4 (1) increase construction industry exposure  
15.5 activities for middle school and high school  
15.6 youth, parents, and counselors to reach a more  
15.7 diverse demographic and broader statewide  
15.8 audience. This requirement includes, but is  
15.9 not limited to, an expansion of programs to  
15.10 provide experience in different crafts to youth  
15.11 and young adults throughout the state;

15.12 (2) increase the number of high schools in  
15.13 Minnesota offering construction classes during  
15.14 the academic year that utilize a multicraft  
15.15 curriculum;

15.16 (3) increase the number of summer internship  
15.17 opportunities;

15.18 (4) enhance activities to support graduating  
15.19 seniors in their efforts to obtain employment  
15.20 in the construction industry;

15.21 (5) increase the number of young adults  
15.22 employed in the construction industry and  
15.23 ensure that they reflect Minnesota's diverse  
15.24 workforce; and

15.25 (6) enhance an industrywide marketing  
15.26 campaign targeted to youth and young adults  
15.27 about the depth and breadth of careers within  
15.28 the construction industry.

15.29 Programs and services supported by grant  
15.30 funds must give priority to individuals and  
15.31 groups that are economically disadvantaged  
15.32 or historically underrepresented in the  
15.33 construction industry, including but not limited

- 16.1 to women, veterans, and members of minority  
16.2 and immigrant groups.
- 16.3 (r) \$700,000 each year is from the workforce  
16.4 development fund for a grant to Comunidades  
16.5 Latinas Unidas En Servicio-Latino  
16.6 Communities United in Service (CLUES) to  
16.7 expand culturally tailored programs that  
16.8 address employment and education skill gaps  
16.9 for working parents and underserved youth by  
16.10 providing new job skills training to stimulate  
16.11 higher wages for low-income people, family  
16.12 support systems designed to reduce  
16.13 intergenerational poverty, and youth  
16.14 programming to promote educational  
16.15 advancement and career pathways. At least  
16.16 50 percent of this amount must be used for  
16.17 programming targeted at greater Minnesota.  
16.18 This is a onetime appropriation.
- 16.19 (s) \$700,000 each year is from the workforce  
16.20 development fund for performance grants  
16.21 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8747,  
16.22 to Twin Cities R!SE to provide training to  
16.23 hard-to-train individuals. This is a onetime  
16.24 appropriation and funds are available until  
16.25 June 30, 2024.
- 16.26 (t) \$475,000 each year is from the workforce  
16.27 development fund for a grant to Bridges to  
16.28 Healthcare to provide career education,  
16.29 wraparound support services, and job skills  
16.30 training in high-demand health care fields to  
16.31 low-income parents, nonnative speakers of  
16.32 English, and other hard-to-train individuals,  
16.33 helping families build secure pathways out of  
16.34 poverty while also addressing worker  
16.35 shortages in one of Minnesota's most

- 17.1 innovative industries. Funds may be used for  
17.2 program expenses, including but not limited  
17.3 to hiring instructors and navigators; space  
17.4 rental; and supportive services to help  
17.5 participants attend classes, including assistance  
17.6 with course fees, child care, transportation,  
17.7 and safe and stable housing. In addition, up to  
17.8 five percent of grant funds may be used for  
17.9 Bridges to Healthcare's administrative costs.  
17.10 This is a onetime appropriation.
- 17.11 (u) \$650,000 each year is from the workforce  
17.12 development fund for performance grants  
17.13 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8747,  
17.14 to Avivo to provide low-income individuals  
17.15 with career education and job skills training  
17.16 that is integrated with chemical and mental  
17.17 health services. This is a onetime  
17.18 appropriation.
- 17.19 (v) \$300,000 each year is from the workforce  
17.20 development fund for a grant to the Hmong  
17.21 American Partnership, in collaboration with  
17.22 community partners, for services targeting  
17.23 Minnesota communities with the highest  
17.24 concentrations of Southeast Asian joblessness,  
17.25 based on the most recent census tract data, to  
17.26 provide employment readiness training,  
17.27 credentialed training placement, job placement  
17.28 and retention services, supportive services for  
17.29 hard-to-employ individuals, and a general  
17.30 education development fast track and adult  
17.31 diploma program. This is a onetime  
17.32 appropriation.
- 17.33 (w) \$125,000 each year is from the workforce  
17.34 development fund for a grant to the Hmong  
17.35 Chamber of Commerce to train ethnically

18.1 Southeast Asian business owners and  
18.2 operators in better business practices. Of this  
18.3 amount, up to \$5,000 may be used for  
18.4 administrative costs. This is a onetime  
18.5 appropriation.

18.6 (x) \$225,000 each year is from the workforce  
18.7 development fund for Minnesota Family  
18.8 Resiliency Partnership programs under  
18.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.96. The  
18.10 commissioner, through the adult career  
18.11 pathways program, shall distribute the funds  
18.12 to existing nonprofit and Minnesota Family  
18.13 Resiliency Partnership programs. This is a  
18.14 onetime appropriation.

18.15 (y) \$1,175,000 each year is from the  
18.16 workforce development fund for a grant to  
18.17 Summit Academy OIC to expand their  
18.18 contextualized GED and employment  
18.19 placement program and STEM program. This  
18.20 is a onetime appropriation.

18.21 (z) \$250,000 each year is from the workforce  
18.22 development fund for a grant to Big Brothers  
18.23 Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities for  
18.24 workforce readiness, employment exploration,  
18.25 and skills development for youth ages 12 to  
18.26 21. The grant must serve youth in the Big  
18.27 Brothers Big Sisters chapters in the Twin  
18.28 Cities, central Minnesota, and southern  
18.29 Minnesota. This is a onetime appropriation.

18.30 (aa) \$400,000 each year is from the workforce  
18.31 development fund for a grant to Ujamaa Place  
18.32 for job training, employment preparation,  
18.33 internships, education, training in vocational  
18.34 trades, housing, and organizational capacity  
18.35 building. This is a onetime appropriation.

19.1 (bb) \$150,000 each year is from the workforce  
19.2 development fund for performance grants  
19.3 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8747,  
19.4 to the YWCA of St. Paul to provide job  
19.5 training services and workforce development  
19.6 programs and services, including job skills  
19.7 training and counseling. This is a onetime  
19.8 appropriation.

19.9 (cc) \$700,000 each year is from the workforce  
19.10 development fund for a grant to Youthprise  
19.11 to give grants through a competitive process  
19.12 to community organizations to provide  
19.13 economic development services designed to  
19.14 enhance long-term economic self-sufficiency  
19.15 in communities with concentrated East African  
19.16 populations. Such communities include but  
19.17 are not limited to Faribault, Rochester, St.  
19.18 Cloud, Moorhead, and Willmar. Youthprise  
19.19 must make at least 50 percent of these grants  
19.20 to organizations serving communities located  
19.21 outside the seven-county metropolitan area,  
19.22 as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section  
19.23 473.121, subdivision 2. This is a onetime  
19.24 appropriation.

19.25 (dd) \$450,000 each year is from the workforce  
19.26 development fund for grants to Minnesota  
19.27 Diversified Industries, Inc., to provide  
19.28 inclusive employment opportunities and  
19.29 services for people with disabilities. This is a  
19.30 onetime appropriation.

19.31 (ee) \$150,000 each year is from the workforce  
19.32 development fund for a grant to the YWCA  
19.33 of Minneapolis to provide economically  
19.34 challenged individuals the job skills training,  
19.35 career counseling, and job placement

20.1 assistance necessary to secure a child  
20.2 development associate credential and to have  
20.3 a career path in early childhood education.  
20.4 This is a onetime appropriation.

20.5 (ff) \$250,000 each year is from the workforce  
20.6 development fund for a grant to EMERGE  
20.7 Community Development for the  
20.8 Cedar-Riverside Opportunity Center and its  
20.9 on-site partners to address employment and  
20.10 economic disparities for low-income  
20.11 unemployed or underemployed individuals  
20.12 who are primarily East African. Funds must  
20.13 be used for operations and administrative costs  
20.14 of the site in support of career pathways and  
20.15 certified credentials, workforce readiness,  
20.16 financial readiness, and employment  
20.17 placement and retention services. This is a  
20.18 onetime appropriation.

20.19 (gg) \$1,000,000 each year is from the  
20.20 workforce development fund for a grant to  
20.21 Propel Nonprofits to provide capacity-building  
20.22 grants and related technical assistance to small,  
20.23 culturally specific organizations that primarily  
20.24 serve historically underserved cultural  
20.25 communities. Propel Nonprofits may only  
20.26 award grants to nonprofit organizations that  
20.27 have an annual organizational budget of less  
20.28 than \$500,000. These grants may be used for:

20.29 (1) organizational infrastructure  
20.30 improvements, including developing database  
20.31 management systems and financial systems,  
20.32 or other administrative needs that increase the  
20.33 organization's ability to access new funding  
20.34 sources;

- 21.1 (2) organizational workforce development,  
21.2 including hiring culturally competent staff,  
21.3 training and skills development, and other  
21.4 methods of increasing staff capacity; or
- 21.5 (3) creating or expanding partnerships with  
21.6 existing organizations that have specialized  
21.7 expertise in order to increase capacity of the  
21.8 grantee organization to improve services to  
21.9 the community.
- 21.10 Of this amount, up to five percent may be used  
21.11 by Propel Nonprofits for administrative costs.  
21.12 This is a onetime appropriation.
- 21.13 (hh) \$300,000 each year is from the workforce  
21.14 development fund for a grant to Better Futures  
21.15 Minnesota to provide job skills training to  
21.16 individuals who have been released from  
21.17 incarceration for a felony-level offense and  
21.18 are no more than 12 months from the date of  
21.19 release. This is a onetime appropriation.
- 21.20 (ii) \$250,000 each year is from the workforce  
21.21 development fund for a grant to the  
21.22 Juxtaposition Arts Center to provide job  
21.23 training and workforce development services  
21.24 for underserved communities. This is a  
21.25 onetime appropriation.
- 21.26 (jj) \$275,000 each year is from the workforce  
21.27 development fund for a grant to Workforce  
21.28 Development, Inc., to provide career  
21.29 education, wraparound support services, and  
21.30 job skills training in high-demand  
21.31 manufacturing fields to low-income parents,  
21.32 nonnative speakers of English, and other  
21.33 hard-to-train individuals, helping families  
21.34 build secure pathways out of poverty while

22.1 also addressing worker shortages in the  
22.2 Owatonna and Steele County area. Funds may  
22.3 be used for program expenses, including but  
22.4 not limited to hiring instructors and navigators;  
22.5 space rental; and supportive services to help  
22.6 participants attend classes, including assistance  
22.7 with course fees, child care, transportation,  
22.8 and safe and stable housing. In addition, up to  
22.9 five percent of grant funds may be used for  
22.10 Workforce Development, Inc.'s administrative  
22.11 costs. This is a onetime appropriation and is  
22.12 available until June 30, 2023.

22.13 (kk) \$500,000 each year is from the workforce  
22.14 development fund for a grant to Pillsbury  
22.15 United Communities to provide job training  
22.16 and workforce development services for  
22.17 underserved communities. This is a onetime  
22.18 appropriation.

22.19 (ll) \$250,000 each year is from the workforce  
22.20 development fund for a grant to 30,000 Feet,  
22.21 a nonprofit organization, to fund youth  
22.22 apprenticeship jobs, after-school  
22.23 programming, and summer learning loss  
22.24 prevention for African American youth. This  
22.25 is a onetime appropriation.

22.26 (mm) \$250,000 each year is from the  
22.27 workforce development fund for the getting  
22.28 to work grant program. This is a onetime  
22.29 appropriation.

22.30 (nn) \$500,000 each year is from the workforce  
22.31 development fund for a grant to Project for  
22.32 Pride in Living to provide job training and  
22.33 workforce development services for  
22.34 underserved communities. This is a onetime  
22.35 appropriation.

- 23.1 (oo) \$1,000,000 each year is from the  
23.2 workforce development fund for competitive  
23.3 grants to organizations providing services to  
23.4 relieve economic disparities in the African  
23.5 immigrant community through workforce  
23.6 recruitment, development, job creation,  
23.7 assistance of smaller organizations to increase  
23.8 capacity, and outreach. Of this amount, up to  
23.9 five percent is for administration and  
23.10 monitoring of the program. This is a onetime  
23.11 appropriation.
- 23.12 (pp) \$250,000 each year is from the workforce  
23.13 development fund for a grant to the Center for  
23.14 Economic Inclusion for a strategic intervention  
23.15 program designed to target and connect  
23.16 program participants to meaningful,  
23.17 sustainable living-wage employment. This is  
23.18 a onetime appropriation.
- 23.19 (qq) \$300,000 each year is from the workforce  
23.20 development fund for a grant to YMCA of the  
23.21 North to provide job training and workforce  
23.22 development services for underserved  
23.23 communities. This is a onetime appropriation.
- 23.24 (rr)(1) \$1,000,000 each year is from the  
23.25 workforce development fund for grants to  
23.26 assist internationally trained professionals in  
23.27 earning the professional licenses required to  
23.28 do similar work in Minnesota. The  
23.29 commissioner shall work with local workforce  
23.30 development boards to award these grants and  
23.31 shall give preference to efforts to assist  
23.32 professionals in occupations where there is  
23.33 unmet local need for that profession's skills.  
23.34 This is a onetime appropriation.

24.1 (2) Eligible uses of grant funds may include  
 24.2 but are not limited to:  
 24.3 (i) subsidizing the cost of training for or taking  
 24.4 required licensing examinations;  
 24.5 (ii) providing instruction in English as a  
 24.6 second language;  
 24.7 (iii) supportive services that increase the  
 24.8 success rate of individuals seeking licensing;  
 24.9 and  
 24.10 (iv) connecting newly licensed individuals  
 24.11 with appropriate employment.

24.12 (3) By February 15, 2024, and each February  
 24.13 15 in an even-numbered year thereafter, the  
 24.14 commissioner shall submit a report to the  
 24.15 chairs and ranking minority members of the  
 24.16 legislative committees with jurisdiction over  
 24.17 workforce development on the use of grant  
 24.18 funds and program outcomes. At a minimum,  
 24.19 the report must include:

24.20 (i) the number of new professional licenses  
 24.21 facilitated by the program;  
 24.22 (ii) information on the employment outcomes  
 24.23 of individuals supported by the program; and  
 24.24 (iii) any other quantifiable measures of  
 24.25 success.

24.26 **Subd. 4. General Support Services** 3,692,000 4,005,000

24.27	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
24.28	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>3,637,000</u>	<u>3,950,000</u>
24.29	<u>Workforce</u>		
24.30	<u>Development</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>

24.31 \$1,269,000 each year is for transfer to the  
 24.32 Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for  
 24.33 operating the Olmstead Compliance Office.

25.1	<b><u>Subd. 5. Minnesota Trade Office</u></b>	<b><u>2,142,000</u></b>	<b><u>2,142,000</u></b>
25.2	<u>(a) \$200,000 each year is for the STEP grants</u>		
25.3	<u>in Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.979. The</u>		
25.4	<u>base for this purpose in fiscal year 2024 and</u>		
25.5	<u>beyond is \$300,000.</u>		
25.6	<u>(b) \$180,000 each year is for the Invest</u>		
25.7	<u>Minnesota marketing initiative in Minnesota</u>		
25.8	<u>Statutes, section 116J.9781.</u>		
25.9	<u>(c) \$270,000 each year is for the Minnesota</u>		
25.10	<u>Trade Offices under Minnesota Statutes,</u>		
25.11	<u>section 116J.978.</u>		
25.12	<b><u>Subd. 6. Vocational Rehabilitation</u></b>	<b><u>36,691,000</u></b>	<b><u>36,691,000</u></b>
25.13	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
25.14	<u>General</u>	<u>28,861,000</u>	<u>28,861,000</u>
25.15	<u>Workforce</u>		
25.16	<u>Development</u>	<u>7,830,000</u>	<u>7,830,000</u>
25.17	<u>(a) \$14,300,000 each year is for the state's</u>		
25.18	<u>vocational rehabilitation program under</u>		
25.19	<u>Minnesota Statutes, chapter 268A.</u>		
25.20	<u>(b) \$8,995,000 each year from the general fund</u>		
25.21	<u>and \$6,830,000 each year from the workforce</u>		
25.22	<u>development fund are for extended</u>		
25.23	<u>employment services for persons with severe</u>		
25.24	<u>disabilities under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
25.25	<u>268A.15. Of the amounts appropriated from</u>		
25.26	<u>the general fund, \$2,000,000 each year is for</u>		
25.27	<u>maintaining prior rate increases to providers</u>		
25.28	<u>of extended employment services for persons</u>		
25.29	<u>with severe disabilities under Minnesota</u>		
25.30	<u>Statutes, section 268A.15.</u>		
25.31	<u>(c) \$2,555,000 each year is for grants to</u>		
25.32	<u>programs that provide employment support</u>		
25.33	<u>services to persons with mental illness under</u>		

26.1 Minnesota Statutes, sections 268A.13 and  
 26.2 268A.14.

26.3 (d) \$3,011,000 each year is for grants to  
 26.4 centers for independent living under  
 26.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 268A.11.

26.6 (e) \$1,000,000 each year is from the workforce  
 26.7 development fund for grants under Minnesota  
 26.8 Statutes, section 268A.16, for employment  
 26.9 services for persons, including transition-age  
 26.10 youth, who are deaf, deafblind, or  
 26.11 hard-of-hearing. If the amount in the first year  
 26.12 is insufficient, the amount in the second year  
 26.13 is available in the first year.

26.14 **Subd. 7. Services for the Blind** 6,425,000 6,425,000

26.15 Of this amount, \$500,000 each year is for  
 26.16 senior citizens who are becoming blind. At  
 26.17 least one-half of the funds for this purpose  
 26.18 must be used to provide training services for  
 26.19 seniors who are becoming blind. Training  
 26.20 services must provide independent living skills  
 26.21 to seniors who are becoming blind to allow  
 26.22 them to continue to live independently in their  
 26.23 homes.

26.24 **Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND**  
 26.25 **INDUSTRY**

26.26 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** **\$ 31,817,000** **\$ 30,717,000**

	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
26.28		
26.29	<u>5,379,000</u>	<u>4,379,000</u>
26.30		
26.31	<u>22,991,000</u>	<u>22,991,000</u>
26.32		
26.33	<u>3,447,000</u>	<u>3,347,000</u>

27.1 The amounts that may be spent for each  
 27.2 purpose are specified in the following  
 27.3 subdivisions.

27.4 **Subd. 2. General Support** 6,939,000 6,939,000

27.5 Appropriations by Fund

27.6 General 900,000 900,000

27.7 Workers'  
 27.8 Compensation 6,039,000 6,039,000

27.9 \$900,000 each year is for system upgrades.  
 27.10 This appropriation is available until June 30,  
 27.11 2023, and is a onetime appropriation. This  
 27.12 appropriation includes funds for information  
 27.13 technology project services and support  
 27.14 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
 27.15 16E.0466. Any ongoing information  
 27.16 technology costs must be incorporated into  
 27.17 the service level agreement and must be paid  
 27.18 to the Office of MN.IT Services by the  
 27.19 commissioner of labor and industry under the  
 27.20 rates and mechanism specified in that  
 27.21 agreement.

27.22 **Subd. 3. Labor Standards and Apprenticeship** 6,226,000 5,226,000

27.23 Appropriations by Fund

27.24 General 4,479,000 3,479,000

27.25 Workforce  
 27.26 Development 1,747,000 1,747,000

27.27 (a) \$2,046,000 each year is for wage theft  
 27.28 prevention.

27.29 (b) \$1,271,000 each year is from the  
 27.30 workforce development fund for the  
 27.31 apprenticeship program under Minnesota  
 27.32 Statutes, chapter 178.

- 28.1 (c) \$151,000 each year is from the workforce  
28.2 development fund for prevailing wage  
28.3 enforcement.
- 28.4 (d) \$100,000 each year is from the workforce  
28.5 development fund for labor education and  
28.6 advancement program grants under Minnesota  
28.7 Statutes, section 178.11, to expand and  
28.8 promote registered apprenticeship training for  
28.9 minorities and women.
- 28.10 (e) \$225,000 each year is from the workforce  
28.11 development fund for grants to the  
28.12 Construction Careers Foundation for the  
28.13 Helmets to Hard Hats Minnesota initiative.  
28.14 Grant funds must be used to recruit, retain,  
28.15 assist, and support National Guard, reserve,  
28.16 and active duty military members' and  
28.17 veterans' participation into apprenticeship  
28.18 programs registered with the Department of  
28.19 Labor and Industry and connect them with  
28.20 career training and employment in the building  
28.21 and construction industry. The recruitment,  
28.22 selection, employment, and training must be  
28.23 without discrimination due to race, color,  
28.24 creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual  
28.25 orientation, marital status, physical or mental  
28.26 disability, receipt of public assistance, or age.  
28.27 This is a onetime appropriation.
- 28.28 (f) \$84,000 the first year and \$34,000 the  
28.29 second year are for outreach and enforcement  
28.30 efforts related to changes to the nursing  
28.31 mothers, lactating employees, and pregnancy  
28.32 accommodations law.
- 28.33 (g) \$1,000,000 the first year is for the loggers  
28.34 safety grant program.

29.1	<b><u>Subd. 4. Workers' Compensation</u></b>	<u>11,882,000</u>	<u>11,882,000</u>
29.2	<u>This appropriation is from the workers'</u>		
29.3	<u>compensation fund.</u>		
29.4	<b><u>Subd. 5. Workplace Safety</u></b>	<u>5,070,000</u>	<u>5,070,000</u>
29.5	<u>This appropriation is from the workers'</u>		
29.6	<u>compensation fund.</u>		
29.7	<b><u>Subd. 6. Workforce Development Initiatives</u></b>	<u>1,700,000</u>	<u>1,600,000</u>
29.8	<u>(a) This appropriation is from the workforce</u>		
29.9	<u>development fund.</u>		
29.10	<u>(b) \$300,000 each year is from the workforce</u>		
29.11	<u>development fund for the pipeline program.</u>		
29.12	<u>(c) \$200,000 each year is from the workforce</u>		
29.13	<u>development fund for identification of</u>		
29.14	<u>competency standards under Minnesota</u>		
29.15	<u>Statutes, section 175.45.</u>		
29.16	<u>(d) \$1,100,000 each year is from the</u>		
29.17	<u>workforce development fund for youth skills</u>		
29.18	<u>training grants under Minnesota Statutes,</u>		
29.19	<u>section 175.46. Of this amount, \$100,000 each</u>		
29.20	<u>year is for administration of the program.</u>		
29.21	<u>(e)(1) \$100,000 the first year is from the</u>		
29.22	<u>workforce development fund for a grant to</u>		
29.23	<u>Independent School District No. 294, Houston,</u>		
29.24	<u>for the Minnesota Virtual Academy's career</u>		
29.25	<u>pathway program with Operating Engineers</u>		
29.26	<u>Local 49. The program may include up to five</u>		
29.27	<u>semesters of courses, and must lead to</u>		
29.28	<u>eligibility into the Operating Engineers Local</u>		
29.29	<u>49 apprenticeship program. The grant may be</u>		
29.30	<u>used to encourage and support student</u>		
29.31	<u>participation in the career pathway program</u>		
29.32	<u>through additional academic, counseling, and</u>		
29.33	<u>other support services provided by the</u>		

30.1 student's enrolling school district to provide  
 30.2 these services. This appropriation is available  
 30.3 until June 30, 2023; and  
 30.4 (2) by January 15, 2024, Independent School  
 30.5 District No. 294, Houston, must submit a  
 30.6 written report to the chairs and ranking  
 30.7 minority members of the house of  
 30.8 representatives and senate committees of the  
 30.9 legislature having jurisdiction over education  
 30.10 and workforce development describing  
 30.11 students' experiences with the program. The  
 30.12 report must document the program's spending,  
 30.13 list the number of students participating in the  
 30.14 program and entering the apprenticeship  
 30.15 program, and make recommendations for  
 30.16 improving support of career pathway programs  
 30.17 statewide.

30.18 **Sec. 4. WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT**  
 30.19 **OF APPEALS** \$ **2,283,000** \$ **2,283,000**

30.20 This appropriation is from the workers'  
 30.21 compensation fund.

30.22 **Sec. 5. BUREAU OF MEDIATION SERVICES** \$ **2,370,000** \$ **2,415,000**

30.23 (a) \$125,000 each year is for purposes of the  
 30.24 Public Employment Relations Board under  
 30.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 179A.041. This  
 30.26 is a onetime appropriation.

30.27 (b) \$68,000 each year is for grants to area  
 30.28 labor management committees. Grants may  
 30.29 be awarded for a 12-month period beginning  
 30.30 July 1 each year. Any unencumbered balance  
 30.31 remaining at the end of the first year does not  
 30.32 cancel but is available for the second year.

31.1 (c) \$47,000 each year is for rulemaking,  
 31.2 staffing, and other costs associated with peace  
 31.3 officer grievance procedures.

31.4 **Sec. 6. CANCELLATIONS; FISCAL YEAR 2021.**

31.5 (a) \$18,265,000 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation in Laws 2020, Seventh  
 31.6 Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 1, subdivision 7, is canceled.

31.7 (b) \$72,000 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation in Laws 2020, Seventh  
 31.8 Special Session chapter 2, article 5, section 1, is canceled.

31.9 (c) \$901,000 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation in Laws 2020, Seventh  
 31.10 Special Session chapter 2, article 4, section 1, subdivision 1, is canceled.

31.11 (d) \$25,000,000 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation in Laws 2020, Seventh  
 31.12 Special Session chapter 2, article 3, section 2, is canceled.

31.13 (e) \$205,000 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation in Laws 2019, First  
 31.14 Special Session chapter 7, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (a), estimated to be  
 31.15 \$205,000, is canceled.

31.16 (f) \$50,000 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation in Laws 2019, First Special  
 31.17 Session chapter 7, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (d), is canceled.

31.18 (g) \$125,000 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation in Laws 2019, First  
 31.19 Special Session chapter 7, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (aa), is canceled.

31.20 (h) \$1,022,000 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation in Laws 2019, First  
 31.21 Special Session chapter 7, article 1, section 2, subdivision 4, is canceled.

31.22 (i) \$203,000 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation in Laws 2019, First  
 31.23 Special Session chapter 7, article 1, section 3, subdivision 2, is canceled.

31.24 (j) \$102,000 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation in Laws 2019, First  
 31.25 Special Session chapter 7, article 1, section 5, is canceled.

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

31.27 **ARTICLE 2**

31.28 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

31.29 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116J.035, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

31.30 **Subd. 6. Receipt of gifts, money; appropriation.** (a) The commissioner may:

32.1 (1) apply for, accept, and disburse gifts, bequests, grants, payments for services, loans,  
32.2 or other property from the United States, the state, private foundations, or any other source;

32.3 (2) enter into an agreement required for the gifts, grants, or loans; and

32.4 (3) hold, use, and dispose of its assets according to the terms of the gift, grant, loan, or  
32.5 agreement.

32.6 (b) Money received by the commissioner under this subdivision must be deposited in a  
32.7 separate account in the state treasury and invested by the State Board of Investment. The  
32.8 amount deposited, including investment earnings, is appropriated to the commissioner to  
32.9 carry out duties under this section.

32.10 (c) Money received by the commissioner under this subdivision for State Services for  
32.11 the Blind is exempt from depositing gifts, bequests, charitable contributions, and similar  
32.12 contributions made solely into the state treasury.

32.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116J.431, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

32.14 Subd. 2. **Eligible projects.** (a) An economic development project for which a county or  
32.15 city may be eligible to receive a grant under this section includes:

32.16 (1) manufacturing;

32.17 (2) technology;

32.18 (3) warehousing and distribution;

32.19 (4) research and development;

32.20 (5) agricultural processing, defined as transforming, packaging, sorting, or grading  
32.21 livestock or livestock products into goods that are used for intermediate or final consumption,  
32.22 including goods for nonfood use; or

32.23 (6) industrial park development that would be used by any other business listed in this  
32.24 subdivision even if no business has committed to locate in the industrial park at the time  
32.25 the grant application is made.

32.26 (b) Up to 15 percent of the development of a project may be for a purpose that is not  
32.27 included under this subdivision as an eligible project. A city or county must provide notice  
32.28 to the commissioner for the commissioner's approval of the proposed project.

32.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
32.30 applies to projects that have been funded previously under Minnesota Statutes, section  
32.31 116J.431.

33.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116J.431, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

33.2 Subd. 3. **Ineligible projects.** The following Projects, including but not limited to the  
 33.3 following types, are ~~not eligible~~ ineligible for a grant under this section:

33.4 (1) retail development; or

33.5 (2) office space development, except as incidental to an eligible purpose.

33.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
 33.7 applies to projects that have been funded previously under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 33.8 116J.431.

33.9 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116J.431, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 33.10 to read:

33.11 **Subd. 3a. Development restrictions expiration.** After ten years from the date of the  
 33.12 grant award under this section, if an eligible project for which the public infrastructure was  
 33.13 intended has not been developed, any other lawful project may be developed and supported  
 33.14 by the public infrastructure. The city or county must notify the commissioner of the project.

33.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
 33.16 applies to projects that have been funded previously under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 33.17 116J.431.

33.18 Sec. 5. **[116J.8749] MAIN STREET ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION PROGRAM.**

33.19 **Subdivision 1. Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have  
 33.20 the meanings given.

33.21 (b) "Borrower" means an eligible recipient receiving a loan guaranteed under this section.

33.22 (c) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of employment and economic development.

33.23 (d) "Eligible project" means the development, redevelopment, demolition, site preparation,  
 33.24 predesign, design, engineering, repair, or renovation of real property or capital improvements.

33.25 Eligible projects must be designed to address the greatest economic development and  
 33.26 redevelopment needs that have arisen in the community surrounding that real property since  
 33.27 March 15, 2020. Eligible project includes but is not limited to the construction of buildings,  
 33.28 infrastructure, and related site amenities, landscaping, or street-scaping. Eligible project  
 33.29 does not include the purchase of real estate or business operations or business operating  
 33.30 expenses, such as inventory, wages, or working capital.

33.31 (e) "Eligible recipient" means a:

34.1 (1) business;

34.2 (2) nonprofit organization; or

34.3 (3) developer

34.4 that is seeking funding to complete an eligible project. Eligible recipient does not include  
34.5 a partner organization or a local unit of government.

34.6 (f) "Guaranteed loan" means a loan guaranteed by the state for 80 percent of the loan  
34.7 amount for a maximum period of 15 years from the origination of the loan.

34.8 (g) "Leveraged grant" means a grant that is matched by the eligible recipient's  
34.9 commitment to the eligible project of nonstate funds at a level of 200 percent of the grant  
34.10 amount. The nonstate match may include but is not limited to funds contributed by a partner  
34.11 organization and insurance proceeds.

34.12 (h) "Loan guarantee trust fund" means a dedicated account established under this section  
34.13 for the purpose of compensation for defaulted loan guarantees.

34.14 (i) "Partner organizations" or "partners" means:

34.15 (1) foundations engaged in economic development;

34.16 (2) community development financial institutions; and

34.17 (3) community development corporations.

34.18 (j) "Program" means the Main Street Economic Revitalization Program under this section.

34.19 (k) "Subordinated loan" means a loan secured by a lien that is lower in priority than one  
34.20 or more specified other liens.

34.21 Subd. 2. **Establishment.** The commissioner shall establish the Main Street Economic  
34.22 Revitalization Program to make grants to partner organizations to fund leveraged grants  
34.23 and guaranteed loans to specific named eligible recipients for eligible projects that are  
34.24 designed to address the greatest economic development and redevelopment needs that have  
34.25 arisen in the surrounding community since March 15, 2020.

34.26 Subd. 3. **Grants to partner organizations.** (a) The commissioner shall make grants to  
34.27 partner organizations to provide leveraged grants and guaranteed loans to eligible recipients  
34.28 using criteria, forms, applications, and reporting requirements developed by the  
34.29 commissioner.

34.30 (b) To be eligible for a grant, a partner organization must:

35.1 (1) outline a plan to provide leveraged grants and guaranteed loans to eligible recipients  
35.2 for specific eligible projects that represent the greatest economic development and  
35.3 redevelopment needs in the surrounding community. This plan must include an analysis of  
35.4 the economic impact of the eligible projects the partner organization proposes to make these  
35.5 investments in;

35.6 (2) establish a process of ensuring there are no conflicts of interest in determining awards  
35.7 under the program; and

35.8 (3) demonstrate that the partner organization has raised funds for the specific purposes  
35.9 of this program to commit to the proposed eligible projects or will do so within the 15-month  
35.10 period following the encumbrance of funds. Existing assets and state or federal funds may  
35.11 not be used to meet this requirement.

35.12 (c) Grants shall be made in up to three rounds:

35.13 (1) a first round with an application date before September 1, 2021, during which no  
35.14 more than 50 percent of available funds will be granted;

35.15 (2) a second round with an application date after September 1, 2021, but before March  
35.16 1, 2022; and

35.17 (3) a third round with an application date after June 30, 2023, if any funds remain after  
35.18 the first two rounds.

35.19 A partner may apply in multiple rounds for projects that were not funded in earlier rounds  
35.20 or for new projects.

35.21 (d) Up to four percent of a grant under this subdivision may be used by the partner  
35.22 organization for administration and monitoring of the program.

35.23 Subd. 4. **Award criteria.** In awarding grants under this section, the commissioner shall  
35.24 give funding preference to applications that:

35.25 (1) have the greatest regional economic impact under subdivision 3, paragraph (b), clause  
35.26 (1), particularly with regard to increasing the local tax base; and

35.27 (2) have the greatest portion of the estimated cost of the eligible projects met through  
35.28 nonstate funds.

35.29 Subd. 5. **Leveraged grants to eligible recipients.** (a) A leveraged grant to an eligible  
35.30 recipient shall be for no more than \$750,000.

35.31 (b) A leveraged grant may be used to finance no more than 30 percent of an eligible  
35.32 project.

36.1 (c) An eligible project must have secured commitments for all required matching funds  
36.2 and all required development approvals before a leveraged grant may be distributed.

36.3 Subd. 6. **Guaranteed loans to eligible recipients.** (a) A guaranteed loan to an eligible  
36.4 recipient must:

36.5 (1) be for no more than \$2,000,000;

36.6 (2) be for a term of no more than 15 years; and

36.7 (3) comply with the terms under subdivision 7.

36.8 (b) An eligible project must have all required development approvals before a guaranteed  
36.9 loan may be distributed.

36.10 (c) Upon origination of a guaranteed loan, the commissioner must reserve ten percent  
36.11 of the loan amount into the loan guarantee trust fund created under subdivision 8.

36.12 (d) No guaranteed loan may be made to an eligible recipient after December 31, 2024.

36.13 Subd. 7. **Required terms for guaranteed loans.** For a guaranteed loan under the  
36.14 program:

36.15 (1) principal and interest payments made by the borrower under the terms of the loan  
36.16 are to reduce the guaranteed and nonguaranteed portion of the loan on a proportionate basis.  
36.17 The nonguaranteed portion shall not receive preferential treatment over the guaranteed  
36.18 portion;

36.19 (2) the partner organization shall not accelerate repayment of the loan or exercise other  
36.20 remedies if the borrower defaults, unless:

36.21 (i) the borrower fails to make a required payment of principal or interest within 60 days  
36.22 of the due date; or

36.23 (ii) the commissioner consents in writing;

36.24 (3) in the event of a default, the partner organization may not make a demand for payment  
36.25 pursuant to the guarantee unless the commissioner agrees in writing that the default has  
36.26 materially affected the rights or security of the parties;

36.27 (4) the partner organization must timely prepare and deliver to the commissioner, annually  
36.28 by the date specified in the loan guarantee, an audited or reviewed financial statement for  
36.29 the loan, prepared by a certified public accountant according to generally accepted accounting  
36.30 principles, if available, and documentation that the borrower used the loan proceeds solely  
36.31 for an eligible project;

37.1 (5) the commissioner shall have access to loan documents at any time subsequent to the  
37.2 loan documents being submitted to the partner organization;

37.3 (6) the partner organization must maintain adequate records and documents concerning  
37.4 the loan so that the commissioner may determine the borrower's financial condition and  
37.5 compliance with program requirements;

37.6 (7) orderly liquidation of collateral securing the loan must be provided for in the event  
37.7 of default, pursuant to the loan guarantee; and

37.8 (8) the guaranteed portion of the loan may be subordinate to other loans made by lenders  
37.9 in the overall financing package.

37.10 Subd. 8. **Loan guarantee trust fund established.** A loan guarantee trust fund account  
37.11 in the special revenue fund is created in the state treasury to pay for defaulted loan guarantees.  
37.12 The commissioner shall administer this account. The day that this section expires, all  
37.13 remaining funds in the account are canceled to the general fund.

37.14 Subd. 9. **Statewide program.** In proportion to eligible demand, leveraged grants and  
37.15 guaranteed loans under this section shall be made so that an approximately equal dollar  
37.16 amount of leveraged grants and guaranteed loans are made to businesses in the metropolitan  
37.17 area as in the nonmetropolitan area, not to exceed 65 percent in any one area. After June  
37.18 30, 2023, the department may allow leveraged grants and guaranteed loans to be made  
37.19 anywhere in the state without regard to geographic area.

37.20 Subd. 10. **Exemptions.** All grants and grant-making processes under this section are  
37.21 exempt from Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.15, subdivision 3; 16B.97; and 16B.98,  
37.22 subdivisions 5, 7, and 8. The commissioner must audit the use of funds under this section  
37.23 in accordance with standard accounting practices. The exemptions under this subdivision  
37.24 expire on December 31, 2023.

37.25 Subd. 11. **Reports.** (a) By January 31, 2022, and annually until December 31, 2026,  
37.26 after which biennial reporting will be permitted after the commissioner consults with the  
37.27 legislature, partner organizations participating in the program must provide a report to the  
37.28 commissioner that includes descriptions of the eligible projects supported by the program,  
37.29 the type and amount of support provided, any economic development gains attributable to  
37.30 the support, and an explanation of administrative expenses.

37.31 (b) By February 15, 2022, and annually until December 31, 2026, after which biennial  
37.32 reporting will be permitted after the commissioner consults with the legislature, the  
37.33 commissioner must report to the legislative committees in the house of representatives and

38.1 senate with jurisdiction over economic development about funding provided under this  
38.2 program based on the information received under paragraph (a) and about the performance  
38.3 of the loan guarantee trust fund.

38.4 Subd. 12. **Expiration.** This section expires December 31, 2036.

38.5 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.40, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
38.6 read:

38.7 Subd. 2a. **Automation technology.** "Automation technology" means a process or  
38.8 procedure performed with minimal human assistance. Automation or automatic control is  
38.9 the use of various control systems for operating equipment such as machinery, processes  
38.10 in factories, or other applications with minimal or reduced human intervention. Adoption,  
38.11 implementation, and utilization of any one of three types of automation in production are  
38.12 acceptable for consideration of this program, including fixed automation, programmable  
38.13 automation, and flexible automation.

38.14 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.40, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

38.15 Subd. 5. **Employee.** "Employee" means the individual employed in a new or existing  
38.16 job.

38.17 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.40, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

38.18 Subd. 6. **Employer.** "Employer" means the individual, corporation, partnership, limited  
38.19 liability company, or association providing new jobs or investing in new automation  
38.20 technology and entering into an agreement.

38.21 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.40, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

38.22 Subd. 9. **Program costs.** "Program costs" means all necessary and incidental costs of  
38.23 providing program services, ~~except that program costs are increased by \$1,000 per employee~~  
38.24 ~~for an individual with a disability.~~ The term does not include the cost of purchasing equipment  
38.25 to be owned or used by the training or educational institution or service.

38.26 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.40, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

38.27 Subd. 10. **Program services.** "Program services" means training and education  
38.28 specifically directed to new or existing jobs that are determined to be appropriate by the  
38.29 commissioner, including in-house training; services provided by institutions of higher

39.1 education and federal, state, or local agencies; or private training or educational services.  
39.2 Administrative services and assessment and testing costs are included.

39.3 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.41, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

39.4 Subdivision 1. **Service provision.** Upon request, the commissioner shall provide or  
39.5 coordinate the provision of program services under sections 116L.40 to 116L.42 to a business  
39.6 eligible for grants under this section ~~116L.42~~. The commissioner shall specify the form of  
39.7 and required information to be provided with applications for projects to be funded with  
39.8 grants under this section ~~116L.42~~.

39.9 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.41, is amended by adding a subdivision  
39.10 to read:

39.11 Subd. 1a. **Job training incentive program.** (a) The commissioner may provide grants  
39.12 in aid of up to \$200,000 to new or expanding employers at a location in Minnesota and  
39.13 outside of the metropolitan area, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2, for the  
39.14 provision of program services using the guidelines in this subdivision.

39.15 (b) The program must involve training and education specifically directed to new jobs  
39.16 that are determined to be appropriate by the commissioner.

39.17 (c) The program must give preference to projects that provide training for economically  
39.18 disadvantaged people, people of color, or people with disabilities and to employers located  
39.19 in economically distressed areas.

39.20 (d) Employers are eligible for reimbursement of program costs of up to \$10,000 per new  
39.21 job for which training is provided, with an additional \$1,000 available per new job for an  
39.22 individual with a disability.

39.23 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.41, is amended by adding a subdivision  
39.24 to read:

39.25 Subd. 1b. **Automation incentive program.** (a) The commissioner may provide grants  
39.26 in aid of up to \$35,000 to employers at a location in Minnesota outside of the metropolitan  
39.27 area, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2, for the provision of program services  
39.28 using the guidelines in this subdivision.

39.29 (b) The employer must be an existing business located in Minnesota that is in the  
39.30 manufacturing or skilled assembly production industry and has 150 or fewer full-time  
39.31 employees companywide.

40.1 (c) The employer must be invested in new automation technology within the past year  
 40.2 or plan to invest in new automation technology within the project time frame specified in  
 40.3 the agreement under subdivision 3.

40.4 (d) The program must involve training and education for full-time, permanent employees  
 40.5 that is directly related to the new automation technology.

40.6 (e) The program must give preference to projects that provide training for economically  
 40.7 disadvantaged people, people of color, or people with disabilities and to employers located  
 40.8 in economically distressed areas.

40.9 (f) Employers are eligible for program cost reimbursement of up to \$5,000 per employee  
 40.10 trained on new automation technology and retained.

40.11 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.41, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

40.12 Subd. 2. **Agreements; required terms.** (a) The commissioner may enter into an  
 40.13 agreement to establish a project with an employer that:

40.14 (1) identifies program costs to be paid from sources under the program;

40.15 (2) identifies program costs to be paid by the employer;

40.16 (3) provides that on-the-job training costs for employees may not exceed 50 percent of  
 40.17 the annual gross wages and salaries of the new jobs in the first full year after execution of  
 40.18 the agreement up to a maximum of \$10,000 per eligible employee;

40.19 (4) provides that each employee ~~must be paid wages at least equal to the median hourly~~  
 40.20 ~~wage for the county in which the job is located, as reported in the most recently available~~  
 40.21 ~~data from the United States Bureau of the Census, plus benefits, by the earlier of the end~~  
 40.22 ~~of the training period or 18 months of employment under the project~~ receiving training  
 40.23 through the project must be paid wages of at least 120 percent of the federal poverty  
 40.24 guidelines for a family of four, plus benefits; and

40.25 (5) provides that job training will be provided and the length of time of training.

40.26 (b) Before entering into a final agreement, the commissioner shall:

40.27 (1) determine that sufficient funds for the project are available ~~under section 116L.42;~~  
 40.28 and

40.29 (2) investigate the applicability of other training programs and determine whether the  
 40.30 job skills partnership grant program is a more suitable source of funding for the training

41.1 and whether the training can be completed in a timely manner that meets the needs of the  
41.2 business.

41.3 The investigation under clause (2) must be completed within 15 days or as soon as  
41.4 reasonably possible after the employer has provided the commissioner with all the requested  
41.5 information.

41.6 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.42, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

41.7 Subdivision 1. **Recovery of program costs.** Amounts paid by employers for program  
41.8 costs are repaid by a job training grant equal to the lesser of the following:

41.9 (1) the amount of program costs specified in the agreement for the project; or

41.10 (2) the amount of program costs paid by the employer for ~~new~~ training employees under  
41.11 a project.

41.12 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.42, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

41.13 Subd. 2. **Reports.** (a) By February 1, ~~2018~~ 2024, the commissioner shall report to the  
41.14 governor and the legislature on the program. The report must include at least:

41.15 (1) the amount of grants issued under the program;

41.16 (2) the number of individuals receiving training under the program, including the number  
41.17 of new hires who are individuals with disabilities;

41.18 (3) the number of new hires attributable to the program, including the number of new  
41.19 hires who are individuals with disabilities;

41.20 (4) an analysis of the effectiveness of the grant in encouraging employment or investments  
41.21 in automation technology; and

41.22 (5) any other information the commissioner determines appropriate.

41.23 (b) The report to the legislature must be distributed as provided in section 3.195.

41.24 Sec. 17. Laws 2017, chapter 94, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, as amended by Laws  
41.25 2017, First Special Session chapter 7, section 2, is amended to read:

41.26 Subd. 2. **Business and Community Development** \$ 46,074,000 \$ 40,935,000

41.27 Appropriations by Fund

41.28 General \$43,363,000 \$38,424,000

41.29 Remediation \$700,000 \$700,000

42.1	Workforce		
42.2	Development	\$1,861,000	\$1,811,000
42.3	Special Revenue	\$150,000	-0-

42.4 (a) \$4,195,000 each year is for the Minnesota  
 42.5 job skills partnership program under  
 42.6 Minnesota Statutes, sections 116L.01 to  
 42.7 116L.17. If the appropriation for either year  
 42.8 is insufficient, the appropriation for the other  
 42.9 year is available. This appropriation is  
 42.10 available until spent.

42.11 (b) \$750,000 each year is for grants to the  
 42.12 Neighborhood Development Center for small  
 42.13 business programs:

42.14 (1) training, lending, and business services;

42.15 (2) model outreach and training in greater  
 42.16 Minnesota; and

42.17 (3) development of new business incubators.

42.18 This is a onetime appropriation.

42.19 (c) \$1,175,000 each year is for a grant to the  
 42.20 Metropolitan Economic Development  
 42.21 Association (MEDA) for statewide business  
 42.22 development and assistance services, including  
 42.23 services to entrepreneurs with businesses that  
 42.24 have the potential to create job opportunities  
 42.25 for unemployed and underemployed people,  
 42.26 with an emphasis on minority-owned  
 42.27 businesses. This is a onetime appropriation.

42.28 (d) \$125,000 each year is for a grant to the  
 42.29 White Earth Nation for the White Earth Nation  
 42.30 Integrated Business Development System to  
 42.31 provide business assistance with workforce  
 42.32 development, outreach, technical assistance,  
 42.33 infrastructure and operational support,

43.1 financing, and other business development  
43.2 activities. This is a onetime appropriation.

43.3 (e)(1) \$12,500,000 each year is for the  
43.4 Minnesota investment fund under Minnesota  
43.5 Statutes, section 116J.8731. Of this amount,  
43.6 the commissioner of employment and  
43.7 economic development may use up to three  
43.8 percent for administration and monitoring of  
43.9 the program. This appropriation is available  
43.10 until spent.

43.11 (2) Of the amount appropriated in fiscal year  
43.12 2018, \$4,000,000 is for a loan to construct and  
43.13 equip a wholesale electronic component  
43.14 distribution center investing a minimum of  
43.15 \$200,000,000 and constructing a facility at  
43.16 least 700,000 square feet in size. Loan funds  
43.17 may be used for purchases of materials,  
43.18 supplies, and equipment for the construction  
43.19 of the facility and are available from July 1,  
43.20 2017, to June 30, 2021. The commissioner of  
43.21 employment and economic development shall  
43.22 forgive the loan after verification that the  
43.23 project has satisfied performance goals and  
43.24 contractual obligations as required under  
43.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731.

43.26 (3) Of the amount appropriated in fiscal year  
43.27 2018, \$700,000 is for a ~~loan to extend an~~  
43.28 ~~effluent pipe that will deliver reclaimed water~~  
43.29 ~~to an innovative waste-to-biofuel project~~  
43.30 ~~investing a minimum of \$150,000,000 and~~  
43.31 ~~constructing a facility that is designed to~~  
43.32 ~~process approximately 400,000 tons of waste~~  
43.33 ~~annually. Loan grant to the Metropolitan~~  
43.34 ~~Council under Minnesota Statutes, section~~  
43.35 ~~116.195, for wastewater infrastructure to~~

44.1 support industrial users in Rosemount that  
44.2 require significant water use. Grant funds are  
44.3 available until June 30, ~~2021~~ 2025.

44.4 (f) \$8,500,000 each year is for the Minnesota  
44.5 job creation fund under Minnesota Statutes,  
44.6 section 116J.8748. Of this amount, the  
44.7 commissioner of employment and economic  
44.8 development may use up to three percent for  
44.9 administrative expenses. This appropriation  
44.10 is available until expended. In fiscal year 2020  
44.11 and beyond, the base amount is \$8,000,000.

44.12 (g) \$1,647,000 each year is for contaminated  
44.13 site cleanup and development grants under  
44.14 Minnesota Statutes, sections 116J.551 to  
44.15 116J.558. This appropriation is available until  
44.16 spent. In fiscal year 2020 and beyond, the base  
44.17 amount is \$1,772,000.

44.18 (h) \$12,000 each year is for a grant to the  
44.19 Upper Minnesota Film Office.

44.20 (i) \$163,000 each year is for the Minnesota  
44.21 Film and TV Board. The appropriation in each  
44.22 year is available only upon receipt by the  
44.23 board of \$1 in matching contributions of  
44.24 money or in-kind contributions from nonstate  
44.25 sources for every \$3 provided by this  
44.26 appropriation, except that each year up to  
44.27 \$50,000 is available on July 1 even if the  
44.28 required matching contribution has not been  
44.29 received by that date.

44.30 (j) \$500,000 each year is from the general fund  
44.31 for a grant to the Minnesota Film and TV  
44.32 Board for the film production jobs program  
44.33 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116U.26.

45.1 This appropriation is available until June 30,  
45.2 2021.

45.3 (k) \$139,000 each year is for a grant to the  
45.4 Rural Policy and Development Center under  
45.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.421.

45.6 (l)(1) \$1,300,000 each year is for the greater  
45.7 Minnesota business development public  
45.8 infrastructure grant program under Minnesota  
45.9 Statutes, section 116J.431. This appropriation  
45.10 is available until spent. If the appropriation  
45.11 for either year is insufficient, the appropriation  
45.12 for the other year is available. In fiscal year  
45.13 2020 and beyond, the base amount is  
45.14 \$1,787,000. Funds available under this  
45.15 paragraph may be used for site preparation of  
45.16 property owned and to be used by private  
45.17 entities.

45.18 (2) Of the amounts appropriated, \$1,600,000  
45.19 in fiscal year 2018 is for a grant to the city of  
45.20 Thief River Falls to support utility extensions,  
45.21 roads, and other public improvements related  
45.22 to the construction of a wholesale electronic  
45.23 component distribution center at least 700,000  
45.24 square feet in size and investing a minimum  
45.25 of \$200,000,000. Notwithstanding Minnesota  
45.26 Statutes, section 116J.431, a local match is  
45.27 not required. Grant funds are available from  
45.28 July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2021.

45.29 (m) \$876,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
45.30 second year are for the Minnesota emerging  
45.31 entrepreneur loan program under Minnesota  
45.32 Statutes, section 116M.18. Funds available  
45.33 under this paragraph are for transfer into the  
45.34 emerging entrepreneur program special  
45.35 revenue fund account created under Minnesota

46.1 Statutes, chapter 116M, and are available until  
46.2 spent. Of this amount, up to four percent is for  
46.3 administration and monitoring of the program.

46.4 In fiscal year 2020 and beyond, the base  
46.5 amount is \$1,000,000.

46.6 (n) \$875,000 each year is for a grant to  
46.7 Enterprise Minnesota, Inc. for the small  
46.8 business growth acceleration program under  
46.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 116O.115. This  
46.10 is a onetime appropriation.

46.11 (o) \$250,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for a grant  
46.12 to the Minnesota Design Center at the  
46.13 University of Minnesota for the greater  
46.14 Minnesota community design pilot project.

46.15 (p) \$275,000 in fiscal year 2018 is from the  
46.16 general fund to the commissioner of  
46.17 employment and economic development for  
46.18 a grant to Community and Economic  
46.19 Development Associates (CEDA) for an  
46.20 economic development study and analysis of  
46.21 the effects of current and projected economic  
46.22 growth in southeast Minnesota. CEDA shall  
46.23 report on the findings and recommendations  
46.24 of the study to the committees of the house of  
46.25 representatives and senate with jurisdiction  
46.26 over economic development and workforce  
46.27 issues by February 15, 2019. All results and  
46.28 information gathered from the study shall be  
46.29 made available for use by cities in southeast  
46.30 Minnesota by March 15, 2019. This  
46.31 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020.

46.32 (q) \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for a  
46.33 grant to Pillsbury United Communities for  
46.34 construction and renovation of a building in  
46.35 north Minneapolis for use as the "North

47.1 Market" grocery store and wellness center,  
47.2 focused on offering healthy food, increasing  
47.3 health care access, and providing job creation  
47.4 and economic opportunities in one place for  
47.5 children and families living in the area. To the  
47.6 extent possible, Pillsbury United Communities  
47.7 shall employ individuals who reside within a  
47.8 five mile radius of the grocery store and  
47.9 wellness center. This appropriation is not  
47.10 available until at least an equal amount of  
47.11 money is committed from nonstate sources.  
47.12 This appropriation is available until the project  
47.13 is completed or abandoned, subject to  
47.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.642.

47.15 (r) \$1,425,000 each year is for the business  
47.16 development competitive grant program. Of  
47.17 this amount, up to five percent is for  
47.18 administration and monitoring of the business  
47.19 development competitive grant program. All  
47.20 grant awards shall be for two consecutive  
47.21 years. Grants shall be awarded in the first year.

47.22 (s) \$875,000 each year is for the host  
47.23 community economic development grant  
47.24 program established in Minnesota Statutes,  
47.25 section 116J.548.

47.26 (t) \$700,000 each year is from the remediation  
47.27 fund for contaminated site cleanup and  
47.28 development grants under Minnesota Statutes,  
47.29 sections 116J.551 to 116J.558. This  
47.30 appropriation is available until spent.

47.31 (u) \$161,000 each year is from the workforce  
47.32 development fund for a grant to the Rural  
47.33 Policy and Development Center. This is a  
47.34 onetime appropriation.

48.1 (v) \$300,000 each year is from the workforce  
48.2 development fund for a grant to Enterprise  
48.3 Minnesota, Inc. This is a onetime  
48.4 appropriation.

48.5 (w) \$50,000 in fiscal year 2018 is from the  
48.6 workforce development fund for a grant to  
48.7 Fighting Chance for behavioral intervention  
48.8 programs for at-risk youth.

48.9 (x) \$1,350,000 each year is from the  
48.10 workforce development fund for job training  
48.11 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section  
48.12 116L.42.

48.13 (y)(1) \$519,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for  
48.14 grants to local communities to increase the  
48.15 supply of quality child care providers in order  
48.16 to support economic development. At least 60  
48.17 percent of grant funds must go to communities  
48.18 located outside of the seven-county  
48.19 metropolitan area, as defined under Minnesota  
48.20 Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2. Grant  
48.21 recipients must obtain a 50 percent nonstate  
48.22 match to grant funds in either cash or in-kind  
48.23 contributions. Grant funds available under this  
48.24 paragraph must be used to implement solutions  
48.25 to reduce the child care shortage in the state  
48.26 including but not limited to funding for child  
48.27 care business start-ups or expansions, training,  
48.28 facility modifications or improvements  
48.29 required for licensing, and assistance with  
48.30 licensing and other regulatory requirements.  
48.31 In awarding grants, the commissioner must  
48.32 give priority to communities that have  
48.33 documented a shortage of child care providers  
48.34 in the area.

49.1 (2) Within one year of receiving grant funds,  
49.2 grant recipients must report to the  
49.3 commissioner on the outcomes of the grant  
49.4 program including but not limited to the  
49.5 number of new providers, the number of  
49.6 additional child care provider jobs created, the  
49.7 number of additional child care slots, and the  
49.8 amount of local funds invested.

49.9 (3) By January 1 of each year, starting in 2019,  
49.10 the commissioner must report to the standing  
49.11 committees of the legislature having  
49.12 jurisdiction over child care and economic  
49.13 development on the outcomes of the program  
49.14 to date.

49.15 (z) \$319,000 in fiscal year 2018 is from the  
49.16 general fund for a grant to the East Phillips  
49.17 Improvement Coalition to create the East  
49.18 Phillips Neighborhood Institute (EPNI) to  
49.19 expand culturally tailored resources that  
49.20 address small business growth and create  
49.21 green jobs. The grant shall fund the  
49.22 collaborative work of Tamales y Bicicletas,  
49.23 Little Earth of the United Tribes, a nonprofit  
49.24 serving East Africans, and other coalition  
49.25 members ~~towards~~ toward developing EPNI as  
49.26 a community space to host activities including,  
49.27 but not limited to, creation and expansion of  
49.28 small businesses, culturally specific  
49.29 entrepreneurial activities, indoor urban  
49.30 farming, job training, education, and skills  
49.31 development for residents of this low-income,  
49.32 environmental justice designated  
49.33 neighborhood. Eligible uses for grant funds  
49.34 include, but are not limited to, planning and  
49.35 start-up costs, staff and consultant costs,

50.1 building improvements, rent, supplies, utilities,  
50.2 vehicles, marketing, and program activities.

50.3 The commissioner shall submit a report on  
50.4 grant activities and quantifiable outcomes to  
50.5 the committees of the house of representatives  
50.6 and the senate with jurisdiction over economic  
50.7 development by December 15, 2020. This  
50.8 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020.

50.9 (aa) \$150,000 the first year is from the  
50.10 renewable development account in the special  
50.11 revenue fund established in Minnesota  
50.12 Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, to  
50.13 conduct the biomass facility closure economic  
50.14 impact study.

50.15 (bb)(1)\$300,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for a  
50.16 grant to East Side Enterprise Center (ESEC)  
50.17 to expand culturally tailored resources that  
50.18 address small business growth and job  
50.19 creation. This appropriation is available until  
50.20 June 30, 2020. The appropriation shall fund  
50.21 the work of African Economic Development  
50.22 Solutions, the Asian Economic Development  
50.23 Association, the Dayton's Bluff Community  
50.24 Council, and the Latino Economic  
50.25 Development Center in a collaborative  
50.26 approach to economic development that is  
50.27 effective with smaller, culturally diverse  
50.28 communities that seek to increase the  
50.29 productivity and success of new immigrant  
50.30 and minority populations living and working  
50.31 in the community. Programs shall provide  
50.32 minority business growth and capacity  
50.33 building that generate wealth and jobs creation  
50.34 for local residents and business owners on the  
50.35 East Side of St. Paul.

51.1 (2) In fiscal year 2019 ESEC shall use funds  
51.2 to share its integrated service model and  
51.3 evolving collaboration principles with civic  
51.4 and economic development leaders in greater  
51.5 Minnesota communities which have diverse  
51.6 populations similar to the East Side of St. Paul.  
51.7 ESEC shall submit a report of activities and  
51.8 program outcomes, including quantifiable  
51.9 measures of success annually to the house of  
51.10 representatives and senate committees with  
51.11 jurisdiction over economic development.

51.12 (cc) \$150,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for a grant  
51.13 to Mille Lacs County for the purpose of  
51.14 reimbursement grants to small resort  
51.15 businesses located in the city of Isle with less  
51.16 than \$350,000 in annual revenue, at least four  
51.17 rental units, which are open during both  
51.18 summer and winter months, and whose  
51.19 business was adversely impacted by a decline  
51.20 in walleye fishing on Lake Mille Lacs.

51.21 (dd)(1) \$250,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for a  
51.22 grant to the Small Business Development  
51.23 Center hosted at Minnesota State University,  
51.24 Mankato, for a collaborative initiative with  
51.25 the Regional Center for Entrepreneurial  
51.26 Facilitation. Funds available under this section  
51.27 must be used to provide entrepreneur and  
51.28 small business development direct professional  
51.29 business assistance services in the following  
51.30 counties in Minnesota: Blue Earth, Brown,  
51.31 Faribault, Le Sueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley,  
51.32 Watonwan, and Waseca. For the purposes of  
51.33 this section, "direct professional business  
51.34 assistance services" must include, but is not  
51.35 limited to, pre-venture assistance for

52.1 individuals considering starting a business.  
 52.2 This appropriation is not available until the  
 52.3 commissioner determines that an equal amount  
 52.4 is committed from nonstate sources. Any  
 52.5 balance in the first year does not cancel and  
 52.6 is available for expenditure in the second year.

52.7 (2) Grant recipients shall report to the  
 52.8 commissioner by February 1 of each year and  
 52.9 include information on the number of  
 52.10 customers served in each county; the number  
 52.11 of businesses started, stabilized, or expanded;  
 52.12 the number of jobs created and retained; and  
 52.13 business success rates in each county. By April  
 52.14 1 of each year, the commissioner shall report  
 52.15 the information submitted by grant recipients  
 52.16 to the chairs of the standing committees of the  
 52.17 house of representatives and the senate having  
 52.18 jurisdiction over economic development  
 52.19 issues.

52.20 (ee) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for the  
 52.21 central Minnesota opportunity grant program  
 52.22 established under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 52.23 116J.9922. This appropriation is available until  
 52.24 June 30, 2022.

52.25 (ff) \$25,000 each year is for the administration  
 52.26 of state aid for the Destination Medical Center  
 52.27 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 469.40 to  
 52.28 469.47.

52.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2017.

52.30 Sec. 18. Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 7, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, as  
 52.31 amended by Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 12, section 4, and Laws 2020, chapter  
 52.32 112, section 1, is amended to read:

52.33 Subd. 2. <b>Business and Community Development</b>	44,931,000	42,381,000
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53.1	Appropriations by Fund		
53.2	General	40,756,000	38,206,000
53.3	Remediation	700,000	700,000
53.4	Workforce		
53.5	Development	3,475,000	3,475,000

53.6 (a) \$1,787,000 each year is for the greater  
 53.7 Minnesota business development public  
 53.8 infrastructure grant program under Minnesota  
 53.9 Statutes, section 116J.431. This appropriation  
 53.10 is available until June 30, 2023.

53.11 (b) \$1,425,000 each year is for the business  
 53.12 development competitive grant program. Of  
 53.13 this amount, up to five percent is for  
 53.14 administration and monitoring of the business  
 53.15 development competitive grant program. All  
 53.16 grant awards shall be for two consecutive  
 53.17 years. Grants shall be awarded in the first year.

53.18 (c) \$1,772,000 each year is for contaminated  
 53.19 site cleanup and development grants under  
 53.20 Minnesota Statutes, sections 116J.551 to  
 53.21 116J.558. This appropriation is available until  
 53.22 June 30, 2023.

53.23 (d) \$700,000 each year is from the remediation  
 53.24 fund for contaminated site cleanup and  
 53.25 development grants under Minnesota Statutes,  
 53.26 sections 116J.551 to 116J.558. This  
 53.27 appropriation is available until June 30, 2023.

53.28 (e) \$139,000 each year is for the Center for  
 53.29 Rural Policy and Development.

53.30 (f) \$25,000 each year is for the administration  
 53.31 of state aid for the Destination Medical Center  
 53.32 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 469.40 to  
 53.33 469.47.

- 54.1 (g) \$875,000 each year is for the host  
54.2 community economic development program  
54.3 established in Minnesota Statutes, section  
54.4 116J.548.
- 54.5 (h) \$125,000 each year is from the workforce  
54.6 development fund for a grant to the White  
54.7 Earth Nation for the White Earth Nation  
54.8 Integrated Business Development System to  
54.9 provide business assistance with workforce  
54.10 development, outreach, technical assistance,  
54.11 infrastructure and operational support,  
54.12 financing, and other business development  
54.13 activities. This is a onetime appropriation.
- 54.14 (i) \$450,000 each year is from the workforce  
54.15 development fund for a grant to Enterprise  
54.16 Minnesota, Inc. for the small business growth  
54.17 acceleration program under Minnesota  
54.18 Statutes, section 116O.115. This is a onetime  
54.19 appropriation.
- 54.20 (j) \$250,000 the first year is for a grant to the  
54.21 Rondo Community Land Trust for  
54.22 improvements to leased commercial space in  
54.23 the Selby Milton Victoria Project that will  
54.24 create long-term affordable space for small  
54.25 businesses and for build-out and development  
54.26 of new businesses.
- 54.27 (k) \$400,000 each year is from the workforce  
54.28 development fund for a grant to the  
54.29 Metropolitan Economic Development  
54.30 Association (MEDA) for statewide business  
54.31 development and assistance services, including  
54.32 services to entrepreneurs with businesses that  
54.33 have the potential to create job opportunities  
54.34 for unemployed and underemployed people,

55.1 with an emphasis on minority-owned  
55.2 businesses. This is a onetime appropriation.

55.3 (l) \$750,000 in fiscal year 2020 is for grants  
55.4 to local communities to increase the supply of  
55.5 quality child care providers to support  
55.6 economic development. At least 60 percent of  
55.7 grant funds must go to communities located  
55.8 outside of the seven-county metropolitan area  
55.9 as defined under Minnesota Statutes, section  
55.10 473.121, subdivision 2. Grant recipients must  
55.11 obtain a 50 percent nonstate match to grant  
55.12 funds in either cash or in-kind contributions.  
55.13 Grant funds available under this section must  
55.14 be used to implement projects to reduce the  
55.15 child care shortage in the state, including but  
55.16 not limited to funding for child care business  
55.17 start-ups or expansion, training, facility  
55.18 modifications or improvements required for  
55.19 licensing, and assistance with licensing and  
55.20 other regulatory requirements. In awarding  
55.21 grants, the commissioner must give priority  
55.22 to communities that have demonstrated a  
55.23 shortage of child care providers in the area.  
55.24 This is a onetime appropriation. Within one  
55.25 year of receiving grant funds, grant recipients  
55.26 must report to the commissioner on the  
55.27 outcomes of the grant program, including but  
55.28 not limited to the number of new providers,  
55.29 the number of additional child care provider  
55.30 jobs created, the number of additional child  
55.31 care slots, and the amount of cash and in-kind  
55.32 local funds invested.

55.33 (m) \$750,000 in fiscal year 2020 is for a grant  
55.34 to the Minnesota Initiative Foundations. This  
55.35 is a onetime appropriation and is available

56.1 until June 30, 2023. The Minnesota Initiative  
56.2 Foundations must use grant funds under this  
56.3 section to:

56.4 (1) facilitate planning processes for rural  
56.5 communities resulting in a community solution  
56.6 action plan that guides decision making to  
56.7 sustain and increase the supply of quality child  
56.8 care in the region to support economic  
56.9 development;

56.10 (2) engage the private sector to invest local  
56.11 resources to support the community solution  
56.12 action plan and ensure quality child care is a  
56.13 vital component of additional regional  
56.14 economic development planning processes;

56.15 (3) provide locally based training and technical  
56.16 assistance to rural child care business owners  
56.17 individually or through a learning cohort.  
56.18 Access to financial and business development  
56.19 assistance must prepare child care businesses  
56.20 for quality engagement and improvement by  
56.21 stabilizing operations, leveraging funding from  
56.22 other sources, and fostering business acumen  
56.23 that allows child care businesses to plan for  
56.24 and afford the cost of providing quality child  
56.25 care; or

56.26 (4) recruit child care programs to participate  
56.27 in Parent Aware, Minnesota's quality and  
56.28 improvement rating system, and other high  
56.29 quality measurement programs. The Minnesota  
56.30 Initiative Foundations must work with local  
56.31 partners to provide low-cost training,  
56.32 professional development opportunities, and  
56.33 continuing education curricula. The Minnesota  
56.34 Initiative Foundations must fund, through local  
56.35 partners, an enhanced level of coaching to

57.1 rural child care providers to obtain a quality  
57.2 rating through Parent Aware or other high  
57.3 quality measurement programs.

57.4 (n)(1) \$650,000 each year from the workforce  
57.5 development fund is for grants to the  
57.6 Neighborhood Development Center for small  
57.7 business programs. This is a onetime  
57.8 appropriation.

57.9 (2) Of the amount appropriated in the first  
57.10 year, \$150,000 is for outreach and training  
57.11 activities outside the seven-county  
57.12 metropolitan area, as defined in Minnesota  
57.13 Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2.

57.14 (o) \$8,000,000 each year is for the Minnesota  
57.15 job creation fund under Minnesota Statutes,  
57.16 section 116J.8748. Of this amount, the  
57.17 commissioner of employment and economic  
57.18 development may use up to three percent for  
57.19 administrative expenses. This appropriation  
57.20 is available until expended.

57.21 (p)(1) \$11,970,000 each year is for the  
57.22 Minnesota investment fund under Minnesota  
57.23 Statutes, section 116J.8731. Of this amount,  
57.24 the commissioner of employment and  
57.25 economic development may use up to three  
57.26 percent for administration and monitoring of  
57.27 the program. In fiscal year 2022 and beyond,  
57.28 the base amount is \$12,370,000. This  
57.29 appropriation is available until expended.

57.30 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
57.31 116J.8731, funds appropriated to the  
57.32 commissioner for the Minnesota investment  
57.33 fund may be used for the redevelopment  
57.34 program under Minnesota Statutes, sections  
57.35 116J.575 and 116J.5761, at the discretion of

58.1 the commissioner. Grants under this paragraph  
58.2 are not subject to the grant amount limitation  
58.3 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731.

58.4 (2) Of the amount appropriated in the first  
58.5 year, ~~\$2,000,000~~ \$3,000,000 is for a loan to a  
58.6 paper mill in Duluth for a retrofit project that  
58.7 will support the ~~operation and manufacture of~~  
58.8 packaging conversion of the existing Duluth  
58.9 paper mill for the manufacture of new paper  
58.10 grades. The company that owns the paper mill  
58.11 must ~~spend \$20,000,000 on invest~~  
58.12 \$25,000,000 in project activities by December  
58.13 ~~31, 2020~~ May 1, 2023, in order to be eligible  
58.14 to receive this loan. Loan funds may be used  
58.15 for purchases of materials, supplies, and  
58.16 equipment for the project and are available  
58.17 from ~~July 1, 2019~~ April 1, 2021, to ~~July 30,~~  
58.18 ~~2021~~ May 1, 2023. The commissioner of  
58.19 employment and economic development shall  
58.20 forgive 25 percent of the loan each year after  
58.21 the second year during a five-year period if  
58.22 the mill has retained at least ~~150~~ 80 full-time  
58.23 equivalent employees and has satisfied other  
58.24 performance goals and contractual obligations  
58.25 as required under Minnesota Statutes, section  
58.26 116J.8731.

58.27 (q) \$700,000 in fiscal year 2020 is for the  
58.28 airport infrastructure renewal (AIR) grant  
58.29 program under Minnesota Statutes, section  
58.30 116J.439.

58.31 (r) \$100,000 in fiscal year 2020 is for a grant  
58.32 to FIRST in Upper Midwest to support  
58.33 competitive robotics teams. Funds must be  
58.34 used to make up to five awards of no more  
58.35 than \$20,000 each to Minnesota-based public

59.1 entities or private nonprofit organizations for  
59.2 the creation of competitive robotics hubs.  
59.3 Awards may be used for tools, equipment, and  
59.4 physical space to be utilized by robotics teams.  
59.5 At least 50 percent of grant funds must be used  
59.6 outside of the seven-county metropolitan area,  
59.7 as defined under Minnesota Statutes, section  
59.8 473.121, subdivision 2. The grant recipient  
59.9 shall report to the chairs and ranking minority  
59.10 members of the legislative committees with  
59.11 jurisdiction over jobs and economic growth  
59.12 by February 1, 2021, on the status of awards  
59.13 and include information on the number and  
59.14 amount of awards made, the number of  
59.15 customers served, and any outcomes resulting  
59.16 from the grant. The grant requires a 50 percent  
59.17 match from nonstate sources.

59.18 (s) \$1,000,000 each year is for the Minnesota  
59.19 emerging entrepreneur loan program under  
59.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 116M.18. Funds  
59.21 available under this paragraph are for transfer  
59.22 into the emerging entrepreneur program  
59.23 special revenue fund account created under  
59.24 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116M, and are  
59.25 available until expended. Of this amount, up  
59.26 to four percent is for administration and  
59.27 monitoring of the program.

59.28 (t) \$163,000 each year is for the Minnesota  
59.29 Film and TV Board. The appropriation in each  
59.30 year is available only upon receipt by the  
59.31 board of \$1 in matching contributions of  
59.32 money or in-kind contributions from nonstate  
59.33 sources for every \$3 provided by this  
59.34 appropriation, except that each year up to  
59.35 \$50,000 is available on July 1 even if the

60.1 required matching contribution has not been  
60.2 received by that date.

60.3 (u) \$12,000 each year is for a grant to the  
60.4 Upper Minnesota Film Office.

60.5 (v) \$500,000 each year is from the general  
60.6 fund for a grant to the Minnesota Film and TV  
60.7 Board for the film production jobs program  
60.8 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116U.26.

60.9 This appropriation is available until June 30,  
60.10 2023.

60.11 (w) \$4,195,000 each year is for the Minnesota  
60.12 job skills partnership program under  
60.13 Minnesota Statutes, sections 116L.01 to  
60.14 116L.17. If the appropriation for either year  
60.15 is insufficient, the appropriation for the other  
60.16 year is available. This appropriation is  
60.17 available until expended.

60.18 (x) \$1,350,000 each year is from the  
60.19 workforce development fund for jobs training  
60.20 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section  
60.21 116L.42.

60.22 (y) \$2,500,000 each year is for Launch  
60.23 Minnesota. This is a onetime appropriation  
60.24 and funds are available until June 30, 2023.

60.25 Of this amount:

60.26 (1) \$1,600,000 each year is for innovation  
60.27 grants to eligible Minnesota entrepreneurs or  
60.28 start-up businesses to assist with their  
60.29 operating needs;

60.30 (2) \$450,000 each year is for administration  
60.31 of Launch Minnesota; and

60.32 (3) \$450,000 each year is for grantee activities  
60.33 at Launch Minnesota.

61.1 (z) \$500,000 each year is from the workforce  
 61.2 development fund for a grant to Youthprise  
 61.3 to give grants through a competitive process  
 61.4 to community organizations to provide  
 61.5 economic development services designed to  
 61.6 enhance long-term economic self-sufficiency  
 61.7 in communities with concentrated East African  
 61.8 populations. Such communities include but  
 61.9 are not limited to Faribault, Rochester, St.  
 61.10 Cloud, Moorhead, and Willmar. To the extent  
 61.11 possible, Youthprise must make at least 50  
 61.12 percent of these grants to organizations serving  
 61.13 communities located outside the seven-county  
 61.14 metropolitan area, as defined in Minnesota  
 61.15 Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2. This  
 61.16 is a onetime appropriation and is available  
 61.17 until June 30, 2022.

61.18 (aa) \$125,000 each year is for a grant to the  
 61.19 Hmong Chamber of Commerce to train  
 61.20 ethnically Southeast Asian business owners  
 61.21 and operators in better business practices. This  
 61.22 is a onetime appropriation and is available  
 61.23 until June 30, 2023.

61.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2019.

61.25 Sec. 19. Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 7, article 2, section 8, is amended to  
 61.26 read:

61.27 Sec. 8. **LAUNCH MINNESOTA.**

61.28 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** Launch Minnesota is established within the Business  
 61.29 and Community Development Division of the Department of Employment and Economic  
 61.30 Development to encourage and support the development of new private sector technologies  
 61.31 and support the science and technology policies under Minnesota Statutes, section 3.222.  
 61.32 Launch Minnesota must provide entrepreneurs and emerging technology-based companies  
 61.33 business development assistance and financial assistance to spur growth.

62.1 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the terms defined in this subdivision  
62.2 have the meanings given.

62.3 (b) "Advisory board" means the board established under subdivision 9.

62.4 (c) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of employment and economic development.

62.5 (d) "Department" means the Department of Employment and Economic Development.

62.6 (e) "Entrepreneur" means a Minnesota resident who is involved in establishing a business  
62.7 entity and secures resources directed to its growth while bearing the risk of loss.

62.8 (f) "Greater Minnesota" means the area of Minnesota located outside of the metropolitan  
62.9 area as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2.

62.10 (g) ~~"High technology" includes aerospace, agricultural processing, renewable energy,~~  
62.11 ~~energy efficiency and conservation, environmental engineering, food technology, cellulose~~  
62.12 ~~ethanol, information technology, materials science technology, nanotechnology,~~  
62.13 ~~telecommunications, biotechnology, medical device products, pharmaceuticals, diagnostics,~~  
62.14 ~~biologicals, chemistry, veterinary science, and similar fields. "Innovative technology and~~  
62.15 ~~business" means a new novel business model or product; a derivative product incorporating~~  
62.16 ~~new elements into an existing product; a new use for a product; or a new process or method~~  
62.17 ~~for the manufacture, use, or assessment of any product or activity, patentability, or scalability.~~  
62.18 ~~Innovative technology or business model does not include locally based retail, lifestyle, or~~  
62.19 ~~business services. The business must not be primarily engaged in real estate development,~~  
62.20 ~~insurance, banking, lending, lobbying, political consulting, information technology~~  
62.21 ~~consulting, wholesale or retail trade, leisure, hospitality, transportation, construction, ethanol~~  
62.22 ~~production from corn, or professional services provided by attorneys, accountants, business~~  
62.23 ~~consultants, physicians, or health care consultants.~~

62.24 (h) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section  
62.25 136A.28, subdivision 6.

62.26 (i) "Minority group member" means a United States citizen or lawful permanent resident  
62.27 who is Asian, Pacific Islander, Black, Hispanic, or Native American.

62.28 ~~(j) "Minority-owned business" means a business for which one or more minority group~~  
62.29 ~~members:~~

62.30 ~~(1) own at least 50 percent of the business or, in the case of a publicly owned business,~~  
62.31 ~~own at least 51 percent of the stock; and~~

62.32 ~~(2) manage the business and control the daily business operations.~~

63.1 ~~(k)~~ (j) "Research and development" means any activity that is:

63.2 (1) a systematic, intensive study directed toward greater knowledge or understanding  
63.3 of the subject studies;

63.4 (2) a systematic study directed specifically toward applying new knowledge to meet a  
63.5 recognized need; or

63.6 (3) a systematic application of knowledge toward the production of useful materials,  
63.7 devices, systems and methods, including design, development and improvement of prototypes  
63.8 and new processes to meet specific requirements.

63.9 ~~(j)~~ (k) "Start-up" means a business entity that has been in operation for less than ten  
63.10 years, has operations in Minnesota, and is in the development stage defined as devoting  
63.11 substantially all of its efforts to establishing a new business and either of the following  
63.12 conditions exists:

63.13 (1) planned principal operations have not commenced; or

63.14 (2) planned principal operations have commenced, but have generated less than  
63.15 \$1,000,000 in revenue.

63.16 ~~(m)~~ (l) "Technology-related assistance" means the application and utilization of  
63.17 technological-information and technologies to assist in the development and production of  
63.18 new technology-related products or services or to increase the productivity or otherwise  
63.19 enhance the production or delivery of existing products or services.

63.20 ~~(n)~~ (m) "Trade association" means a nonprofit membership organization organized to  
63.21 promote businesses and business conditions and having an election under Internal Revenue  
63.22 Code section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6).

63.23 ~~(o)~~ (n) "Veteran" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 197.447.

63.24 ~~(p)~~ "Women" means persons of the female gender.

63.25 ~~(q)~~ "Women-owned business" means a business for which one or more women:

63.26 (1) own at least 50 percent of the business or, in the case of a publicly owned business,  
63.27 own at least 51 percent of the stock; and

63.28 (2) manage the business and control the daily business operations.

63.29 Subd. 3. **Duties.** The commissioner, by and through Launch Minnesota, shall:

63.30 (1) support innovation and initiatives designed to accelerate the growth of ~~high-technology~~  
63.31 innovative technology and business start-ups in Minnesota;

64.1 (2) in partnership with other organizations, offer classes and instructional sessions on  
 64.2 how to start a ~~high-tech and innovative~~ an innovative technology and business start-up;

64.3 (3) promote activities for entrepreneurs and investors regarding the state's growing  
 64.4 innovation economy;

64.5 (4) hold events and meetings that gather key stakeholders in the state's innovation sector;

64.6 (5) conduct outreach and education on innovation activities and related financial programs  
 64.7 available from the department and other organizations, particularly for underserved  
 64.8 communities;

64.9 (6) interact and collaborate with statewide partners including but not limited to businesses,  
 64.10 nonprofits, trade associations, and higher education institutions;

64.11 (7) administer an advisory board to assist with direction, grant application review,  
 64.12 program evaluation, report development, and partnerships;

64.13 (8) accept grant applications under subdivisions 5, 6, and 7 and work with the advisory  
 64.14 board to review and prioritize the applications and provide recommendations to the  
 64.15 commissioner; and

64.16 (9) perform other duties at the commissioner's discretion.

64.17 Subd. 4. **Administration.** (a) The ~~department~~ commissioner shall employ an executive  
 64.18 director in the unclassified service, one staff member to support Launch Minnesota, and  
 64.19 one staff member in the business and community development division to manage grants.  
 64.20 The executive director shall:

64.21 (1) assist the commissioner and the advisory board in performing the duties of Launch  
 64.22 Minnesota; and

64.23 (2) comply with all state and federal program requirements, and all state and federal  
 64.24 securities and tax laws and regulations.

64.25 (b) ~~To the extent possible, the space that~~ Launch Minnesota ~~shall~~ may occupy and lease  
 64.26 ~~must be~~ physical space in a private coworking facility that includes office space for staff  
 64.27 and space for community engagement for training entrepreneurs. The physical space leased  
 64.28 under this paragraph is exempt from the requirements in Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.24,  
 64.29 subdivision 6.

64.30 (c) At least three times per month, Launch Minnesota staff shall ~~visit~~ communicate with  
 64.31 organizations in greater Minnesota that have received a grant under subdivision 7. To the

65.1 extent possible, Launch Minnesota shall form partnerships with organizations located  
65.2 throughout the state.

65.3 (d) Launch Minnesota must accept grant applications under this section and provide  
65.4 funding recommendations to the commissioner, ~~who~~ and the commissioner shall distribute  
65.5 grants based in part on the recommendations.

65.6 Subd. 5. **Application process.** (a) The commissioner shall establish the application form  
65.7 and procedures for grants.

65.8 (b) Upon receiving recommendations from Launch Minnesota, the ~~department~~  
65.9 commissioner is responsible for evaluating all applications using evaluation criteria which  
65.10 shall be developed by Launch Minnesota in consultation with the advisory board ~~and the~~  
65.11 ~~commissioner~~.

65.12 (c) For grants under subdivision 6, priority shall be given if the applicant is:

65.13 (1) a business or entrepreneur located in greater Minnesota; or

65.14 (2) a business owner, individual with a disability, or entrepreneur who is a woman,  
65.15 veteran, or minority group member.

65.16 (d) For grants under subdivision 7, priority shall be given if the applicant is planning to  
65.17 serve:

65.18 (1) businesses or entrepreneurs located in greater Minnesota; or

65.19 (2) business owners, individuals with disabilities, or entrepreneurs who are women,  
65.20 veterans, or minority group members.

65.21 (e) The department staff, and not Launch Minnesota staff, ~~is~~ are responsible for awarding  
65.22 funding, disbursing funds, and monitoring grantee performance for all grants awarded under  
65.23 this section.

65.24 (f) Grantees must provide matching funds by equal expenditures and grant payments  
65.25 must be provided on a reimbursement basis after review of submitted receipts by the  
65.26 department.

65.27 (g) Grant applications must be accepted on a regular periodic basis by Launch Minnesota  
65.28 and must be reviewed by Launch Minnesota and the advisory board before being submitted  
65.29 to the commissioner with their recommendations.

65.30 Subd. 6. **Innovation grants.** (a) The commissioner shall distribute innovation grants  
65.31 under this subdivision.

66.1 (b) The commissioner shall provide a grant of up to \$35,000 to an eligible business or  
 66.2 entrepreneur for research and development expenses, direct business expenses, and the  
 66.3 purchase of technical assistance or services from public higher education institutions and  
 66.4 nonprofit entities. Research and development expenditures may include but are not limited  
 66.5 to proof of concept activities, intellectual property protection, prototype designs and  
 66.6 production, and commercial feasibility. Expenditures funded under this subdivision are not  
 66.7 eligible for the research and development tax credit under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 66.8 290.068. Direct business expenses may include rent, equipment purchases, and supplier  
 66.9 invoices. Taxes imposed by federal, state, or local government entities may not be reimbursed  
 66.10 under this paragraph. Technical assistance or services must be purchased to assist in the  
 66.11 development or commercialization of a product or service to be eligible. Each business or  
 66.12 entrepreneur may receive only one grant per biennium under this paragraph.

66.13 ~~(e) The commissioner shall provide a grant of up to \$7,500 to reimburse an entrepreneur~~  
 66.14 ~~for housing or child care expenses for the entrepreneur or their spouse or children. Each~~  
 66.15 ~~entrepreneur may receive only one grant per biennium under this paragraph.~~

66.16 ~~(d)~~ (c) The commissioner shall provide a grant of up to \$35,000 in Phase 1 or \$50,000  
 66.17 in Phase 2 to an eligible business or entrepreneur that, as a registered client of the Small  
 66.18 Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program, has been awarded a first time Phase 1 or  
 66.19 Phase 2 award pursuant to the SBIR or Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR)  
 66.20 programs after July 1, 2019. Each business or entrepreneur may receive only one grant per  
 66.21 biennium under this paragraph. Grants under this paragraph are not subject to the  
 66.22 requirements of subdivision 2, paragraph ~~(j)~~ (k), but do require a recommendation from the  
 66.23 Launch Minnesota advisory board.

66.24 Subd. 7. **Entrepreneur education grants.** (a) The commissioner shall make entrepreneur  
 66.25 education grants to institutions of higher education and other organizations to provide  
 66.26 educational programming to entrepreneurs and provide outreach to and collaboration with  
 66.27 businesses, federal and state agencies, institutions of higher education, trade associations,  
 66.28 and other organizations working to advance innovative, ~~high~~ technology businesses  
 66.29 throughout Minnesota.

66.30 (b) Applications for entrepreneur education grants under this subdivision must be  
 66.31 submitted to the commissioner and evaluated by department staff other than Launch  
 66.32 Minnesota. The evaluation criteria must be developed by Launch Minnesota, in consultation  
 66.33 with the advisory board, and the commissioner, and priority must be given to an applicant  
 66.34 who demonstrates activity assisting ~~businesses~~ business owners or entrepreneurs residing  
 66.35 in greater Minnesota or who are women, veterans, or minority group members.

67.1 (c) Department staff other than Launch Minnesota staff ~~is~~ are responsible for awarding  
67.2 funding, disbursing funds, and monitoring grantee performance under this subdivision.

67.3 (d) Grantees may use the grant funds to deliver the following services:

67.4 (1) development and delivery to ~~high~~ high innovative technology businesses of industry  
67.5 specific or innovative product or process specific counseling on issues of business formation,  
67.6 market structure, market research and strategies, securing first mover advantage or  
67.7 overcoming barriers to entry, protecting intellectual property, and securing debt or equity  
67.8 capital. This counseling is to be delivered in a classroom setting or using distance media  
67.9 presentations;

67.10 (2) outreach and education to businesses and organizations on the small business  
67.11 investment tax credit program under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8737, the MNvest  
67.12 crowd-funding program under Minnesota Statutes, section 80A.461, and other state programs  
67.13 that support ~~high~~ high innovative technology business creation especially in underserved  
67.14 communities;

67.15 (3) collaboration with institutions of higher education, local organizations, federal and  
67.16 state agencies, the Small Business Development Center, and the Small Business Assistance  
67.17 Office to create and offer educational programming and ongoing counseling in greater  
67.18 Minnesota that is consistent with those services offered in the metropolitan area; and

67.19 (4) events and meetings with other innovation-related organizations to inform  
67.20 entrepreneurs and potential investors about Minnesota's growing ~~information~~ innovation  
67.21 economy.

67.22 Subd. 8. **Report.** (a) Launch Minnesota shall report by December 31, 2022, and again  
67.23 by December 31, 2023, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees of  
67.24 the house of representatives and senate having jurisdiction over economic development  
67.25 policy and finance. Each report shall include information on the work completed, including  
67.26 awards made by the department under this section and progress toward transferring ~~some~~  
67.27 the activities of Launch Minnesota to an entity outside of state government.

67.28 (b) By December 31, 2024, Launch Minnesota shall provide a comprehensive transition  
67.29 plan to the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees of the house of  
67.30 representatives and senate having jurisdiction over economic development policy and  
67.31 finance. The transition plan shall include: (1) a detailed strategy for the transfer of Launch  
67.32 Minnesota activities to an entity outside of state government; (2) the projected date of the  
67.33 transfer; and (3) the role of the state, if any, in ongoing activities of Launch Minnesota or  
67.34 its successor entity.

68.1 Subd. 9. **Advisory board.** (a) The commissioner shall establish an advisory board to  
68.2 advise the executive director regarding the activities of Launch Minnesota, make the  
68.3 recommendations described in this section, and develop and initiate a strategic plan for  
68.4 transferring some activities of Launch Minnesota to a new or existing public-private  
68.5 partnership or nonprofit organization outside of state government.

68.6 (b) The advisory board shall consist of ten members and is governed by Minnesota  
68.7 Statutes, section 15.059. A minimum of seven members must be from the private sector  
68.8 representing business and at least two members but no more than three members must be  
68.9 from government and higher education. At least three of the members of the advisory board  
68.10 shall be from greater Minnesota and at least three members shall be minority group members.  
68.11 Appointees shall represent a range of interests, including entrepreneurs, large businesses,  
68.12 industry organizations, investors, and both public and private small business service  
68.13 providers.

68.14 (c) The advisory board shall select a chair from its private sector members. The executive  
68.15 director shall provide administrative support to the committee.

68.16 (d) The commissioner, or a designee, shall serve as an ex-officio, nonvoting member of  
68.17 the advisory board.

68.18 Subd. 10. **Expiration.** This section expires January 1, ~~2024~~ 2026.

68.19 **Sec. 20. ONETIME EXCEPTION TO RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF MINNESOTA**  
68.20 **INVESTMENT FUND LOCAL GOVERNMENT LOAN REPAYMENT FUNDS.**

68.21 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731, a home rule charter or  
68.22 statutory city, county, or town that has uncommitted money received from repayment of  
68.23 funds awarded under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731, may choose to transfer 20  
68.24 percent of the balance of that money to the state general fund before June 30, 2022. Any  
68.25 local entity that does so may then use the remaining 80 percent of the uncommitted money  
68.26 as a general purpose aid for any lawful expenditure.

68.27 (b) By February 15, 2023, a home rule charter or statutory city, county, or town that  
68.28 exercises the option under paragraph (a) shall submit to the chairs of the legislative  
68.29 committees with jurisdiction over economic development policy and finance an accounting  
68.30 and explanation of the use and distribution of the funds.

69.1 Sec. 21. **MINNESOTA INVESTMENT FUND AND MINNESOTA JOB CREATION**  
69.2 **FUND REQUIREMENTS EXTENSIONS.**

69.3 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a recipient of a Minnesota Investment  
69.4 Fund grant under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731, or a recipient of a Minnesota Job  
69.5 Creation Fund grant under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8748, who is unable to meet  
69.6 the minimum capital investment requirements, wage, or minimum job creation goals or  
69.7 requirements provided in a business subsidy agreement, as applicable, during or within the  
69.8 12-month period following a peacetime emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic shall  
69.9 be granted an extension until December 31, 2022, to meet those capital investment, wage,  
69.10 or job creation goals or requirements before the grant must be repaid.

69.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from March 15, 2020.

69.12 Sec. 22. **MAIN STREET COVID-19 RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM.**

69.13 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have  
69.14 the meanings given.

69.15 (b) "Business" means both for-profit businesses and nonprofit organizations that earn  
69.16 revenue in ways similar to businesses, including but not limited to ticket sales and  
69.17 membership fees.

69.18 (c) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of employment and economic development.

69.19 (d) "Partner organization" or "Partner" means the Minnesota Initiative Foundations and  
69.20 nonprofit corporations on the certified lenders list that the commissioner determines to be  
69.21 qualified to provide grants to businesses under this section.

69.22 (e) "Program" means the Main Street COVID-19 relief grant program under this section.

69.23 Subd. 2. **Establishment.** The commissioner shall establish the Main Street COVID-19  
69.24 relief grant program to make grants to partner organizations to make grants to businesses  
69.25 that have been directly or indirectly impacted by executive orders related to the COVID-19  
69.26 pandemic.

69.27 Subd. 3. **Grants to partner organizations.** (a) The commissioner shall make grants to  
69.28 partner organizations to provide grants to businesses under subdivision 4 or 5 using criteria,  
69.29 forms, applications, and reporting requirements developed by the commissioner.

69.30 (b) Up to four percent of a grant under this subdivision may be used by the partner  
69.31 organization for administration and monitoring of the program.

70.1 (c) Any funds not spent by partner organizations by June 30, 2022, must be returned to  
 70.2 the commissioner and canceled back to the general fund.

70.3 Subd. 4. Grants to businesses. (a) Partners shall make grants to businesses using criteria,  
 70.4 forms, applications, and reporting requirements developed by the commissioner.

70.5 (b) To be eligible for a grant under this subdivision, a business must:

70.6 (1) have primary business operations located in the state of Minnesota;

70.7 (2) be at least 50 percent owned by a resident of the state of Minnesota;

70.8 (3) employ the equivalent of 200 full-time workers or less;

70.9 (4) be able to demonstrate financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak; and

70.10 (5) include as part of their application a business plan for continued operation.

70.11 (c) Preference shall be given to businesses that did not receive previous assistance from  
 70.12 the state under:

70.13 (1) the governor's Executive Order No. 20-15;

70.14 (2) Laws 2020, First Special Session chapter 1, section 4; or

70.15 (3) Laws 2020, Seventh Special Session chapter 2, article 4 or 5.

70.16 (d) Grants under this subdivision shall be awarded by randomized selection process after  
 70.17 applications are collected over a period of no more than ten calendar days.

70.18 (e) Grants under this subdivision shall be for the following amounts:

70.19 (1) for businesses employing the equivalent of six full-time employees or less, \$10,000;

70.20 (2) for businesses employing the equivalent of more than six full-time employees, but  
 70.21 less than 50, \$15,000;

70.22 (3) for businesses employing the equivalent of 50 or more full-time employees, but less  
 70.23 than 100, \$20,000; and

70.24 (4) for businesses employing the equivalent of 100 or more full-time employees, \$25,000.

70.25 (f) No business may receive more than one grant under this section.

70.26 (g) Grant funds must be used for working capital to support payroll expenses, rent or  
 70.27 mortgage payments, utility bills, and other similar expenses that occur or have occurred  
 70.28 since March 13, 2020, in the regular course of business, but not to refinance debt that existed  
 70.29 at the time of the governor's COVID-19 peacetime emergency declaration.

71.1 Subd. 5. Grants to businesses renting space to other businesses. (a) Partners shall  
 71.2 make grants to businesses using criteria, forms, applications, and reporting requirements  
 71.3 developed by the commissioner.

71.4 (b) To be eligible for a grant under this subdivision, a business must:

71.5 (1) be an operator of privately owned permanent indoor retail space that has an ethnic  
 71.6 cultural emphasis and at least 12 tenants that are primarily businesses with fewer than 20  
 71.7 employees;

71.8 (2) have primary business operations located in the state of Minnesota;

71.9 (3) be owned by a resident of the state of Minnesota;

71.10 (4) employ the equivalent of 200 full-time workers or less;

71.11 (5) be able to demonstrate financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak; and

71.12 (6) include as part of their application a business plan for continued operation.

71.13 (c) Grants under this subdivision shall be for no more than \$300,000 and in an amount  
 71.14 proportional to the number of tenants.

71.15 (d) Up to \$25,000 of grant funds a business receives may be used for working capital  
 71.16 to support payroll expenses, rent or mortgage payments, utility bills, and other similar  
 71.17 expenses that occur or have occurred since March 13, 2020, in the regular course of business,  
 71.18 but not to refinance debt that existed at the time of the governor's COVID-19 peacetime  
 71.19 emergency declaration.

71.20 (e) The remainder of grant funds must be used to maintain existing tenants of the operator  
 71.21 through the issuing of credits or forgiveness of rent. Any tenant receiving such a benefit  
 71.22 from the grant must meet the requirements under subdivision 4, paragraph (b), and shall  
 71.23 receive preference according to subdivision 4, paragraph (c).

71.24 Subd. 6. Distribution of awards. (a) Of grant funds awarded under subdivision 4, a  
 71.25 minimum of:

71.26 (1) \$18,000,000 must be awarded to businesses that employ the equivalent of six full-time  
 71.27 workers or less;

71.28 (2) \$10,000,000 must be awarded to minority business enterprises, as defined in  
 71.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 116M.14, subdivision 5;

71.30 (3) \$2,500,000 must be awarded to businesses that are majority owned and operated by  
 71.31 veterans as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 197.447; and

72.1 (4) \$2,500,000 must be awarded to businesses that are majority owned and operated by  
 72.2 women.

72.3 (b) \$3,000,000 of available program funds must be awarded as grants under subdivision  
 72.4 5.

72.5 Subd. 7. **Exemptions.** All grants and grant making processes under this section are  
 72.6 exempt from Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.15, subdivision 3; 16B.97; and 16B.98,  
 72.7 subdivisions 5, 7, and 8. The commissioner must audit the use of grant funds under this  
 72.8 section in accordance with standard accounting practices. The exemptions under this  
 72.9 subdivision expire on December 31, 2021.

72.10 Subd. 8. **Reports.** (a) By January 31, 2022, partner organizations participating in the  
 72.11 program must provide a report to the commissioner that includes descriptions of the  
 72.12 businesses supported by the program, the amounts granted, and an explanation of  
 72.13 administrative expenses.

72.14 (b) By February 15, 2022, the commissioner must report to the legislative committees  
 72.15 in the house of representatives and senate with jurisdiction over economic development  
 72.16 about grants made under this section based on the information received under paragraph  
 72.17 (a).

### 72.18 **ARTICLE 3**

### 72.19 **LABOR AND INDUSTRY**

72.20 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 13.7905, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 72.21 to read:

72.22 Subd. 8. **Data on individuals who are minors.** Disclosure of data on minors is governed  
 72.23 by section 181A.112.

72.24 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 178.012, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

72.25 Subdivision 1. **Apprenticeship rules.** Federal regulations governing apprenticeship in  
 72.26 effect on ~~July 1, 2013~~ January 18, 2017, as provided by Code of Federal Regulations, title  
 72.27 29, ~~part parts~~ parts 29, sections 29.1 to 29.6 and 29.11, and 30, are the apprenticeship rules in  
 72.28 this state, subject to amendment by this chapter or by rule under section 178.041.

73.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 181.939, is amended to read:

73.2 **181.939 NURSING MOTHERS, LACTATING EMPLOYEES, AND PREGNANCY**  
 73.3 **ACCOMMODATIONS.**

73.4 **Subdivision 1. Nursing mothers.** (a) An employer must provide reasonable ~~unpaid~~  
 73.5 break ~~time~~ times each day to an employee who needs to express breast milk for her infant  
 73.6 child during the twelve months following the birth of the child. The break ~~time~~ times must,  
 73.7 if possible, run concurrently with any break ~~time~~ times already provided to the employee.  
 73.8 An employer is not required to provide break ~~time~~ times under this section if to do so would  
 73.9 unduly disrupt the operations of the employer. An employer shall not reduce an employee's  
 73.10 compensation for time used for the purpose of expressing milk.

73.11 (b) The employer must make reasonable efforts to provide a room or other location, in  
 73.12 close proximity to the work area, other than a bathroom or a toilet stall, that is shielded from  
 73.13 view and free from intrusion from coworkers and the public and that includes access to an  
 73.14 electrical outlet, where the employee can express ~~her~~ milk in privacy. The employer would  
 73.15 be held harmless if reasonable effort has been made.

73.16 (c) For the purposes of this ~~section~~ subdivision, "employer" means a person or entity  
 73.17 that employs one or more employees and includes the state and its political subdivisions.

73.18 (d) An employer ~~may~~ shall not retaliate against an employee for asserting rights or  
 73.19 remedies under this ~~section~~ subdivision.

73.20 **Subd. 2. Pregnancy accommodations.** (a) An employer must provide reasonable  
 73.21 accommodations to an employee for health conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth  
 73.22 upon request, with the advice of a licensed health care provider or certified doula, unless  
 73.23 the employer demonstrates that the accommodation would impose an undue hardship on  
 73.24 the operation of the employer's business. A pregnant employee shall not be required to  
 73.25 obtain the advice of a licensed health care provider or certified doula, nor may an employer  
 73.26 claim undue hardship for the following accommodations: (1) more frequent restroom, food,  
 73.27 and water breaks; (2) seating; and (3) limits on lifting over 20 pounds. The employee and  
 73.28 employer shall engage in an interactive process with respect to an employee's request for a  
 73.29 reasonable accommodation. "Reasonable accommodation" may include but is not limited  
 73.30 to temporary transfer to a less strenuous or hazardous position, seating, frequent restroom  
 73.31 breaks, and limits to heavy lifting. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subdivision,  
 73.32 an employer shall not be required to create a new or additional position in order to  
 73.33 accommodate an employee pursuant to this subdivision and shall not be required to discharge  
 73.34 an employee, transfer another employee with greater seniority, or promote an employee.

74.1 (b) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to affect any other provision of law  
74.2 relating to sex discrimination or pregnancy or in any way diminish the coverage of pregnancy,  
74.3 childbirth, or health conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth under any other provisions  
74.4 of any other law.

74.5 (c) An employer shall not require an employee to take a leave or accept an  
74.6 accommodation.

74.7 (d) An employer shall not retaliate against an employee for asserting rights or remedies  
74.8 under this subdivision.

74.9 (e) For the purposes of this subdivision, "employer" means a person or entity that employs  
74.10 fifteen or more employees and includes the state and its political subdivisions.

74.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022.

74.12 **Sec. 4. [181A.112] DATA ON INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE MINORS.**

74.13 (a) When the commissioner collects, creates, receives, maintains, or disseminates the  
74.14 following data on individuals who the commissioner knows are minors, the data are  
74.15 considered private data on individuals, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12, except  
74.16 for data classified as public data according to section 13.43:

74.17 (1) name;

74.18 (2) date of birth;

74.19 (3) Social Security number;

74.20 (4) telephone number;

74.21 (5) e-mail address;

74.22 (6) physical or mailing address;

74.23 (7) location data;

74.24 (8) online account access information; and

74.25 (9) other data that would identify participants who have registered for events, programs,  
74.26 or classes sponsored by the Department of Labor and Industry.

74.27 (b) Data about minors classified under this section maintain their classification as private  
74.28 data on individuals after the individual is no longer a minor.

75.1 Sec. 5. [299F.48] AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN EXISTING PUBLIC  
 75.2 HOUSING BUILDINGS.

75.3 Subdivision 1. **Requirements.** (a) An automatic sprinkler system must be installed in  
 75.4 those portions of an entire existing public housing building in which an automatic sprinkler  
 75.5 system would be required if the building were constructed on the effective date of this  
 75.6 section. The automatic sprinkler system must comply with standards in the State Fire Code  
 75.7 and the State Building Code and must be fully operational by August 1, 2033.

75.8 (b) For the purposes of this section, "public housing building" means housing for  
 75.9 low-income persons and households financed by the federal government and owned and  
 75.10 operated by the public housing authorities and agencies formed by cities and counties in  
 75.11 which at least one story used for human occupancy is 75 feet or more above the lowest level  
 75.12 of fire department vehicle access.

75.13 Subd. 2. **Reporting.** By August 1, 2023, the owner of a building subject to subdivision  
 75.14 1 shall submit to the state fire marshal a letter stating the owner's intent to comply with this  
 75.15 section and a plan for achieving compliance by the deadline in subdivision 1.

75.16 Subd. 3. **Extensions.** The commissioner of public safety, or the state fire marshal as the  
 75.17 commissioner's designee, may grant extensions to the deadline for reporting under subdivision  
 75.18 2 or the deadline for compliance under subdivision 1. Any extension must observe the spirit  
 75.19 and intent of this section and be tailored to ensure public welfare and safety. To be eligible  
 75.20 for an extension, the building owner must apply to the commissioner of public safety and  
 75.21 demonstrate a genuine inability to comply within the time prescribed despite appropriate  
 75.22 effort to do so.

75.23 Subd. 4. **Effect on other laws.** This section does not supersede the State Building Code  
 75.24 or State Fire Code.

75.25 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.07, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

75.26 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** (a) The Construction Codes Advisory Council consists of  
 75.27 the following members:

75.28 (1) the commissioner or the commissioner's designee representing the department's  
 75.29 Construction Codes and Licensing Division;

75.30 (2) the commissioner of public safety or the commissioner of public safety's designee  
 75.31 representing the Department of Public Safety's State Fire Marshal Division;

76.1 (3) one member, appointed by the commissioner, with expertise in and engaged in each  
76.2 of the following occupations or industries:

76.3 (i) certified building officials;

76.4 (ii) fire chiefs or fire marshals;

76.5 (iii) licensed architects;

76.6 (iv) licensed professional engineers;

76.7 (v) commercial building owners and managers;

76.8 (vi) the licensed residential building industry;

76.9 (vii) the commercial building industry;

76.10 (viii) the heating and ventilation industry;

76.11 (ix) a member of the Plumbing Board;

76.12 (x) a member of the Board of Electricity;

76.13 (xi) a member of the Board of High Pressure Piping Systems;

76.14 (xii) the boiler industry;

76.15 (xiii) the manufactured housing industry;

76.16 (xiv) public utility suppliers;

76.17 (xv) the Minnesota Building and Construction Trades Council; ~~and~~

76.18 (xvi) local units of government;

76.19 (xvii) the energy conservation industry; and

76.20 (xviii) building accessibility.

76.21 (b) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee representing the department's  
76.22 Construction Codes and Licensing Division shall serve as chair of the advisory council. For  
76.23 members who are not state officials or employees, compensation and removal of members  
76.24 of the advisory council are governed by section 15.059. The terms of the members of the  
76.25 advisory council shall be four years. The terms of eight of the appointed members shall be  
76.26 coterminous with the governor and the terms of the remaining nine appointed members  
76.27 shall end on the first Monday in January one year after the terms of the other appointed  
76.28 members expire. An appointed member may be reappointed. Each council member shall  
76.29 appoint an alternate to serve in their absence.

77.1 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.092, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

77.2 Subd. 7. **License fees and license renewal fees.** (a) The license fee for each license is  
77.3 the base license fee plus any applicable board fee, continuing education fee, and contractor  
77.4 recovery fund fee and additional assessment, as set forth in this subdivision.

77.5 (b) For purposes of this section, "license duration" means the number of years for which  
77.6 the license is issued except that if the initial license is not issued for a whole number of  
77.7 years, the license duration shall be rounded up to the next whole number.

77.8 (c) If there is a continuing education requirement for renewal of the license, then a  
77.9 continuing education fee must be included in the renewal license fee. The continuing  
77.10 education fee for all license classifications is \$5.

77.11 ~~(e)~~ (d) The base license fee shall depend on whether the license is classified as an entry  
77.12 level, master, journeyworker, or business license, and on the license duration. The base  
77.13 license fee shall be:

77.14	License Classification	License Duration	
77.15		1 year	2 years
77.16	Entry level	\$10	\$20
77.17	Journeyworker	\$20	\$40
77.18	Master	\$40	\$80
77.19	Business		\$180

77.20 ~~(d) If there is a continuing education requirement for renewal of the license, then a~~  
77.21 ~~continuing education fee must be included in the renewal license fee. The continuing~~  
77.22 ~~education fee for all license classifications shall be: \$10 if the renewal license duration is~~  
77.23 ~~one year; and \$20 if the renewal license duration is two years.~~

77.24 (e) If the license is issued under sections 326B.31 to 326B.59 or 326B.90 to 326B.925,  
77.25 then a board fee must be included in the license fee and the renewal license fee. The board  
77.26 fee for all license classifications shall be: \$4 if the license duration is one year; and \$8 if  
77.27 the license duration is two years.

77.28 (f) If the application is for the renewal of a license issued under sections 326B.802 to  
77.29 326B.885, then the contractor recovery fund fee required under section 326B.89, subdivision  
77.30 3, and any additional assessment required under section 326B.89, subdivision 16, must be  
77.31 included in the license renewal fee.

77.32 (g) Notwithstanding the fee amounts described in paragraphs ~~(e)~~ (d) to (f), for the period  
77.33 ~~July 1, 2017~~ October 1, 2021, through September 30, ~~2021~~ 2023, the following fees apply:

78.1	License Classification	License Duration	
78.2		1 year	2 years
78.3	Entry level	\$10	\$20
78.4	Journeyworker	\$15	\$30
78.5	Master	\$30	\$60
78.6	Business		\$120

78.7 ~~If there is a continuing education requirement for renewal of the license, then a continuing~~  
 78.8 ~~education fee must be included in the renewal license fee. The continuing education fee for~~  
 78.9 ~~all license classifications shall be \$5.~~

78.10 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.108, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

78.11 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "place of public accommodation"  
 78.12 means a publicly or privately owned facility that is designed for occupancy by ~~200~~ 100 or  
 78.13 more people and is a sports or entertainment arena, stadium, theater, community or  
 78.14 convention hall, special event center, indoor amusement facility or water park, or indoor  
 78.15 swimming pool.

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

78.17 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.108, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

78.18 Subd. 3. **Enforcement.** Effective July 1, 2017, in a municipality that has not adopted  
 78.19 the code by ordinance under section 326B.121, subdivision 2, the commissioner shall enforce  
 78.20 this section in accordance with section 326B.107, subdivision 1.

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

78.22 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.108, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 78.23 to read:

78.24 **Subd. 5. Fire sprinklers required.** Automatic sprinkler systems for fire protection  
 78.25 purposes are required in a place of public accommodation if, on or after August 1, 2008:

78.26 (1) the facility was constructed, added to, or altered; and

78.27 (2) the facility has an occupant load of 300 or more.

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

79.1 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.133, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

79.2 Subd. 8. **Continuing education requirements; extension of time.** (a) This subdivision  
79.3 establishes the number of continuing education hours required within each two-year  
79.4 certification period.

79.5 A certified building official shall accumulate ~~38~~ 35 hours of continuing education in  
79.6 any education program that is approved under Minnesota Rules, part 1301.1000.

79.7 A certified building official-limited shall accumulate ~~38~~ 35 hours of continuing education  
79.8 in any education program that is approved under Minnesota Rules, part 1301.1000.

79.9 An accessibility specialist must accumulate nine hours of approved continuing education  
79.10 hours in any of the education programs that are provided under Minnesota Rules, part  
79.11 1301.1000, subpart 1 or 2. The nine hours must be in courses relating to building accessibility,  
79.12 plan review, field inspection, or building code administration.

79.13 Continuing education programs may be approved as established in rule.

79.14 (b) Subject to sections 326B.101 to 326B.194, the commissioner may by rule establish  
79.15 or approve continuing education programs for certified building officials dealing with  
79.16 matters of building code administration, inspection, and enforcement.

79.17 Each person certified as a building official for the state must satisfactorily complete  
79.18 applicable educational programs established or approved by the commissioner to renew  
79.19 certification.

79.20 (c) The state building official may grant an extension of time to comply with continuing  
79.21 education requirements if the certificate holder requesting the extension of time shows cause  
79.22 for the extension. The request for the extension must be in writing. For purposes of this  
79.23 section, the certificate holder's current certification effective dates shall remain the same.  
79.24 The extension does not relieve the certificate holder from complying with the continuing  
79.25 education requirements for the next two-year period.

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

79.27 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.42, is amended by adding a subdivision  
79.28 to read:

79.29 Subd. 1d. **Commercial chemical dispensing system.** "Commercial chemical dispensing  
79.30 system" means a method of dispensing and diluting concentrated chemical solution in a  
79.31 commercial setting.

80.1 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.42, is amended by adding a subdivision  
80.2 to read:

80.3 Subd. 1e. **Commercial dishwashing machine.** "Commercial dishwashing machine"  
80.4 means a machine designed for commercial use to clean and sanitize plates, glasses, cups,  
80.5 bowls, utensils, and trays by applying sprays of detergent solution, with or without blasting  
80.6 media granules, and a sanitizing final rinse and the backflow prevention installed complies  
80.7 with ANSI/ASSE 1004 or is certified to National Sanitization Foundation (NSF) 3.

80.8 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.46, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

80.9 Subdivision 1. **License required.** (a) No individual shall engage in or work at the business  
80.10 of a master plumber, restricted master plumber, journeyworker plumber, and restricted  
80.11 journeyworker plumber unless licensed to do so by the commissioner. A license is not  
80.12 required for individuals performing building sewer or water service installation who have  
80.13 completed pipe laying training as prescribed by the commissioner. A license is not required  
80.14 for individuals servicing or installing a commercial chemical dispensing system or servicing  
80.15 or replacing a commercial dishwashing machine, including connecting a commercial chemical  
80.16 dispensing system or commercial dishwashing machine to a water line or drain line, provided  
80.17 that:

80.18 (1) the individual servicing or installing the commercial chemical dispensing system or  
80.19 servicing or replacing the commercial dishwashing machine is an employee of the  
80.20 manufacturer or distributor of the commercial chemical dispensing system or commercial  
80.21 dishwashing machine;

80.22 (2) the individual servicing or installing the commercial chemical dispensing system or  
80.23 servicing or replacing the commercial dishwashing machine has a minimum of 25 hours of  
80.24 classroom or laboratory training, a minimum of 20 hours of in-field training with a qualified  
80.25 technician on the types of systems being installed, followed by a minimum of 100 hours of  
80.26 supervised field experience. The training and experience curriculum required under this  
80.27 clause must be approved by the commissioner, in consultation with the manufacturer or  
80.28 distributor, but the commissioner shall not require training or experience hours in excess  
80.29 of the amounts specified in this clause;

80.30 (3) the manufacturer or distributor of the commercial chemical dispensing system or  
80.31 commercial dishwashing machine must meet the insurance requirements of section 326B.46,  
80.32 subdivision 2, paragraph (c);

81.1 (4) the connection is a push fit fitting, compression fitting, or threaded pipe fitting to an  
 81.2 existing water line or drain, which has been initially installed by a licensed plumber; and

81.3 (5) the commercial chemical dispensing system complies with ASSE 1055 or contains  
 81.4 code-approved integral backflow protection.

81.5 A master plumber may also work as a journeyworker plumber, a restricted journeyworker  
 81.6 plumber, and a restricted master plumber. A journeyworker plumber may also work as a  
 81.7 restricted journeyworker plumber. Anyone not so licensed may do plumbing work which  
 81.8 complies with the provisions of the minimum standards prescribed by the Plumbing Board  
 81.9 on premises or that part of premises owned and actually occupied by the worker as a  
 81.10 residence, unless otherwise forbidden to do so by a local ordinance.

81.11 (b) No person shall engage in the business of planning, superintending, or installing  
 81.12 plumbing or shall install plumbing in connection with the dealing in and selling of plumbing  
 81.13 material and supplies unless at all times a licensed master plumber, or in cities and towns  
 81.14 with a population of fewer than 5,000 according to the last federal census, a restricted master  
 81.15 plumber, who shall be responsible for proper installation, is in charge of the plumbing work  
 81.16 of the person.

81.17 (c) Except as provided in subdivision 1a, no person shall perform or offer to perform  
 81.18 plumbing work with or without compensation unless the person obtains a contractor's license.  
 81.19 A contractor's license does not of itself qualify its holder to perform the plumbing work  
 81.20 authorized by holding a master, journeyworker, restricted master, or restricted journeyworker  
 81.21 license.

81.22 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.89, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

81.23 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have  
 81.24 the meanings given them.

81.25 (b) "Gross annual receipts" means the total amount derived from residential contracting  
 81.26 or residential remodeling activities, regardless of where the activities are performed, and  
 81.27 must not be reduced by costs of goods sold, expenses, losses, or any other amount.

81.28 (c) "Licensee" means a person licensed as a residential contractor or residential remodeler.

81.29 (d) "Residential real estate" means a new or existing building constructed for habitation  
 81.30 by one to four families, and includes detached garages intended for storage of vehicles  
 81.31 associated with the residential real estate.

81.32 (e) "Fund" means the contractor recovery fund.

82.1 (f) "Owner" when used in connection with real property, means a person who has any  
 82.2 legal or equitable interest in real property and includes a condominium or townhome  
 82.3 association that owns common property located in a condominium building or townhome  
 82.4 building or an associated detached garage. Owner does not include any real estate developer  
 82.5 or any owner using, or intending to use, the property for a business purpose and not as  
 82.6 owner-occupied residential real estate.

82.7 (g) "Cycle One" means the time period between July 1 and December 31.

82.8 (h) "Cycle Two" means the time period between January 1 and June 30.

82.9 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.89, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

82.10 Subd. 4. **Purpose of fund.** (a) The purpose of this fund is to:

82.11 (1) compensate owners or lessees of residential real estate who meet the requirements  
 82.12 of this section;

82.13 (2) reimburse the department for all legal and administrative expenses, disbursements,  
 82.14 and costs, including staffing costs, incurred in administering and defending the fund;

82.15 (3) pay for educational or research projects in the field of residential contracting to  
 82.16 further the purposes of sections 326B.801 to 326B.825; and

82.17 (4) provide information to the public on residential contracting issues.

82.18 (b) No money from this fund may be transferred or spent unless the commissioner  
 82.19 determines that the money is being transferred or spent for one of the purposes in paragraph  
 82.20 (a).

82.21 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.89, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

82.22 Subd. 5. **Payment limitations.** The commissioner shall not pay compensation from the  
 82.23 fund to an owner or a lessee in an amount greater than \$75,000 per licensee. The  
 82.24 commissioner shall not pay compensation from the fund to owners and lessees in an amount  
 82.25 that totals more than ~~\$300,000~~ \$550,000 per licensee. The commissioner shall only pay  
 82.26 compensation from the fund for a final judgment that is based on a contract directly between  
 82.27 the licensee and the homeowner or lessee that was entered into prior to the cause of action  
 82.28 and that requires licensure as a residential building contractor or residential remodeler.

83.1 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.89, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

83.2 Subd. 9. **Satisfaction of applications for compensation.** The commissioner shall pay  
83.3 compensation from the fund to an owner or a lessee pursuant to the terms of an agreement  
83.4 that has been entered into under subdivision 7, clause (1), or pursuant to a final order that  
83.5 has been issued under subdivision 7, clause (2), or subdivision 8 by December 1 of the fiscal  
83.6 year following the fiscal year during which the agreement was entered into or during which  
83.7 the order became final, subject to the limitations of this section. ~~At the end of each fiscal~~  
83.8 ~~year the commissioner shall calculate the amount of compensation to be paid from the fund~~  
83.9 ~~pursuant to agreements that have been entered into under subdivision 7, clause (1), and final~~  
83.10 ~~orders that have been issued under subdivision 7, clause (2), or subdivision 8. If the calculated~~  
83.11 ~~amount exceeds the amount available for payment, then the commissioner shall allocate the~~  
83.12 ~~amount available among the owners and the lessees in the ratio that the amount agreed to~~  
83.13 ~~or ordered to be paid to each owner or lessee bears to the amount calculated. The~~  
83.14 ~~commissioner shall mail notice of the allocation to all owners and lessees not less than 45~~  
83.15 ~~days following the end of the fiscal year. 31 for applications submitted by July 1 or June~~  
83.16 ~~30 for applications submitted by January 1 of the fiscal year. The commissioner shall not~~  
83.17 ~~pay compensation to owners or lessees that totals more than \$275,000 per licensee during~~  
83.18 ~~Cycle One of a fiscal year nor shall the commissioner pay out during Cycle One if the payout~~  
83.19 ~~will result in the exhaustion of a licensee's fund. If compensation paid to owners or lessees~~  
83.20 ~~in Cycle One would total more than \$275,000 or would result in exhaustion of a licensee's~~  
83.21 ~~fund in Cycle One, the commissioner shall not make a final determination of compensation~~  
83.22 ~~for claims against the licensee until the completion of Cycle Two. If the claims against a~~  
83.23 ~~licensee for the fiscal year result in the exhaustion of a licensee's fund or the fund as a whole,~~  
83.24 ~~the commissioner must prorate the amount available among the owners and lessees based~~  
83.25 ~~on the amount agreed to or ordered to be paid to each owner or lessee. The commissioner~~  
83.26 ~~shall mail notice of the proration to all owners and lessees no later than March 31 of the~~  
83.27 ~~current fiscal year. Any compensation paid by the commissioner in accordance with this~~  
83.28 ~~subdivision shall be deemed to satisfy and extinguish any right to compensation from the~~  
83.29 ~~fund based upon the verified application of the owner or lessee.~~

84.1 Sec. 19. Laws 2014, chapter 211, section 13, as amended by Laws 2015, First Special  
 84.2 Session chapter 1, article 7, section 1, Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 7, section 42, and  
 84.3 Laws 2017, chapter 94, article 12, section 1, is amended to read:

84.4 Sec. 13. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

84.5 Sections 1 to 3 and 6 to 11 are effective July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, and on July 1,  
 84.6 2023. Sections 4, 5, and 12 are effective July 1, 2014.

84.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The amendments to this section are effective retroactively from  
 84.8 June 30, 2020, except that any investigation and proceedings related to an unfair labor  
 84.9 practice charge currently pending before the Public Employee Relations Board as of the  
 84.10 date of enactment of this section shall be conducted according to the process in place under  
 84.11 Minnesota Statutes, sections 179A.052 and 179A.13, as of July 1, 2020, and the board shall  
 84.12 retain jurisdiction over any pending charge. Following enactment of this section and until  
 84.13 July 1, 2023, any employee, employer, employee or employer organization, exclusive  
 84.14 representative, or any other person or organization aggrieved by an unfair labor practice as  
 84.15 defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 179A.13, may bring an action for injunctive relief  
 84.16 and for damages caused by the unfair labor practice in the district court of the county in  
 84.17 which the practice is alleged to have occurred.

84.18 Sec. 20. Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 7, article 1, section 3, subdivision 4, is  
 84.19 amended to read:

84.20	Subd. 4. <b>Workers' Compensation</b>	14,882,000	11,882,000
84.21	\$3,000,000 the first year is from the workers'		
84.22	compensation fund for workers' compensation		
84.23	system upgrades. This amount is available		
84.24	until June 30, <del>2021</del> <u>2023</u> . This is a onetime		
84.25	appropriation.		

84.26 Sec. 21. **LOGGERS SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM.**

84.27 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have  
 84.28 the meanings given.

84.29 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of labor and industry.

84.30 (c) "Program" means the loggers safety grant program under this section.

85.1 Subd. 2. **Establishment.** The commissioner shall establish a loggers safety grant program  
 85.2 to provide matching funding for logging industry employers to make safety improvements  
 85.3 recommended by an on-site safety survey.

85.4 Subd. 3. **Grant eligibility.** (a) To be eligible for a grant under this section, an employer  
 85.5 must:

85.6 (1) be an employer in the logging industry, or a closely associated field, with at least  
 85.7 one employee;

85.8 (2) have current workers' compensation insurance provided through the assigned risk  
 85.9 plan, provided by an insurer subject to penalties under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 176, or  
 85.10 as an approved self-insured employer; and

85.11 (3) have an on-site safety survey with results that recommend specific equipment or  
 85.12 practices that will reduce the risk of injury or illness to employees. This survey must have  
 85.13 been conducted by a Minnesota occupational safety and health compliance investigator or  
 85.14 workplace safety consultation consultant, an in-house safety and health committee, a workers'  
 85.15 compensation insurance underwriter, a private consultant, or a person under contract with  
 85.16 the assigned risk plan.

85.17 (b) Grant funds may be used for all or part of the cost of the following:

85.18 (1) purchasing and installing recommended safety equipment;

85.19 (2) operating or maintaining recommended safety equipment;

85.20 (3) property, if the property is necessary to meet the recommendations of the on-site  
 85.21 safety survey;

85.22 (4) training required to operate recommended safety equipment; and

85.23 (5) tuition reimbursement for educational costs related to the recommendations of the  
 85.24 on-site safety survey.

85.25 Subd. 4. **Evaluation criteria.** The commissioner shall evaluate applications, submitted  
 85.26 on forms developed by the commissioner, based on whether the proposed project:

85.27 (1) is technically and economically feasible;

85.28 (2) is consistent with the recommendations of the on-site safety survey and the objective  
 85.29 of reducing risk of injury or illness to employees;

85.30 (3) was submitted by an applicant with sufficient experience, knowledge, and commitment  
 85.31 for the project to be implemented in a timely manner;

86.1 (4) has the necessary financial commitments to cover all project costs;

86.2 (5) has the support of all public entities necessary for its completion; and

86.3 (6) complies with federal, state, and local regulations.

86.4 Subd. 5. **Awards.** (a) Grants under this section shall provide a match of up to \$25,000  
 86.5 for private funds committed by the employer to implement the recommended safety  
 86.6 equipment or practices.

86.7 (b) Grants will be awarded to all applicants that meet the eligibility and evaluation criteria  
 86.8 under subdivisions 3 and 4. If there are more eligible requests than funding, awards will be  
 86.9 prorated.

86.10 (c) Grant recipients are not eligible to apply for another grant under Minnesota Statutes,  
 86.11 chapter 176, until two years after the date of the award.

86.12 Subd. 6. **Report.** By January 15, 2023, the commissioner must report to the legislative  
 86.13 committees in the house of representatives and senate with jurisdiction over labor and  
 86.14 industry about grants made under this program.

86.15 Sec. 22. **REPEALER.**

86.16 Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 181.9414, is repealed.

86.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022.

## 86.18 **ARTICLE 4**

### 86.19 **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**

86.20 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 268.035, subdivision 21c, is amended to read:

86.21 Subd. 21c. **Reemployment assistance training.** (a) An applicant is in "reemployment  
 86.22 assistance training" when:

86.23 (1)(i) a reasonable opportunity for suitable employment for the applicant does not exist  
 86.24 in the labor market area and additional training will assist the applicant in obtaining suitable  
 86.25 employment;

86.26 ~~(2)~~ (ii) the curriculum, facilities, staff, and other essentials are adequate to achieve the  
 86.27 training objective;

86.28 ~~(3)~~ (iii) the training is vocational or short term academic training directed to an occupation  
 86.29 or skill that will substantially enhance the employment opportunities available to the applicant  
 86.30 in the applicant's labor market area;

- 87.1 ~~(4)~~ (iv) the training course is full time by the training provider; and
- 87.2 ~~(5)~~ (v) the applicant is making satisfactory progress in the training;
- 87.3 (2) the applicant can provide proof of enrollment in one or more programs offered by
- 87.4 an adult basic education consortium under section 124D.518. Programs may include but
- 87.5 are not limited to:
- 87.6 (i) general educational development diploma preparation;
- 87.7 (ii) local credit completion adult high school diploma preparation;
- 87.8 (iii) state competency-based adult high school diploma preparation;
- 87.9 (iv) basic skills enhancement training focused on math, functional literacy, reading, or
- 87.10 writing;
- 87.11 (v) computer skills training; or
- 87.12 (vi) English as a second language instruction;
- 87.13 (3) the applicant can provide proof of enrollment in an English as a second language
- 87.14 program taught by a licensed instructor;
- 87.15 (4) the applicant can provide proof of enrollment in an over-the-road truck driving
- 87.16 training program offered by a college or university within the Minnesota state system; or
- 87.17 (5) the applicant can provide proof of enrollment in a program funded under section
- 87.18 116L.99.
- 87.19 (b) Full-time training provided through the dislocated worker program, the Trade Act
- 87.20 of 1974, as amended, or the North American Free Trade Agreement is "reemployment
- 87.21 assistance training," if that training course is in accordance with the requirements of that
- 87.22 program.
- 87.23 (c) Apprenticeship training provided in order to meet the requirements of an
- 87.24 apprenticeship program under chapter 178 is "reemployment assistance training."
- 87.25 (d) An applicant is in reemployment assistance training only if the training course has
- 87.26 actually started or is scheduled to start within 30 calendar days.
- 87.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 3, 2022.
- 87.28 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 268.085, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 87.29 Subd. 2. **Not eligible.** An applicant is ineligible for unemployment benefits for any week:
- 87.30 (1) that occurs before the effective date of a benefit account;

88.1 (2) that the applicant, at any time during the week, has an outstanding misrepresentation  
 88.2 overpayment balance under section 268.18, subdivision 2, including any penalties and  
 88.3 interest;

88.4 ~~(3) that occurs in a period when the applicant is a student in attendance at, or on vacation~~  
 88.5 ~~from a secondary school including the period between academic years or terms;~~

88.6 ~~(4)~~ (3) that the applicant is incarcerated or performing court-ordered community service.  
 88.7 The applicant's weekly unemployment benefit amount is reduced by one-fifth for each day  
 88.8 the applicant is incarcerated or performing court-ordered community service;

88.9 ~~(5)~~ (4) that the applicant fails or refuses to provide information on an issue of ineligibility  
 88.10 required under section 268.101;

88.11 ~~(6)~~ (5) that the applicant is performing services 32 hours or more, in employment, covered  
 88.12 employment, noncovered employment, volunteer work, or self-employment regardless of  
 88.13 the amount of any earnings; or

88.14 ~~(7)~~ (6) with respect to which the applicant has filed an application for unemployment  
 88.15 benefits under any federal law or the law of any other state. If the appropriate agency finally  
 88.16 determines that the applicant is not entitled to establish a benefit account under federal law  
 88.17 or the law of any other state, this clause does not apply.

88.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 3, 2022.

88.19 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 268.085, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:

88.20 Subd. 4a. **Social Security disability benefits.** (a) An applicant who is receiving, has  
 88.21 received, or has filed for primary Social Security disability benefits for any week is ineligible  
 88.22 for unemployment benefits for that week, unless:

88.23 (1) the Social Security Administration approved the collecting of primary Social Security  
 88.24 disability benefits each month the applicant was employed during the base period; or

88.25 (2) the applicant provides a statement from an appropriate health care professional who  
 88.26 is aware of the applicant's Social Security disability claim and the basis for that claim,  
 88.27 certifying that the applicant is available for suitable employment.

88.28 (b) If an applicant meets the requirements of paragraph (a), clause (1) or (2), there is no  
 88.29 deduction from the applicant's weekly benefit amount for any Social Security disability  
 88.30 benefits.

88.31 ~~(c) If an applicant meets the requirements of paragraph (a), clause (2), there must be~~  
 88.32 ~~deducted from the applicant's weekly unemployment benefit amount 50 percent of the~~

89.1 ~~weekly equivalent of the primary Social Security disability benefits the applicant is receiving,~~  
 89.2 ~~has received, or has filed for, with respect to that week.~~

89.3 ~~If the Social Security Administration determines that the applicant is not entitled to~~  
 89.4 ~~receive primary Social Security disability benefits for any week the applicant has applied~~  
 89.5 ~~for those benefits, then this paragraph does not apply to that week.~~

89.6 ~~(d)~~ (c) Information from the Social Security Administration is conclusive, absent specific  
 89.7 evidence showing that the information was erroneous.

89.8 ~~(e)~~ (d) This subdivision does not apply to Social Security survivor benefits.

89.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 3, 2022.

89.10 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 268.133, is amended to read:

89.11 **268.133 UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS WHILE IN ENTREPRENEURIAL**  
 89.12 **TRAINING.**

89.13 Unemployment benefits are available to dislocated workers participating in the converting  
 89.14 layoffs into Minnesota businesses (CLIMB) program under section 116L.17, subdivision  
 89.15 11. Applicants participating in CLIMB are considered in reemployment assistance training  
 89.16 under section 268.035, subdivision 21c. All requirements under section 268.069, subdivision  
 89.17 1, must be met, except the commissioner may waive:

89.18 (1) the deductible earnings provisions in section 268.085, subdivision 5; and

89.19 (2) the 32 hours of work limitation in section 268.085, subdivision 2, clause ~~(6)~~ (5). A  
 89.20 maximum of 500 applicants may receive a waiver at any given time.

89.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 3, 2022.

89.22 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 268.136, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

89.23 Subdivision 1. **Shared work plan requirements.** An employer may submit a proposed  
 89.24 shared work plan for an employee group to the commissioner for approval in a manner and  
 89.25 format set by the commissioner. The proposed shared work plan must include:

89.26 (1) a certified statement that the normal weekly hours of work of all of the proposed  
 89.27 participating employees were full time or regular part time but are now reduced, or will be  
 89.28 reduced, with a corresponding reduction in pay, in order to prevent layoffs;

89.29 (2) the name and Social Security number of each participating employee;

90.1 (3) the number of layoffs that would have occurred absent the employer's ability to  
 90.2 participate in a shared work plan;

90.3 (4) a certified statement that each participating employee was first hired by the employer  
 90.4 at least ~~one year~~ three months before the proposed shared work plan is submitted and is not  
 90.5 a seasonal, temporary, or intermittent worker;

90.6 (5) the hours of work each participating employee will work each week for the duration  
 90.7 of the shared work plan, which must be at least 50 percent of the normal weekly hours but  
 90.8 no more than 80 percent of the normal weekly hours, except that the plan may provide for  
 90.9 a uniform vacation shutdown of up to two weeks;

90.10 (6) a certified statement that any health benefits and pension benefits provided by the  
 90.11 employer to participating employees will continue to be provided under the same terms and  
 90.12 conditions as though the participating employees' hours of work each week had not been  
 90.13 reduced;

90.14 (7) a certified statement that the terms and implementation of the shared work plan is  
 90.15 consistent with the employer's obligations under state and federal law;

90.16 (8) an acknowledgment that the employer understands that unemployment benefits paid  
 90.17 under a shared work plan will be used in computing the future tax rate of a taxpaying  
 90.18 employer or charged to the reimbursable account of a nonprofit or government employer;

90.19 (9) the proposed duration of the shared work plan, which must be at least two months  
 90.20 and not more than one year, although a plan may be extended for up to an additional year  
 90.21 upon approval of the commissioner;

90.22 (10) a starting date beginning on a Sunday at least 15 calendar days after the date the  
 90.23 proposed shared work plan is submitted; and

90.24 (11) a signature of an owner or officer of the employer who is listed as an owner or  
 90.25 officer on the employer's account under section 268.045.

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

90.27 **Sec. 6. CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF FIVE-WEEK BUSINESS OWNER**  
 90.28 **BENEFIT LIMITATION.**

90.29 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 268.085, subdivision 9, the five-week  
 90.30 limitation for receipt of unemployment benefits for business owners is suspended for  
 90.31 applicants for unemployment insurance benefit accounts established between December  
 90.32 27, 2020, and September 4, 2021.

91.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from December 27, 2020.

91.2 Sec. 7. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE DUE TO COVID-19.**

91.3 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 268.085, subdivision 13a, for an applicant  
 91.4 applying for an unemployment insurance benefit account established between December  
 91.5 27, 2020, and September 4, 2021, a leave of absence is presumed to be an involuntary leave  
 91.6 of absence and not ineligible if:

91.7 (1) a determination has been made by health authorities or by a health care professional  
 91.8 that the presence of the applicant in the workplace would jeopardize the health of others,  
 91.9 whether or not the applicant has actually contracted a communicable disease;

91.10 (2) a quarantine or isolation order has been issued to the applicant pursuant to Minnesota  
 91.11 Statutes, sections 144.419 to 144.4196;

91.12 (3) there is a recommendation from health authorities or from a health care professional  
 91.13 that the applicant should self-isolate or self-quarantine due to elevated risk from COVID-19  
 91.14 due to being immunocompromised;

91.15 (4) the applicant has been instructed by the applicant's employer not to come to the  
 91.16 employer's place of business due to an outbreak of a communicable disease; or

91.17 (5) the applicant has received a notification from a school district, day care, or other  
 91.18 child care provider that either (i) classes are canceled, or (ii) the applicant's ordinary child  
 91.19 care is unavailable, provided that the applicant made reasonable effort to obtain other child  
 91.20 care and requested time off or other accommodation from the employer and no reasonable  
 91.21 accommodation was available.

91.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from December 27, 2020.

91.23 Sec. 8. **REPORT ON IMPACT TO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST**  
 91.24 **FUND.**

91.25 By January 14, 2022, the commissioner of employment and economic development shall  
 91.26 submit a report to chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees having  
 91.27 jurisdiction over economic development detailing the impact to the Minnesota unemployment  
 91.28 insurance trust fund of eligibility for secondary school students and removal of the Social  
 91.29 Security offset.

91.30 Sec. 9. **REPEALER.**

91.31 Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 268.085, subdivision 4, is repealed.

92.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 3, 2022."

92.2 Delete the title and insert:

92.3 "A bill for an act

92.4 relating to state government; establishing a biennial budget for Department of  
92.5 Employment and Economic Development, Department of Labor and Industry,  
92.6 Bureau of Mediation Services, and Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals;  
92.7 modifying various provisions governing economic development, labor and industry,  
92.8 and unemployment insurance; establishing Main Street Economic Revitalization  
92.9 Loan Program; establishing Main Street COVID-19 Relief grants; modifying fees;  
92.10 classifying data; requiring reports; appropriating money; amending Minnesota  
92.11 Statutes 2020, sections 13.7905, by adding a subdivision; 116J.035, subdivision  
92.12 6; 116J.431, subdivisions 2, 3, by adding a subdivision; 116L.40, subdivisions 5,  
92.13 6, 9, 10, by adding a subdivision; 116L.41, subdivisions 1, 2, by adding  
92.14 subdivisions; 116L.42, subdivisions 1, 2; 178.012, subdivision 1; 181.939; 268.035,  
92.15 subdivision 21c; 268.085, subdivisions 2, 4a; 268.133; 268.136, subdivision 1;  
92.16 326B.07, subdivision 1; 326B.092, subdivision 7; 326B.108, subdivisions 1, 3, by  
92.17 adding a subdivision; 326B.133, subdivision 8; 326B.42, by adding subdivisions;  
92.18 326B.46, subdivision 1; 326B.89, subdivisions 1, 4, 5, 9; Laws 2014, chapter 211,  
92.19 section 13, as amended; Laws 2017, chapter 94, article 1, section 2, subdivision  
92.20 2, as amended; Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 7, article 1, sections 2,  
92.21 subdivision 2, as amended; 3, subdivision 4; article 2, section 8; proposing coding  
92.22 for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 116J; 181A; 299F; repealing Minnesota  
92.23 Statutes 2020, sections 181.9414; 268.085, subdivision 4."