

Subject Extension of certain grants and appropriations

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Overview

To provide relief from the effects of the COVID-19 peacetime emergency, this bill would authorize Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) to extend the availability of certain grants and appropriations to allow recipients to complete work supported by those funds.

Summary

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| 1 | Grant and appropriation extensions related to COVID-19; report required. |
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Subd. 1. General encumbrances for grants. Provides all grant recipients an opportunity to request an extension of their available grant funds for an additional two years to complete their work and drawdown grant funds, so long as the funds are encumbered (i.e., money is reserved in the state accounting system for the recipient) by June 30th of this year.

This change includes grants with state funding set to expire in fiscal year 2020, as well as other encumbered grants for which funding will expire at a later date. To provide this extension, the bill supersedes laws that specify that, unless otherwise provided by law, appropriations for grants expire no later than one fiscal year after the fiscal year for which the grant funds were appropriated (Minn. Stat. §§ 16A.28 and 16B.98). The net result of this subdivision for many grant recipients is to provide one additional fiscal year beyond what would have already been authorized under current law.

Subd. 2. Environment and natural resources trust fund. Provides a one-year extension to recipients of an appropriation from the environment and natural resources trust fund that is set to expire June 30, 2020. For these recipients,

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notification to the Legislative-Citizen Committee on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) and modification of the applicable work plan is required.

Subd. 3. Report. Requires the commissioner of management and budget to submit a report no later than December 31, 2020, on implementation of this section. The report must be submitted to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over ways and means, state government finance, and environment and natural resources, and include a detailed list of encumbrances that were approved and rejected for an extension.



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