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Summary

This bill would appropriate \$1.5 million annually to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) for urban youth agricultural education and urban agriculture community development grants through MDA's Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation Program. The base, or current, funding level for these grants is approximately \$600,000 per year.

According to MDA, these grants help organizations and communities obtain materials and services necessary to promote youth agricultural education and agriculture community development in urban and peri-urban areas of the state. Eligible recipients include businesses, nonprofit organizations, schools, local governments, and Native American Tribal communities.