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This bill would increase state funding for the Farm Advocates Program by \$40,000 per fiscal year. According to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA), the base funding level for grants to the Farm Advocates Program in fiscal years 2018 and 2019 is \$180,000 per year.

According to MDA, the Farm Advocates Program provides one-on-one assistance to Minnesota farmers who face a crisis caused by a natural disaster or financial problems.