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## Overview

Creates the greater Minnesota community design program, which forms a partnership between the Minnesota Design Center at the University of Minnesota and communities outside of the seven-county metropolitan area to design and pursue rural development projects. Funds assessment of community capacity and resources, creation of projects tailored to community needs, development of implementation and funding strategies, graphic designs, and coordination with other programs when appropriate. Appropriates \$500,000 in fiscal year 2020 from the general fund to create this program.

The 2017 Jobs Omnibus law appropriated \$250,000 in fiscal year 2018 for a pilot version of this program focused on just a few communities in southeastern and south central Minnesota.