

Subject Minnesota Rail Service Improvement (MRSI) program

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Summary

This bill appropriates \$10 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2020 to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for grants under the Minnesota Rail Service Improvement (MRSI) program. This is a onetime appropriation.

Background. Subject to available funding, the MRSI program provides both grants and loans for freight rail purposes, including capital improvement and rail line rehabilitation. In administering the program, MnDOT uses a solicitation and project evaluation process to award grants. Grants must be for improvements that support economic development. Minn. Stat. § 222.50, subd. 6. Eligible recipients include railroads and local units of government.