

**Subject** Closing the Opportunity Gap appropriations

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## Overview

This bill reflects the Closing the Opportunity Gap language found in the governor's budget. It makes a number of workforce training and entrepreneurship investments targeted at reducing the economic disparities negatively affecting people of color.

## Summary

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1	<p><b>Appropriations.</b></p> <p>All appropriations in the bill are to the Department of Employment and Economic Development for the fiscal years 2020 and 2021.</p>
2	<p><b>Department of Employment and Economic Development.</b></p> <p>Appropriates money for business and community development and workforce development.</p> <p><b>Subd. 1. Total appropriation.</b> Appropriates a total of \$12,647,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$12,150,000 in fiscal year 2021. Of this, in fiscal year 2020, \$6,225,000 is from the general fund and \$6,422,000 is from the workforce development fund and in fiscal year 2021, \$6,225,000 is from the general fund and \$5,925,000 is from the workforce development fund.</p> <p><b>Subd. 2. Business and community development.</b> Appropriates \$3,225,000 each year from the general fund for business and community development, comprised of the following appropriations:</p> <p>(a) Appropriates \$750,000 each year for a grant to the Neighborhood Development Center for small business programs, as a onetime appropriation.</p> <p>The 2017 Jobs Omnibus law made a nearly identical appropriation for the same amount in fiscal years 2018 and 2019.</p> <p>(b) Appropriates \$1,175,000 each year for a grant to the Metropolitan Economic Development Association (MEDA) for statewide business development and</p>

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	<p>assistance services, with an emphasis on minority-owned businesses, as a onetime appropriation.</p> <p>The 2017 Jobs Omnibus law made an identical appropriation for the same amount in fiscal years 2018 and 2019.</p> <p>(c) Appropriates \$125,000 each year for a grant to the White Earth Nation for the White Earth Nation Integrated Business Development System, which provides business development support, as a onetime appropriation.</p> <p>The 2017 Jobs Omnibus law made an identical appropriation for the same amount in fiscal years 2018 and 2019.</p> <p>(d) Appropriates \$1,175,000 each year for a grant to Enterprise Minnesota, Inc. for the small business growth acceleration program under section 116O.115, as a onetime appropriation.</p> <p>The 2017 Jobs Omnibus law made an identical appropriation for \$875,000 each year in fiscal years 2018 and 2019.</p> <p><b>Subd. 3. Workforce Development.</b> Appropriates \$9,172,000 in fiscal year 2020 (\$2,750,000 from the general fund and \$6,422,000 from the workforce development fund) and \$8,675,000 in fiscal year 2021 (\$2,750,000 from the general fund and \$5,925,000 from the workforce development fund) for business and community development, comprised of the following appropriations:</p> <p>(a) Appropriates \$1,500,000 each year from the general fund for the youth at work competitive grant program on top of the \$750,000 each year in base funding, for a total of \$2,250,000 each year. Allows five percent of this amount to be used for administration and monitoring. Requires all grants to be for two years and for grants to be awarded in the fiscal year 2020. Sets base funding for fiscal year 2022 and beyond at \$750,000 from the general fund and \$3,348,000 from the workforce development fund.</p> <p>The 2017 Jobs Omnibus law made a nearly identical appropriation for \$500,000 each year in fiscal years 2018 and 2019 from the general fund, with \$750,000 in the base for future years.</p> <p>(b) Appropriates \$250,000 each year from the workforce development fund for a grant to YWCA St. Paul for workforce development efforts as a onetime appropriation</p> <p>The 2017 Jobs Omnibus law made an identical appropriation for the same amount in fiscal years 2018 and 2019.</p> <p>(c) Appropriates \$525,000 each year from the workforce development fund for a grant to YWCA of Minneapolis for providing training, counseling, and placement</p>

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	<p>assistance necessary to secure a child development associate credential and pursue a career path in early childhood education, as a onetime appropriation.</p> <p>The 2017 Jobs Omnibus law made an identical appropriation for the same amount in fiscal years 2018 and 2019.</p> <p>(d) Appropriates \$1,000,000 each year from the workforce development fund for a grant to EMERGE Community Development for workforce development efforts targeted at communities with the highest concentrations of African and African-American joblessness, as a onetime appropriation.</p> <p>The 2017 Jobs Omnibus law made an identical appropriation for the same amount in fiscal years 2018 and 2019.</p> <p>(e) Appropriates \$1,000,000 each year from the workforce development fund for a grant to the Minneapolis Foundation for strategic interventions designed to connect participants to meaningful, sustainable living-wage employment, as a onetime appropriation.</p> <p>The 2017 Jobs Omnibus law made an identical appropriation for the same amount in fiscal years 2018 and 2019.</p> <p>(f) Appropriates \$1,297,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$800,000 in fiscal year 2021 from the workforce development fund for performance grants under section 116J.8747 to Twin Cities R!SE for training hard-to-train individuals, as a onetime appropriation.</p> <p>The 2017 Jobs Omnibus law made a nearly identical appropriation for the same amount in fiscal years 2018 and 2019, though that appropriation set aside \$497,000 in fiscal year 2018 for a specific collaboration.</p> <p>(g) Appropriates \$750,000 each year from the workforce development fund for a grant to Latino Communities United in Service (CLUES), as a onetime appropriation. Funds culturally tailored workforce development programs targeting working parents and youth. Requires 50 percent of the grant be used for programming in greater Minnesota.</p> <p>The 2017 Jobs Omnibus law made an identical appropriation for the same amount in fiscal years 2018 and 2019.</p> <p>(h) Appropriates \$250,000 each year from the general fund for transfer to the Department of Education for a grant to the American Indian Opportunities and Industrialization Center, in collaboration with the Northwest Indian Community Development Center, as a onetime appropriation. Funds efforts to reduce academic disparities for American Indian students and adults.</p>

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	<p>The 2017 Jobs Omnibus law made an identical appropriation for the same amount in fiscal years 2018 and 2019.</p> <p>(i) Appropriates \$600,000 each year from the workforce development fund for a grant to Ujamaa Place for workforce development efforts, housing, and organizational capacity-building, as a onetime appropriation.</p> <p>The 2017 Jobs Omnibus law made an identical appropriation for the same amount in fiscal years 2018 and 2019.</p> <p>(j) Appropriates \$1,000,000 each year from the workforce development fund for a grant to the Construction Careers Foundation to provide opportunities for teens and young adults under the age of 21 to learn about and begin careers in the construction industry, as a onetime appropriation. Prioritizes services for members of economically disadvantaged groups or those which have been historically underrepresented in the construction industry.</p> <p>The 2017 Jobs Omnibus law made an identical appropriation for the same amount in fiscal years 2018 and 2019.</p> <p>(k) Appropriates \$1,000,000 each year from the general fund for youth and community development activities targeted to the Somali-Minnesota community, including \$1,000,000 for a grant to Youthprise, as a onetime appropriation. Requires roughly equal amounts of the grant to be spent in greater Minnesota and in the metropolitan area. Allows up to five percent of the amount for administration and monitoring of the program and makes funds available until June 20, 2022.</p> <p>The 2016 Jobs Omnibus law made a nearly identical appropriation for \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2017, \$1,000,000 of which was for a grant to Youthprise.</p> <p>(l) Appropriates \$250,000 each year from the general fund for DEED to provide increased support for grantees to assist in successful program delivery and improved outcome analysis, as a onetime appropriation.</p>



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