

Subject State grants
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Summary

To provide relief from the effects of the COVID-19 peacetime emergency, this bill would authorize Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) to provide grantees up to two additional years to complete the work and drawdown funding under a state grant agreement. All grant recipients are eligible for the extension so long as funds are encumbered (i.e., money is reserved in the state accounting system for the recipient) by June 30th of this year. This would include grants with state funding set to expire in fiscal year 2020, as well as other encumbered grants for which funding will expire at a later date. No later than December 31, 2020, MMB would report the grants that were extended, as well as those that MMB denied.

To provide this extension, the bill would supersede laws that specify that, unless otherwise provided by law, appropriations for grants expire no later than one fiscal year after the fiscal year for which the grant funds were appropriated (Minn. Stat. §§ 16A.28 and 16B.98). The net result of this bill for many grant recipients is to provide one additional fiscal year beyond what would have already been authorized under current law.