

Subject Agriculture
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Summary

This bill would appropriate onetime funding of \$600,000 to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for a grant to the Women's Environmental Institute for a farming incubator project for aspiring Black, Indigenous, and People of Color farmers to develop organic and regenerative farming skills and practices and provide more equitable access to affordable high-quality food and certified organic farmland.

H.F. 2784 requires the Women's Environmental Institute to award initial grants to farmers referred by the Somali American Farmers Institute. It also requires that \$200,000 of the appropriation serve communities outside of the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area.