

Subject Geothermal Planning Grants

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Summary

House File 4759, as amended by the H4759A2 amendment, establishes a program in the Department of Commerce to award grants to cities, counties, towns, and the Metropolitan Council to defray the cost of the initial planning work necessary to determine the feasibility and design options for installing a geothermal energy system.

A maximum grant award of \$150,000 may be applied to the cost of drilling test wells to characterize and analyze the geological environment in which the system would be installed, determining the heating and cooling demand of buildings that would be connected to the system, and conducting a financial analysis of the project.