

2.1	<u>Subd. 2. Business and Community Development</u>	<u>\$ 54,254,000</u>	<u>\$ 49,104,000</u>
2.2	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
2.3	<u>General</u>	<u>51,204,000</u>	<u>46,054,000</u>
2.4	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>700,000</u>	<u>700,000</u>
2.5	<u>Workforce</u>		
2.6	<u>Development</u>	<u>2,350,000</u>	<u>2,350,000</u>
2.7	<u>(a) \$2,287,000 each year is for the greater</u>		
2.8	<u>Minnesota business development public</u>		
2.9	<u>infrastructure grant program under Minnesota</u>		
2.10	<u>Statutes, section 116J.432. This appropriation</u>		
2.11	<u>is available until June 30, 2029.</u>		
2.12	<u>(a) \$350,000 each year is for the</u>		
2.13	<u>administration of the energy transition office</u>		
2.14	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.5491.</u>		
2.15	<u>(b) \$500,000 each year is for grants to small</u>		
2.16	<u>business development centers under Minnesota</u>		
2.17	<u>Statutes, section 116J.68. Money made</u>		
2.18	<u>available under this paragraph may be used to</u>		
2.19	<u>match funds under the federal Small Business</u>		
2.20	<u>Development Center (SBDC) program under</u>		
2.21	<u>United States Code, title 15, section 648, to</u>		
2.22	<u>provide consulting and technical services or</u>		
2.23	<u>to build additional SBDC network capacity to</u>		
2.24	<u>serve entrepreneurs and small businesses.</u>		
2.25	<u>(c) \$2,725,000 each year is for the small</u>		
2.26	<u>business assistance partnerships program</u>		
2.27	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.682.</u>		
2.28	<u>All grant awards shall be for two consecutive</u>		
2.29	<u>years. Grants shall be awarded in the first year.</u>		
2.30	<u>The department may use up to five percent of</u>		
2.31	<u>the appropriation for administrative purposes.</u>		
2.32	<u>(d) \$1,772,000 each year is for contaminated</u>		
2.33	<u>site cleanup and development grants under</u>		
2.34	<u>Minnesota Statutes, sections 116J.551 to</u>		

3.1 116J.558. This appropriation is available until
3.2 expended.

3.3 (e) \$700,000 each year is from the remediation
3.4 fund for contaminated site cleanup and
3.5 development grants under Minnesota Statutes,
3.6 sections 116J.551 to 116J.558. This
3.7 appropriation is available until expended.

3.8 (f) \$139,000 each year is for the Center for
3.9 Rural Policy and Development.

3.10 (g) \$25,000 each year is for the administration
3.11 of state aid for the Destination Medical Center
3.12 Corporation under Minnesota Statutes,
3.13 sections 469.40 to 469.47.

3.14 (h) \$575,000 each year is for the host
3.15 community economic development program
3.16 established in Minnesota Statutes, section
3.17 116J.548. The base for this appropriation is
3.18 \$375,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each year
3.19 thereafter.

3.20 (i)(1) \$1,500,000 each year is for grants to
3.21 local communities to increase the number of
3.22 quality child care providers to support
3.23 economic development. Fifty percent of grant
3.24 funds must go to communities located outside
3.25 the seven-county metropolitan area as defined
3.26 in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121,
3.27 subdivision 2.

3.28 (2) Grant recipients must obtain a 50 percent
3.29 nonstate match to grant funds in either cash
3.30 or in-kind contribution, unless the
3.31 commissioner waives the requirement. Grant
3.32 funds available under this subdivision must
3.33 be used to implement projects to reduce the
3.34 child care shortage in the state, including but

4.1 not limited to funding for child care business
4.2 start-ups or expansion, training, facility
4.3 modifications, direct subsidies or incentives
4.4 to retain employees, or improvements required
4.5 for licensing, and assistance with licensing
4.6 and other regulatory requirements. In awarding
4.7 grants, the commissioner must give priority
4.8 to communities that have demonstrated a
4.9 shortage of child care providers.

4.10 (3) Within one year of receiving grant funds,
4.11 grant recipients must report to the
4.12 commissioner on the outcomes of the grant
4.13 program, including but not limited to the
4.14 number of new providers, the number of
4.15 additional child care provider jobs created, the
4.16 number of additional child care slots, and the
4.17 amount of cash and in-kind local funds
4.18 invested. Within one month of all grant
4.19 recipients reporting on program outcomes, the
4.20 commissioner must report the grant recipients'
4.21 outcomes to the chairs and ranking members
4.22 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
4.23 over early learning and child care and
4.24 economic development.

4.25 (j) \$500,000 each year is for the Office of
4.26 Child Care Community Partnerships. Of this
4.27 amount:

4.28 (1) \$450,000 each year is for administration
4.29 of the Office of Child Care Community
4.30 Partnerships; and

4.31 (2) \$50,000 each year is for the Labor Market
4.32 Information Office to conduct research and
4.33 analysis related to the child care industry.

5.1 (k) \$1,000,000 each year is for a grant to the
5.2 Minnesota Initiative Foundations. This
5.3 appropriation is available until June 30, 2029.
5.4 The Minnesota Initiative Foundations must
5.5 use grant funds under this section to:

5.6 (1) facilitate planning processes for rural
5.7 communities resulting in a community solution
5.8 action plan that guides decision making to
5.9 sustain and increase the supply of quality child
5.10 care in the region to support economic
5.11 development;

5.12 (2) engage the private sector to invest local
5.13 resources to support the community solution
5.14 action plan and ensure quality child care is a
5.15 vital component of additional regional
5.16 economic development planning processes;

5.17 (3) provide locally based training and technical
5.18 assistance to rural child care business owners
5.19 individually or through a learning cohort.
5.20 Access to financial and business development
5.21 assistance must prepare child care businesses
5.22 for quality engagement and improvement by
5.23 stabilizing operations, leveraging funding from
5.24 other sources, and fostering business acumen
5.25 that allows child care businesses to plan for
5.26 and afford the cost of providing quality child
5.27 care; and

5.28 (4) recruit child care programs to participate
5.29 in quality rating and improvement
5.30 measurement programs. The Minnesota
5.31 Initiative Foundations must work with local
5.32 partners to provide low-cost training,
5.33 professional development opportunities, and
5.34 continuing education curricula. The Minnesota
5.35 Initiative Foundations must fund, through local

6.1 partners, an enhanced level of coaching to
6.2 rural child care providers to obtain a quality
6.3 rating through measurement programs.

6.4 (l) \$8,000,000 each year is for the Minnesota
6.5 job creation fund under Minnesota Statutes,
6.6 section 116J.8748. Of this amount, the
6.7 commissioner of employment and economic
6.8 development may use up to three percent for
6.9 administrative expenses. This appropriation
6.10 is available until expended.

6.11 (m) \$12,370,000 each year is for the
6.12 Minnesota investment fund under Minnesota
6.13 Statutes, section 116J.8731. Of this amount,
6.14 the commissioner of employment and
6.15 economic development may use up to three
6.16 percent for administration and monitoring of
6.17 the program. This appropriation is available
6.18 until expended. Notwithstanding Minnesota
6.19 Statutes, section 116J.8731, money
6.20 appropriated to the commissioner for the
6.21 Minnesota investment fund may be used for
6.22 the redevelopment program under Minnesota
6.23 Statutes, sections 116J.575 and 116J.5761, at
6.24 the discretion of the commissioner. Grants
6.25 under this paragraph are not subject to the
6.26 grant amount limitation under Minnesota
6.27 Statutes, section 116J.8731.

6.28 (n) \$2,246,000 each year is for the
6.29 redevelopment program under Minnesota
6.30 Statutes, sections 116J.575 and 116J.5761.

6.31 (o) \$12,000 each year is for a grant to the
6.32 Upper Minnesota Film Office.

6.33 (p) \$4,195,000 each year is for the Minnesota
6.34 job skills partnership program under

7.1 Minnesota Statutes, sections 116L.01 to
7.2 116L.17. If the appropriation for either year
7.3 is insufficient, the appropriation for the other
7.4 year is available. This appropriation is
7.5 available until expended.

7.6 (q) \$1,350,000 each year from the workforce
7.7 development fund is for jobs training grants
7.8 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.41.

7.9 (r) \$250,000 each year is for the publication,
7.10 dissemination, and use of labor market
7.11 information under Minnesota Statutes, section
7.12 116J.401.

7.13 (s) \$1,000,000 each year is for the
7.14 CanNavigate program established under
7.15 Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.6595. Of this
7.16 amount, up to four percent may be used for
7.17 administrative purposes. Any unencumbered
7.18 balances remaining in the first year do not
7.19 cancel but are available for the second year.

7.20 (t) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
7.21 MNSBIR, Inc., for support of the small
7.22 business research and development goals
7.23 provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 3.222.
7.24 This appropriation is onetime and is available
7.25 until June 30, 2027.

7.26 The purpose of the grant is to support moving
7.27 scientific excellence and technological
7.28 innovation from the lab to the market for
7.29 startups and small businesses by securing
7.30 federal research and development funding to
7.31 build a strong innovation economy and
7.32 stimulate the creation of novel products,
7.33 services, and solutions; strengthening the role
7.34 of startups and small businesses in meeting

8.1 federal research and development needs;
8.2 increasing the commercial application of
8.3 federally supported research results; and
8.4 developing and increasing the Minnesota
8.5 workforce, especially by fostering and
8.6 encouraging participation by small businesses
8.7 owned by people who are Black, Indigenous,
8.8 People of Color, and women.

8.9 MNSBIR, Inc. shall use grant money to
8.10 become the federal research and development
8.11 dedicated resource for Minnesota small
8.12 businesses to support research and
8.13 commercialization of novel ideas, concepts,
8.14 and projects to develop cutting-edge products
8.15 and services for worldwide economic impact.

8.16 Grant money shall be used to:

8.17 (1) assist startups and small businesses in
8.18 securing federal research and development
8.19 funding including the small business
8.20 innovation research and small business
8.21 technology transfer programs;

8.22 (2) support technology transfer and
8.23 commercialization from the University of
8.24 Minnesota, Mayo Clinic, and federal
8.25 laboratories;

8.26 (3) collaborate with corporate venture groups
8.27 and large businesses nationally;

8.28 (4) conduct statewide outreach, education, and
8.29 training on federal rules, regulations, and
8.30 requirements;

8.31 (5) assist with scientific and technical writing;
8.32 (6) help manage federal grants and contracts;
8.33 and

9.1 (7) support cost accounting and federal
9.2 sole-source procurement opportunities.

9.3 (u) \$4,523,000 the first year is for the
9.4 PROMISE grant program. This is a onetime
9.5 appropriation and is available until June 30,
9.6 2029. Of this amount:

9.7 (1) \$905,000 the first year is for grants in
9.8 equal amounts to each of the Minnesota
9.9 Initiative Foundations to serve businesses in
9.10 greater Minnesota. Of this amount, \$72,000
9.11 each year is for grants to businesses with less
9.12 than \$100,000 in revenue the prior year; and

9.13 (2) \$2,714,000 the first year is for grants to
9.14 the Neighborhood Development Center. Of
9.15 this amount, the following amounts are
9.16 designated for the following areas:

9.17 (i) \$905,000 the first year is for North
9.18 Minneapolis' West Broadway, Camden, and
9.19 other Northside neighborhoods. Of this
9.20 amount, \$72,000 each year is for grants to
9.21 businesses with less than \$100,000 in revenue
9.22 in the prior year;

9.23 (ii) \$905,000 each year is for South
9.24 Minneapolis' Lake Street, 38th and Chicago,
9.25 Franklin, Nicollet, and Riverside corridors.
9.26 Of this amount, \$72,000 each year is for grants
9.27 to businesses with less than \$100,000 in
9.28 revenue in the prior year;

9.29 (iii) \$904,000 the first year is for St. Paul's
9.30 University Avenue, Midway, Eastside, or other
9.31 St. Paul neighborhoods. Of this amount,
9.32 \$72,000 each year is for grants to businesses
9.33 with less than \$100,000 in revenue in the prior
9.34 year; and

- 10.1 (iv) \$904,000 each year is for grants to
10.2 businesses in the counties of Anoka, Carver,
10.3 Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and
10.4 Washington, excluding the cities of
10.5 Minneapolis and St. Paul.
- 10.6 (v) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to the
10.7 Neighborhood Development Center (NDC) to
10.8 support small business programs, including
10.9 training, lending, business services, and real
10.10 estate initiatives. Money may be used to assist
10.11 organizations outside of the seven-county
10.12 metropolitan area with technical assistance
10.13 and grants to help implement elements of
10.14 NDC's small business support model; provide
10.15 one-on-one technical assistance for
10.16 entrepreneurs; and support the operations and
10.17 marketing of a cybersecurity center. This is a
10.18 onetime appropriation. Any unencumbered
10.19 balance remaining at the end of the first year
10.20 does not cancel and is available for use in the
10.21 second year.
- 10.22 (w) \$627,000 the first year is for a grant to
10.23 Community and Economic Development
10.24 Associates (CEDA) to provide funding for
10.25 economic development technical assistance
10.26 and economic development project grants to
10.27 small communities across rural Minnesota and
10.28 for CEDA to design, implement, market, and
10.29 administer specific types of basic community
10.30 and economic development programs tailored
10.31 to individual community needs. Technical
10.32 assistance grants shall be based on need and
10.33 given to communities that are otherwise
10.34 unable to afford these services. Of the amount
10.35 appropriated, up to \$270,000 may be used for

11.1 economic development project implementation
11.2 in conjunction with the technical assistance
11.3 received. This is a onetime appropriation. Any
11.4 unencumbered balance remaining at the end
11.5 of the first year does not cancel but is available
11.6 the second year.

11.7 (x) \$250,000 each year is for a grant to
11.8 Enterprise Minnesota, Inc. to directly invest
11.9 in Minnesota manufacturers under the Made
11.10 in Minnesota program under Minnesota
11.11 Statutes, section 116O.115. This is a onetime
11.12 appropriation.

11.13 (y) \$250,000 each year is for a grant to
11.14 Enterprise Minnesota, Inc., to reach and
11.15 deliver talent, leadership, employee retention,
11.16 continuous improvement, strategy, quality
11.17 management systems, revenue growth, and
11.18 manufacturing peer-to-peer advisory services
11.19 to small manufacturing companies employing
11.20 250 or fewer full-time equivalent employees.
11.21 This is a onetime appropriation. No later than
11.22 February 1, 2026, and February 1, 2027,
11.23 Enterprise Minnesota, Inc. must provide a
11.24 report to the chairs and ranking minority
11.25 members of the legislative committees with
11.26 jurisdiction over economic development that
11.27 includes:

11.28 (1) the amount of money awarded during the
11.29 past 12 months;

11.30 (2) the estimated financial impact of the
11.31 money awarded to each company receiving
11.32 service under the program;

11.33 (3) the actual financial impact of the money
11.34 awarded during the past 24 months; and

- 12.1 (4) the total amount of federal money
12.2 leveraged from the Manufacturing Extension
12.3 Partnership at the United States Department
12.4 of Commerce.
- 12.5 (z) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to the
12.6 Coalition of Asian American Leaders to
12.7 support outreach, training, technical assistance,
12.8 peer network development, and direct financial
12.9 assistance for Asian Minnesotan women
12.10 entrepreneurs and Asian-owned businesses.
12.11 This is a onetime appropriation and is
12.12 available until June 30, 2027.
- 12.13 (aa) \$500,000 each year from the workforce
12.14 development fund is for a grant to the Asian
12.15 Economic Development Association (AEDA),
12.16 in cooperation with and in support of the
12.17 coalition of Minnesota Asian Building Trades
12.18 Entrepreneurs (MABTE) and related firms to
12.19 grow their businesses through training, hiring,
12.20 and capacity building. This is a onetime
12.21 appropriation and is available until June 30,
12.22 2029.
- 12.23 (bb) \$500,000 each year from the workforce
12.24 development fund is for a grant to
12.25 WomenVenture to:
- 12.26 (1) support child care providers through
12.27 business training and shared services programs
12.28 and to create materials that may be used, at no
12.29 cost to child care providers, for start-up,
12.30 expansion, and operation of child care
12.31 businesses statewide, with the goal of helping
12.32 new and existing child care businesses in
12.33 underserved areas of the state become
12.34 profitable and sustainable; and

- 13.1 (2) support business expansion for women
13.2 food entrepreneurs throughout Minnesota's
13.3 food supply chain to help stabilize and
13.4 strengthen their business operations, create
13.5 distribution networks, offer technical
13.6 assistance and support to women entrepreneurs
13.7 in agribusiness, develop business plans,
13.8 develop a workforce, research expansion
13.9 strategies, and for other related activities.
- 13.10 Eligible uses of the money include but are not
13.11 limited to leasehold improvements; additions,
13.12 alterations, remodeling, or renovations to
13.13 rented space; emergency grant funding for
13.14 damage caused by natural disasters; inventory
13.15 or supplies; machinery or equipment
13.16 purchases; working capital; and debt
13.17 refinancing.
- 13.18 Money distributed to entrepreneurs may be
13.19 loans, forgivable loans, and grants. Of this
13.20 amount, up to five percent may be used for
13.21 WomenVenture's technical assistance and
13.22 administrative costs. This is a onetime
13.23 appropriation and is available until June 30,
13.24 2028.
- 13.25 By December 15, 2028, WomenVenture must
13.26 submit a report to the chairs and ranking
13.27 minority members of the legislative
13.28 committees with jurisdiction over agriculture
13.29 and employment and economic development.
- 13.30 The report must include a summary of the uses
13.31 of the appropriation, including the amount of
13.32 the appropriation used for administration. The
13.33 report must also provide a breakdown of the
13.34 amount of funding used for loans, forgivable
13.35 loans, and grants; information about the terms

14.1 of the loans issued; a discussion of how money
 14.2 from repaid loans will be used; the number of
 14.3 entrepreneurs assisted; and a breakdown of
 14.4 how many entrepreneurs received assistance
 14.5 in each county.

14.6 **Subd. 3. Workforce Development Services** 47,560,000 42,498,000

14.7 Appropriations by Fund

14.8 General 12,371,000 12,071,000

14.9 Workforce

14.10 Development 35,189,000 30,427,000

14.11 (a) \$500,000 each year from the general fund
 14.12 and \$500,000 each year from the workforce
 14.13 development fund are for rural career
 14.14 counseling coordinators in the workforce
 14.15 service areas and for the purposes specified
 14.16 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.667.

14.17 (b) \$750,000 each year is for the women and
 14.18 high-wage, high-demand, nontraditional jobs
 14.19 grant program under Minnesota Statutes,
 14.20 section 116L.99. Of this amount, up to five
 14.21 percent is for administration and monitoring
 14.22 of the program.

14.23 (c) \$2,546,000 each year from the general fund
 14.24 and \$4,604,000 each year from the workforce
 14.25 development fund are for the pathways to
 14.26 prosperity competitive grant program. Of this
 14.27 amount, up to five percent is for administration
 14.28 and monitoring of the program.

14.29 (d) \$500,000 each year is from the workforce
 14.30 development fund for current Minnesota
 14.31 affiliates of OIC of America, Inc. This
 14.32 appropriation shall be divided equally among
 14.33 the eligible centers.

- 15.1 (e) \$1,000,000 each year is for competitive
15.2 grants to organizations providing services to
15.3 relieve economic disparities in the Southeast
15.4 Asian community through workforce
15.5 recruitment, development, job creation,
15.6 assistance of smaller organizations to increase
15.7 capacity, and outreach. Of this amount, up to
15.8 five percent is for administration and
15.9 monitoring of the program.
- 15.10 (f) \$1,000,000 each year is for a competitive
15.11 grant program to provide grants to
15.12 organizations that provide support services for
15.13 individuals, such as job training, employment
15.14 preparation, internships, job assistance to
15.15 parents, financial literacy, academic and
15.16 behavioral interventions for low-performing
15.17 students, and youth intervention. Grants made
15.18 under this section must focus on low-income
15.19 communities, young adults from families with
15.20 a history of intergenerational poverty, and
15.21 communities of color. Of this amount, up to
15.22 five percent is for administration and
15.23 monitoring of the program.
- 15.24 (g) \$750,000 each year from the general fund
15.25 and \$3,348,000 each year from the workforce
15.26 development fund are for the youth-at-work
15.27 competitive grant program under Minnesota
15.28 Statutes, section 116L.562. Of this amount,
15.29 up to five percent is for administration and
15.30 monitoring of the youth workforce
15.31 development competitive grant program. All
15.32 grant awards shall be for two consecutive
15.33 years. Grants shall be awarded in the first year.
- 15.34 (h) \$1,000,000 each year is from the
15.35 workforce development fund for the

- 16.1 youthbuild program under Minnesota Statutes,
16.2 sections 116L.361 to 116L.366.
- 16.3 (i) \$4,050,000 each year is from the workforce
16.4 development fund for the Minnesota youth
16.5 program under Minnesota Statutes, sections
16.6 116L.56 and 116L.561.
- 16.7 (j) \$1,275,000 each year is for the targeted
16.8 population workforce grants under Minnesota
16.9 Statutes, section 116L.43. The department
16.10 may use up to five percent of this
16.11 appropriation for administration, monitoring,
16.12 and oversight of the program.
- 16.13 (k) \$25,000 each year is for a grant to the
16.14 University of Minnesota Tourism Center for
16.15 ongoing system maintenance, management,
16.16 and content updates of an online hospitality
16.17 training program in partnership with Explore
16.18 Minnesota Tourism. This training program
16.19 must be made available at no cost to
16.20 Minnesota residents in an effort to address
16.21 critical workforce shortages in the hospitality
16.22 and tourism industries and assist in career
16.23 development.
- 16.24 (l) \$150,000 each year is for prevailing wage
16.25 staff under Minnesota Statutes, section
16.26 116J.871, subdivision 2.
- 16.27 (m) \$750,000 each year is for the Office of
16.28 New Americans under Minnesota Statutes,
16.29 section 116J.4231.
- 16.30 (n) \$2,000,000 each year is for the CanTrain
16.31 program established under Minnesota Statutes,
16.32 section 116L.90. Of this amount, up to four
16.33 percent may be used for administrative
16.34 purposes.

- 17.1 (o) \$375,000 each year is for a grant to
17.2 Comunidades Organizando el Poder y la
17.3 Acción Latina (COPAL) for capacity building,
17.4 worker's center programming, youth
17.5 workforce programming, career planning,
17.6 GED attainment classes, educational resources
17.7 and materials, health resources, training
17.8 programs, and job navigation. This is a
17.9 onetime appropriation.
- 17.10 (p) \$450,000 each year is for grants to
17.11 Minnesota Diversified Industries to provide
17.12 inclusive employment opportunities and
17.13 services for people with disabilities. This is a
17.14 onetime appropriation.
- 17.15 (q) \$250,000 the first year from the workforce
17.16 development fund is for a grant to Minnesota
17.17 Diversified Industries to assist individuals with
17.18 disabilities through the unified work model
17.19 by offering virtual, online, and in-person
17.20 career skills classes augmented with virtual
17.21 reality tools. Minnesota Diversified Industries
17.22 shall submit a report on the number and
17.23 demographics of individuals served, hours of
17.24 career skills programming delivered, outreach
17.25 to employers, and recommendations for future
17.26 career skills delivery methods to the chairs
17.27 and ranking minority members of the
17.28 legislative committees with jurisdiction over
17.29 labor and workforce development policy and
17.30 finance by January 15, 2028. This is a onetime
17.31 appropriation and is available until June 30,
17.32 2027.
- 17.33 (r) \$300,000 the first year is for a grant to All
17.34 Square of Minnesota. The grant must be used
17.35 to support the operations of All Square's

18.1 workforce development programs that operate
18.2 in the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul and
18.3 correctional facilities in the surrounding area
18.4 to assist Minnesotans who are incarcerated,
18.5 formerly incarcerated, or directly impacted by
18.6 the existence of a criminal record in
18.7 overcoming employment barriers that prevent
18.8 economic and emotional freedom. Grant
18.9 proceeds may be used for any or all of the
18.10 following All Square programs: (1) the
18.11 Restaurant and Food Truck Fellowship
18.12 program; (2) the Prison to Law Pipeline
18.13 program; or (3) the Legal Revolution Law
18.14 Firm. This is a onetime appropriation.

18.15 (t) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to Al
18.16 Maa'uun, previously known as the North at
18.17 Work program, for a strategic intervention
18.18 program designed to target and connect
18.19 program participants to meaningful and
18.20 sustainable living-wage employment. This is
18.21 a onetime appropriation.

18.22 (u) \$400,000 each year from the workforce
18.23 development fund is for a grant to Ujamaa
18.24 Place to provide workforce development
18.25 services targeted to the needs of African
18.26 American men, including job training,
18.27 employment preparation, internships,
18.28 education, and vocational housing, as well as
18.29 for organizational capacity building. This is a
18.30 onetime appropriation.

18.31 (v) \$400,000 each year from the workforce
18.32 development fund is for a grant to Hired to
18.33 support their workforce development
18.34 programming and services. Grant proceeds
18.35 may be used to expand their career pathway

- 19.1 job training and placement program that
19.2 connects lower-skilled job seekers to
19.3 entry-level and gateway jobs in high-growth
19.4 sectors. Grant proceeds may also be used to
19.5 create services for low-income Minnesotans
19.6 designed to increase job retention and create
19.7 a more stable workforce for employers by
19.8 offering a continuum of employment coaching,
19.9 navigation, and support services to
19.10 economically disadvantaged employees. This
19.11 is a onetime appropriation.
- 19.12 (w) \$500,000 each year from the workforce
19.13 development fund is for a grant to the
19.14 American Indian Opportunities and
19.15 Industrialization Center for workforce
19.16 development programming. This is a onetime
19.17 appropriation.
- 19.18 (x) \$1,000,000 each year from the workforce
19.19 development fund is for a grant to Goodwill
19.20 Easter Seals Minnesota and its partners. The
19.21 grant must be used to continue the FATHER
19.22 Project in Rochester, St. Cloud, St. Paul,
19.23 Minneapolis, and the surrounding areas to
19.24 assist fathers in overcoming barriers that
19.25 prevent fathers from supporting their children
19.26 economically and emotionally, including with
19.27 community reentry following confinement.
19.28 This is a onetime appropriation.
- 19.29 (y) \$250,000 each year from the workforce
19.30 development fund is for a grant to Big
19.31 Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities
19.32 to provide disadvantaged youth ages 12 to 21
19.33 with job-seeking skills, connections to job
19.34 training and education opportunities, and
19.35 mentorship while exploring careers. The grant

20.1 shall serve youth in the Big Brothers Big
20.2 Sisters chapters in the Twin Cities, central
20.3 Minnesota, and southern Minnesota. This is a
20.4 onetime appropriation.

20.5 (z) \$250,000 each year from the workforce
20.6 development fund is for grants to the
20.7 Minnesota Grocers Association Foundation
20.8 for Carts to Careers, a statewide initiative to
20.9 promote careers in the food industry, conduct
20.10 outreach, provide job skills training, and award
20.11 scholarships for students pursuing careers in
20.12 the food industry. The amount may also be
20.13 used for training and development costs;
20.14 certifications; hiring support for employers
20.15 who hire workers with disabilities, a history
20.16 of chemical or substance abuse, a previous
20.17 criminal record, or other variables that cause
20.18 a potential employee to have an increased cost
20.19 to train or retain; and other activities aimed at
20.20 strengthening the workforce pipeline in the
20.21 food retail sector. This is a onetime
20.22 appropriation.

20.23 (aa) \$250,000 each year from the workforce
20.24 development fund is for grants to the
20.25 Hospitality Minnesota Education Foundation
20.26 for the ProStart hospitality and tourism
20.27 management program, a statewide initiative
20.28 in high schools to address the critical
20.29 workforce shortages in hospitality. Grant
20.30 money must be used by the recipient to
20.31 provide students culinary and management
20.32 education curriculum, tools, skills,
20.33 professional development opportunities within
20.34 the hospitality industry, and scholarships. This
20.35 is a onetime appropriation.

- 21.1 (bb) \$700,000 each year from the workforce
21.2 development fund is for a grant to
21.3 Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio
21.4 (CLUES) to address employment, economic,
21.5 and technology access disparities for
21.6 low-income unemployed or underemployed
21.7 individuals. Funds must support short-term
21.8 certifications and transferable skills in
21.9 high-demand fields, workforce readiness,
21.10 customized financial capability, and
21.11 employment supports. At least 50 percent of
21.12 this amount must be used for programming
21.13 targeted at greater Minnesota. These are
21.14 onetime appropriations.
- 21.15 (cc) \$700,000 each year from the workforce
21.16 development fund is for performance grants
21.17 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8747,
21.18 to Twin Cities R!SE to provide training to
21.19 individuals facing barriers to employment.
21.20 This appropriation is onetime and available
21.21 until June 30, 2028.
- 21.22 (dd) \$275,000 each year from the workforce
21.23 development fund is for a grant to Workforce
21.24 Development, Inc., of the Southeast Minnesota
21.25 Workforce Development Area #8, to provide
21.26 career planning, career pathway training and
21.27 education, wraparound support services, and
21.28 job skills advancement in high-demand careers
21.29 to individuals with barriers to employment in
21.30 Steele County, helping families build secure
21.31 pathways out of poverty and addressing
21.32 worker shortages in the Owatonna and Steele
21.33 County area. Grant proceeds must support
21.34 employer outreach services by providing
21.35 solutions to workforce challenges and direct

22.1 connections to workforce programming. Grant
22.2 proceeds may be used for program expenses,
22.3 including but not limited to hiring instructors
22.4 and navigators; space rental; and supportive
22.5 services to help participants attend classes,
22.6 including assistance with course fees, child
22.7 care, incentive and training completion
22.8 payments, transportation, and safe and stable
22.9 housing. Up to five percent of grant money
22.10 may be used for Workforce Development,
22.11 Inc.'s administrative costs. This is a onetime
22.12 appropriation and is available until June 30,
22.13 2027. Any unencumbered balance remaining
22.14 at the end of the first year does not cancel but
22.15 is available for the second year.

22.16 By January 15 each year, the commissioner
22.17 of employment and economic development
22.18 must report to the chairs and ranking minority
22.19 members of the legislative committees with
22.20 jurisdiction over economic development and
22.21 workforce development regarding the uses of
22.22 this grant, including any amounts used for
22.23 administration of the grant. The report must
22.24 also be filed with the Legislative Reference
22.25 Library in compliance with Minnesota
22.26 Statutes, section 3.195. As a condition of
22.27 receiving the grant, Workforce Development,
22.28 Inc., of the Southeast Minnesota Workforce
22.29 Development Area #8, must agree to provide
22.30 the commissioner any information needed to
22.31 complete the report.

22.32 (ee) \$500,000 each year from the workforce
22.33 development fund is for a grant to Project for
22.34 Pride in Living for job training and workforce
22.35 development services focusing on individuals

- 23.1 who are unemployed or underemployed. This
23.2 is a onetime appropriation.
- 23.3 (ff) \$125,000 each year from the workforce
23.4 development fund is for a grant to Pillsbury
23.5 United Communities to provide job training
23.6 and workforce development services for
23.7 individuals who are unemployed or
23.8 underemployed. This is a onetime
23.9 appropriation.
- 23.10 (gg) \$550,000 each year from the workforce
23.11 development fund is for a grant to the
23.12 International Institute of Minnesota. Grant
23.13 funds must be used for workforce training for
23.14 New Americans in industries in need of a
23.15 trained workforce. This is a onetime
23.16 appropriation.
- 23.17 (hh) \$200,000 each year from the workforce
23.18 development fund is for the Minnesota Family
23.19 Resiliency Partnership under Minnesota
23.20 Statutes, section 116L.96. The commissioner,
23.21 through the adult career pathways program,
23.22 shall distribute the funds to existing nonprofit
23.23 and state displaced homemaker programs. This
23.24 is a onetime appropriation.
- 23.25 (ii) \$250,000 each year from the workforce
23.26 development fund is for a grant to Emerge
23.27 Community Development to support and
23.28 reinforce critical workforce at the Emerge
23.29 Career and Technical Center, Cedar Riverside
23.30 Opportunity Center, and Emerge Second
23.31 Chance programs in the city of Minneapolis.
23.32 This is a onetime appropriation.
- 23.33 (jj) \$500,000 each year from the workforce
23.34 development fund is for a grant to Bridges to

24.1 Healthcare to provide career education,
24.2 wraparound support services, and job skills
24.3 training in high-demand health care fields to
24.4 low-income parents, nonnative speakers of
24.5 English, and other hard-to-train individuals,
24.6 helping families build secure pathways out of
24.7 poverty while also addressing worker
24.8 shortages in one of Minnesota's most
24.9 innovative industries. Grant proceeds may be
24.10 used for program expenses, including but not
24.11 limited to hiring instructors and navigators;
24.12 space rental; and supportive services to help
24.13 participants attend classes, including assistance
24.14 with course fees, child care, transportation,
24.15 and safe and stable housing. In addition, up to
24.16 five percent of grant proceeds may be used
24.17 for Bridges to Healthcare's administrative
24.18 costs. This is a onetime appropriation.

24.19 (kk) \$1,000,000 each year from the workforce
24.20 development fund is for a grant to Propel
24.21 Nonprofits. Grant proceeds may be used for
24.22 purposes including but not limited to capacity
24.23 building, technical assistance and training, and
24.24 strategic consulting to community-based
24.25 organizations. Of this amount, up to five
24.26 percent may be used by Propel Nonprofits for
24.27 administrative costs. This is a onetime
24.28 appropriation.

24.29 (ll) \$750,000 each year from the workforce
24.30 development fund is for a grant to Summit
24.31 Academy OIC to expand student enrollment,
24.32 employment placement, and program access
24.33 in the Twin Cities and in Minnesota; to expand
24.34 GED preparation and administration and
24.35 STEM programming; and to start and enroll

25.1 students in a dental assistant program and
25.2 work with employers to place students upon
25.3 successful completion of the program. This is
25.4 a onetime appropriation.

25.5 (mm) \$300,000 each year from the workforce
25.6 development fund is for a grant to Better
25.7 Futures Minnesota to provide job skills
25.8 training to individuals who have been released
25.9 from incarceration for a felony-level offense
25.10 and are no more than 12 months from the date
25.11 of release. Better Futures Minnesota shall
25.12 annually report to the commissioner on how
25.13 the money was spent and what results were
25.14 achieved. The report must include, at a
25.15 minimum, information and data about the
25.16 number of participants; participant
25.17 homelessness, employment, recidivism, and
25.18 child support compliance; and job skills
25.19 training provided to program participants. This
25.20 is a onetime appropriation.

25.21 (nn) \$125,000 each year from the workforce
25.22 development fund is for a grant to 30,000 Feet,
25.23 a nonprofit organization, to fund youth
25.24 apprenticeship jobs, wraparound services,
25.25 after-school programming, and summer
25.26 learning loss prevention efforts targeted at
25.27 African American youth. This is a onetime
25.28 appropriation.

25.29 (oo) \$300,000 each year from the workforce
25.30 development fund is for a grant to the Hmong
25.31 American Partnership for job training,
25.32 employment services, technology, business
25.33 development, lending and financial services,
25.34 capacity building, wealth management, and
25.35 empowerment services. This is a onetime

- 26.1 appropriation. Any unencumbered balance
26.2 remaining at the end of the first year does not
26.3 cancel but is available the second year.
- 26.4 (pp) \$500,000 each year from the workforce
26.5 development fund is for a grant to Bolder
26.6 Options Youth Mentoring Program to provide
26.7 disadvantaged youth ages 12 through 22 with
26.8 intensive one-to-one wellness, goal setting,
26.9 and academic-focused mentorship;
26.10 programming that teaches life and job-seeking
26.11 skills; career and college achievement coaches;
26.12 and connections to employment, job training,
26.13 and education opportunities. The grant must
26.14 serve youth in the Bolder Options program in
26.15 the Twin Cities and Rochester, Minnesota.
26.16 This is a onetime appropriation.
- 26.17 (qq) \$1,000,000 the first year from the
26.18 workforce development fund is for a grant to
26.19 Change Starts With Community for a violence
26.20 prevention jobs program. Grant money must
26.21 be used to establish a comprehensive
26.22 workforce development initiative, specifically
26.23 tailored for youth and adults who are Black,
26.24 Indigenous, and People of Color at-risk,
26.25 located on site at Shiloh Cares Food Shelf -
26.26 Northside Community Safety Resource Center
26.27 in the city of Minneapolis. This is a onetime
26.28 appropriation and is available until June 30,
26.29 2027.
- 26.30 (rr) \$100,000 each year from the workforce
26.31 development fund is for a grant to InspireMSP
26.32 to develop and execute programming to assist
26.33 middle and high school aged children in
26.34 Minneapolis and St. Paul to develop an interest
26.35 in and connect with the creative industry in

27.1 Minnesota. Money must be used for program
27.2 development and career exploration in the
27.3 creative industry for historically excluded
27.4 youth by providing access to essential
27.5 resources, networks, and hands-on experience.
27.6 This is a onetime appropriation.

27.7 (ss) \$125,000 each year from the workforce
27.8 development fund is for a grant to Jobs
27.9 Foundation to support the Repowered
27.10 workforce readiness program. Money may be
27.11 used for direct training, support services,
27.12 safety enhancements, and economic support
27.13 for formerly incarcerated individuals
27.14 experiencing barriers to employment. This is
27.15 a onetime appropriation.

27.16 (tt) \$500,000 each year from the workforce
27.17 development fund is for a grant to the city of
27.18 Brooklyn Park for the city to expand the
27.19 workforce development programming of
27.20 Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center through
27.21 workforce development programs serving
27.22 primarily underrepresented populations,
27.23 including such programs as Brooklynk, Career
27.24 Pathways, Youth Entrepreneurship, and
27.25 Community Partnership. This is a onetime
27.26 appropriation and is available until June 30,
27.27 2028.

27.28 (uu) \$170,000 the first year from the
27.29 workforce development fund is for a grant to
27.30 Equitable Development Action to enhance the
27.31 training and support provided to direct support
27.32 professionals (DSPs) who work with residents
27.33 on a 24 hours a day, seven days a week basis,
27.34 provide DSPs with the necessary skills and
27.35 resources to meet the evolving needs of the

28.1 residents, and ensure compliance with the
28.2 latest regulations. This is a onetime
28.3 appropriation and is available until June 30,
28.4 2027. Equitable Development Action must
28.5 use the money appropriated to:

28.6 (1) implement a training program for DSPs
28.7 with a focus on best practices, safety protocols,
28.8 emergency response, and effective
28.9 communication skills and offers specialized
28.10 training modules to address specific needs of
28.11 residents, including residents with disabilities,
28.12 mental health issues, and chronic illnesses;

28.13 (2) provide ongoing support and development
28.14 by establishing a support network for DSPs,
28.15 including access to mental health resources,
28.16 peer support groups, and professional
28.17 counseling services;

28.18 (3) create opportunities for continuing
28.19 education and professional development to
28.20 ensure DSPs stay updated with the latest
28.21 industry standards and practices; and

28.22 (4) reduce the cost burden to the state by
28.23 training DSPs to de-escalate issues with
28.24 residents resulting in fewer 911 calls and
28.25 emergency interventions. The expected
28.26 program outcomes include improved safety
28.27 and quality of care for residents; increased
28.28 career stability and job satisfaction for DSPs;
28.29 enhanced compliance with state and federal
28.30 regulations; reduced turnover rates and
28.31 recruitment challenges in the DSP industry;
28.32 and enhanced delivery services by minority
28.33 service providers.

29.1 (vv) \$200,000 each year from the workforce
29.2 development fund is for a grant to YMCA of
29.3 the North to provide career exploration, job
29.4 training, a workforce development partnership
29.5 with Beacons community college, and
29.6 workforce development services for
29.7 underserved youth and young adults. This is
29.8 a onetime appropriation.

29.9 (ww) \$200,000 each year from the workforce
29.10 development fund is for a grant to Urban
29.11 League Twin Cities for support and expansion
29.12 of its workforce solutions and wealth building
29.13 programs. This is a onetime appropriation.

29.14 (xx) \$250,000 the first year from the
29.15 workforce development fund is for a grant to
29.16 Abijah's on the Backside to provide
29.17 equine-experiential mental health therapy to
29.18 first responders suffering from job-related
29.19 trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder. This
29.20 is a onetime appropriation. Any unencumbered
29.21 balance remaining at the end of the first year
29.22 does not cancel but is available the second
29.23 year.

29.24 For purposes of this section, a "first responder"
29.25 is an active or retired:

29.26 (1) peace officer as defined in Minnesota
29.27 Statutes, section 626.84, subdivision 1,
29.28 paragraph (c);

29.29 (2) full-time firefighter as defined in
29.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 299N.03,
29.31 subdivision 5;

29.32 (3) volunteer firefighter as defined in
29.33 Minnesota Statutes, section 299N.03,
29.34 subdivision 7;

30.1 (4) ambulance service personnel as defined in
30.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 144E.001,
30.3 subdivision 3a;

30.4 (5) 911 telecommunicator as defined in
30.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 403.02,
30.6 subdivision 17c; or

30.7 (6) correctional officer as defined in
30.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 241.026,
30.9 subdivision 1, paragraph (b).

30.10 Abijah's on the Backside must report to the
30.11 commissioner of employment and economic
30.12 development and the chairs and ranking
30.13 minority members of the legislative
30.14 committees with jurisdiction over employment
30.15 and economic development policy and finance
30.16 on the equine-experiential mental health
30.17 therapy provided to first responders under this
30.18 section. The report must include an overview
30.19 of the program's budget, a detailed explanation
30.20 of program expenditures, the number of first
30.21 responders served by the program, and a list
30.22 and explanation of the services provided to
30.23 and benefits received by program participants.

30.24 An initial report is due by January 15, 2026,
30.25 and a final report is due by January 15, 2028.

30.26 (yy) \$500,000 each year from the workforce
30.27 development fund is for a grant to the Latino
30.28 Economic Development Center (LEDC). Grant
30.29 proceeds may be used to assist, support,
30.30 finance, and launch microentrepreneurs by
30.31 delivering training, workshops, and
30.32 one-on-one consultations to businesses as well
30.33 as capacity building and general operations.

30.34 Proceeds may also be used to assist
30.35 prospective entrepreneurs in the start-up

31.1 process by introducing prospective
31.2 entrepreneurs to key business concepts,
31.3 including business start-up readiness and
31.4 innovating career pathways into trades, green
31.5 lending, technology, coding, STEM careers,
31.6 translation services, and manufacturing. This
31.7 is a onetime appropriation.

31.8 (zz) \$250,000 the first year from the workforce
31.9 development fund is for a grant to Northside
31.10 Boxing Club to provide business and life skills
31.11 to youth through mentorships and training in
31.12 the craft of barbering. Northside Boxing shall
31.13 utilize hand-picked barbers to act as positive
31.14 role models for youth, instilling Northside
31.15 Boxing's core values of discipline, respect,
31.16 and hard work. Programming for youth
31.17 participants shall include development of
31.18 essential and transferable skills such as
31.19 customer service, communication, money
31.20 management, and professionalism. Northside
31.21 Boxing may use funds to provide wraparound
31.22 services, including but not limited to meals,
31.23 nutrition education, homework help, and
31.24 tutoring to help facilitate participants being
31.25 able to start and stay in the program. This is
31.26 a onetime appropriation and is available until
31.27 June 30, 2027.

31.28 (aaa) \$500,000 each year from the workforce
31.29 development fund is for a grant to the Black
31.30 Women's Wealth Alliance to provide
31.31 individuals with job skills training, career
31.32 counseling, and career placement assistance.
31.33 This is a onetime appropriation.

31.34 (bbb) \$42,000 the first year from the
31.35 workforce development fund is for a grant to

32.1 Aspirus Lake View Hospital, a nonprofit, to
32.2 provide workforce training to create up to 12
32.3 new certified nursing assistants for local
32.4 employers. Grant money may be used for
32.5 training and curriculum costs, certification
32.6 testing, and a retention bonus for trainees. This
32.7 is a onetime appropriation and is available
32.8 until June 30, 2027.

32.9 (ccc) \$125,000 each year from the workforce
32.10 development fund is for a grant to West
32.11 Broadway Business and Area Coalition to
32.12 support their Youth Jobs program to provide
32.13 soft skills, marketing, and advertising training
32.14 for youth in North Minneapolis. This is a
32.15 onetime appropriation.

32.16 (ddd) \$750,000 each year from the workforce
32.17 development fund is for a grant to the Sanneh
32.18 Foundation, a nonprofit organization, to fund
32.19 out-of-school and summer programs focused
32.20 on mentoring and behavioral, social, and
32.21 emotional learning interventions and
32.22 enrichment activities directed toward
32.23 low-income students of color. This
32.24 appropriation is onetime and available until
32.25 June 30, 2029.

32.26 (eee) \$750,000 each year from the workforce
32.27 development fund is for a grant to the
32.28 Minnesota Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs
32.29 to administer a statewide project of youth job
32.30 skills and career development. This project,
32.31 which may have career guidance components
32.32 including health and life skills, must be
32.33 designed to encourage, train, and assist youth
32.34 in early access to education and job-seeking
32.35 skills, work-based learning experience,

33.1 including career pathways in STEM learning,
33.2 career exploration and matching, and first job
33.3 placement through local community
33.4 partnerships and on-site job opportunities. This
33.5 grant requires a 25 percent match from
33.6 nonstate resources. This is a onetime
33.7 appropriation.

33.8 (fff) \$750,000 each year from the workforce
33.9 development fund is for a grant to Mind the
33.10 G.A.P.P. (Gaining Assistance to Prosperity
33.11 Program) to improve the quality of life of
33.12 unemployed and underemployed individuals
33.13 by improving their employment outcomes and
33.14 developing individual earnings potential. This
33.15 is a onetime appropriation. Any unencumbered
33.16 balance remaining at the end of the first year
33.17 does not cancel but is available in the second
33.18 year.

33.19 (ggg) \$500,000 each year from the workforce
33.20 development fund is for a grant to Minnesota
33.21 Independence College and Community
33.22 (MICC) to provide employment preparation,
33.23 job placement, job retention, and service
33.24 coordination services to adults with autism
33.25 and learning differences. This is a onetime
33.26 appropriation. Any unencumbered balance
33.27 remaining at the end of the first year does not
33.28 cancel but is available the second year.

33.29 (hhh) \$250,000 each year from the workforce
33.30 development fund is for a grant to the city of
33.31 St. Paul to expand the city's Right Track youth
33.32 internship program. The Right Track program
33.33 connects young people from cost-burdened
33.34 households to internships that develop work
33.35 readiness skills and provide opportunities for

- 34.1 mentorship and exploring career pathways.
- 34.2 This is a onetime appropriation.
- 34.3 (iii) \$3,000,000 the first year from the
- 34.4 workforce development fund is for competitive
- 34.5 grants to support high school robotics teams
- 34.6 and prepare youth for careers in STEM fields.
- 34.7 Of this amount, \$2,000,000 is for creating
- 34.8 internships for high school students to work
- 34.9 at private companies in STEM fields,
- 34.10 including the payment of student stipends.
- 34.11 This is a onetime appropriation and is
- 34.12 available until June 30, 2029.
- 34.13 (jjj) \$350,000 each year from the workforce
- 34.14 development fund is for a grant to the
- 34.15 Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers to
- 34.16 be used for a program supporting Black
- 34.17 undergraduate students pursuing admission to
- 34.18 law school. This is a onetime appropriation.
- 34.19 The program must:
- 34.20 (1) enroll Black Minnesota resident students
- 34.21 attending a baccalaureate degree-granting
- 34.22 postsecondary institution in Minnesota
- 34.23 full-time;
- 34.24 (2) support each of the program's students with
- 34.25 an academic scholarship in the amount of
- 34.26 \$4,000 per academic year;
- 34.27 (3) organize events and programming,
- 34.28 including but not limited to one-on-one
- 34.29 mentoring, to familiarize enrolled students
- 34.30 with law school and legal careers; and
- 34.31 (4) provide the program's students free test
- 34.32 preparation materials, academic support, and
- 34.33 registration for the Law School Admission
- 34.34 Test (LSAT) examination.

35.1 The Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers
35.2 may use grant money under this paragraph for
35.3 costs related to student scholarships; academic
35.4 events and programming, including food and
35.5 transportation costs for students; LSAT
35.6 preparation materials, courses, and
35.7 registrations; and hiring staff for the program.

35.8 By January 30, 2026, and again by January
35.9 30, 2027, the Minnesota Association of Black
35.10 Lawyers must submit a report to the
35.11 commissioner of employment and economic
35.12 development and to the chairs and ranking
35.13 minority members of the legislative
35.14 committees with jurisdiction over workforce
35.15 development and policy. The report must
35.16 include an accurate and detailed account of
35.17 the program, the program's outcomes, and the
35.18 program's revenues and expenses, including
35.19 the use of all state money appropriated in this
35.20 paragraph.

35.21 (kkk) \$100,000 each year from the workforce
35.22 development fund is for a grant to
35.23 OneCommunity Alliance to assist individuals
35.24 seeking careers with local businesses in
35.25 Central Minnesota within the manufacturing,
35.26 food production, agriculture, and health care
35.27 sectors. OneCommunity Alliance, through the
35.28 nonprofit's employment and economy action
35.29 committee, must launch a program in 2025 to
35.30 equip job seekers in central Minnesota with
35.31 the knowledge and skills they need to
35.32 successfully secure employment.

35.33 OneCommunity Alliance shall provide the
35.34 following services with the money
35.35 appropriated: workforce training, career

36.1 readiness training, job placement assistance,
36.2 and ongoing support. OneCommunity Alliance
36.3 must focus program participation to primarily
36.4 unemployed and underemployed people,
36.5 recent graduates struggling to find work, and
36.6 those looking to transition into new career
36.7 fields. This is a onetime appropriation.

36.8 (lll) \$150,000 each year from the workforce
36.9 development fund is for grants to
36.10 Ambassadors of Culture, Hooyo Hour, and
36.11 United Way of Central Minnesota to work
36.12 collaboratively in providing workforce
36.13 development services for diverse communities,
36.14 particularly young adults, mothers from
36.15 immigrant backgrounds, and youth from East
36.16 African communities. The services must focus
36.17 on enhancing skills, education, and
36.18 employment opportunities through job
36.19 training, job coaching, employer engagement,
36.20 and career coaching. This is a onetime
36.21 appropriation. Of this amount:

36.22 (1) \$50,000 each year is for a grant to
36.23 Ambassadors of Culture;

36.24 (2) \$50,000 each year is for a grant to Hooyo
36.25 Hour; and

36.26 (3) \$50,000 each year is for a grant to United
36.27 Way of Central Minnesota.

36.28 (mmm) \$300,000 each year from the
36.29 workforce development fund is for a grant to
36.30 the Rural Cancer Institute for a pilot program
36.31 to expand the clinical workforce specific to
36.32 oncology care in rural districts. This program
36.33 must increase the number of cancer care
36.34 clinicians in rural districts and provide health

37.1 care students with skills critical to the
 37.2 challenges of providing cancer care in a rural
 37.3 setting using a community-based model. The
 37.4 community-based model must grow the
 37.5 oncology clinical workforce in rural districts
 37.6 and directly address the cancer care workforce
 37.7 shortage in rural districts. This is a onetime
 37.8 appropriation.

37.9 (nnn) \$50,000 the first year from the
 37.10 workforce development fund is for a grant to
 37.11 the Somali American Youth Enrichment Club
 37.12 (SAYEC) to support the youth sports program
 37.13 and parent education program. Money may be
 37.14 used for direct training, support services, and
 37.15 economic support for individuals experiencing
 37.16 barriers to employment. This is a onetime
 37.17 appropriation.

37.18 (ooo) \$200,000 each year from the workforce
 37.19 development fund is for a grant to MAD
 37.20 DADS of Minneapolis to implement a youth
 37.21 workforce development program for ages 16
 37.22 to 24 with a focus on underserved
 37.23 communities. This earn-to-learn initiative must
 37.24 provide career exploration opportunities,
 37.25 hands-on job training, mentorships, and
 37.26 certification pathways in high-demand
 37.27 industries. The program must include training
 37.28 in fields including but not limited to HVAC,
 37.29 energy efficiency, and solar panel installation.
 37.30 This is a onetime appropriation.

37.31 **Subd. 4. General Support Services** 6,605,000 7,375,000

37.32	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
37.33	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>6,510,000</u>	<u>7,280,000</u>
37.34	<u>Workforce</u>		
37.35	<u>Development</u>	<u>95,000</u>	<u>95,000</u>

38.1	<u>\$1,269,000 each year from the general fund</u>		
38.2	<u>is for transfer to the Minnesota Housing</u>		
38.3	<u>Finance Agency for operating the Olmstead</u>		
38.4	<u>Compliance Office.</u>		
38.5	<u>Subd. 5. Minnesota Trade Office</u>	<u>2,242,000</u>	<u>2,242,000</u>
38.6	<u>(a) \$300,000 each year is for the STEP grants</u>		
38.7	<u>in Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.979.</u>		
38.8	<u>(b) \$180,000 each year is for the Invest</u>		
38.9	<u>Minnesota marketing initiative in Minnesota</u>		
38.10	<u>Statutes, section 116J.9781.</u>		
38.11	<u>(c) \$270,000 each year is for the Minnesota</u>		
38.12	<u>Trade Offices under Minnesota Statutes,</u>		
38.13	<u>section 116J.978.</u>		
38.14	<u>Subd. 6. Vocational Rehabilitation</u>	<u>40,191,000</u>	<u>40,191,000</u>
38.15	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
38.16	<u>General</u>	<u>32,361,000</u>	<u>32,361,000</u>
38.17	<u>Workforce</u>		
38.18	<u>Development</u>	<u>7,830,000</u>	<u>7,830,000</u>
38.19	<u>(a) \$15,300,000 each year is for the state's</u>		
38.20	<u>vocational rehabilitation program under</u>		
38.21	<u>Minnesota Statutes, chapter 268A.</u>		
38.22	<u>(b) \$11,495,000 each year from the general</u>		
38.23	<u>fund and \$6,830,000 each year from the</u>		
38.24	<u>workforce development fund are for extended</u>		
38.25	<u>employment services for persons with severe</u>		
38.26	<u>disabilities under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
38.27	<u>268A.15. Of the amounts appropriated from</u>		
38.28	<u>the general fund, \$4,500,000 each year is for</u>		
38.29	<u>maintaining prior rate increases to providers</u>		
38.30	<u>of extended employment services for persons</u>		
38.31	<u>with severe disabilities under Minnesota</u>		
38.32	<u>Statutes, section 268A.15.</u>		
38.33	<u>(c) \$2,555,000 each year is for grants to</u>		
38.34	<u>programs that provide employment support</u>		

39.1 services to persons with mental illness under
 39.2 Minnesota Statutes, sections 268A.13 and
 39.3 268A.14.

39.4 (d) \$3,011,000 each year is for grants to
 39.5 centers for independent living under
 39.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 268A.11.

39.7 (e) \$1,000,000 each year is from the workforce
 39.8 development fund for grants under Minnesota
 39.9 Statutes, section 268A.16, for employment
 39.10 services for persons, including transition-age
 39.11 youth, who are deaf, deafblind, or
 39.12 hard-of-hearing. If the amount in the first year
 39.13 is insufficient, the amount in the second year
 39.14 is available in the first year.

39.15 <u>Subd. 7. Services for the Blind</u>	<u>8,425,000</u>	<u>8,425,000</u>
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39.16 Of this amount, \$500,000 each year is for
 39.17 senior citizens who are becoming blind. At
 39.18 least one-half of the funds for this purpose
 39.19 must be used to provide training services for
 39.20 seniors who are becoming blind. Training
 39.21 services must provide independent living skills
 39.22 to seniors who are becoming blind to allow
 39.23 them to continue to live independently in their
 39.24 homes.

39.25 <u>Sec. 3. EXPLORE MINNESOTA</u>	<u>\$ 24,481,000</u>	<u>\$ 18,108,000</u>
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39.26 (a) \$500,000 each year must be matched from
 39.27 nonstate sources to develop maximum private
 39.28 sector involvement in tourism. Each \$1 of state
 39.29 incentive must be matched with \$6 of private
 39.30 sector money. "Matched" means revenue to
 39.31 the state or documented in-kind, soft match,
 39.32 or cash expenditures directly expended to
 39.33 support Explore Minnesota under Minnesota
 39.34 Statutes, section 116U.05. The incentive in

40.1 fiscal year 2026 is based on fiscal year 2025
40.2 private sector contributions. The incentive in
40.3 fiscal year 2027 is based on fiscal year 2026
40.4 private sector contribution. This incentive is
40.5 ongoing.

40.6 (b) \$825,000 each year is for Explore
40.7 Minnesota Film under Minnesota Statutes,
40.8 section 116U.255.

40.9 (c) \$1,500,000 the first year is for a grant to
40.10 the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games. This
40.11 is a onetime appropriation.

40.12 (d) \$5,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
40.13 Minnesota Sports and Events for costs related
40.14 to the World Junior Hockey Championships,
40.15 which will occur in Minnesota in December
40.16 of 2025 and January of 2026. This
40.17 appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.

40.18 **Sec. 4. GRANTEE EVALUATIONS; REPORT TO LEGISLATURE.**

40.19 (a) This section applies to any grant funded under this act where the recipient of the
40.20 grant is individually specified in this act. The commissioner of employment and economic
40.21 development must ensure compliance with the requirements of this section, and all applicable
40.22 requirements under existing law, including applicable grants management policies and
40.23 procedures established by the Office of Grants Management.

40.24 (b) In addition to meeting any reporting requirements included in the grant agreement,
40.25 each grant recipient subject to this section must provide the following information to the
40.26 commissioner of employment and economic development:

40.27 (1) a summary of the purpose of the grant;

40.28 (2) the amount of the grant awarded to the grantee;

40.29 (3) the amount of previous grants issued by the department to the grantee;

40.30 (4) the amount of other state and federal grants awarded to the grantee in the most recent
40.31 fiscal year;

41.1 (5) the number of Minnesotans served by the organization and, if applicable, completing
41.2 the organization's job training program;

41.3 (6) the number of Minnesotans successfully placed in a living wage job by the
41.4 organization;

41.5 (7) the placement effectiveness, calculated by dividing the number of Minnesotans
41.6 calculated in clause (6) by the number in clause (5);

41.7 (8) the cost effectiveness, calculated by dividing the sum of clauses (2) and (4) by the
41.8 number of Minnesotans calculated in clause (6); and

41.9 (9) the organization's charitable giving ratio.

41.10 (c) As a condition of receiving a grant from the Department of Employment and
41.11 Economic Development, a grantee must agree to provide the commissioner any information
41.12 necessary to complete the report required by this section.

41.13 (d) If a grantee uses grant money to provide services to persons who reside outside of
41.14 Minnesota, the grantee must list the states where non-Minnesotan participants reside and
41.15 an explanation of why grant money was used to provide services to non-Minnesota residents.

41.16 (e) The commissioner is not required to provide information in response to paragraph
41.17 (b), clauses (5) to (8), for a grantee that does not offer programming that requires completion
41.18 or that cannot be measured by objective standards.

41.19 (f) Beginning January 15, 2026, the commissioner of employment and economic
41.20 development must submit a report containing the information provided by grant recipients
41.21 as required in paragraph (b) to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative
41.22 committees with jurisdiction over workforce development. The report submitted under this
41.23 section must also include an analysis of the grant recipients' success in meeting the purpose
41.24 and any goals or measurable outcomes specified for the grant. An updated version of this
41.25 report must be submitted on January 15 of each succeeding year until January 15 in the year
41.26 following the date when all of the grant funds have been spent.

41.27 **Sec. 5. CARRYFORWARD; EXTENSIONS.**

41.28 (a) The availability of the appropriations for the following projects is extended to June
41.29 30, 2029:

41.30 (1) Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 20, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph (nn);

41.31 (2) Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 20, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph (ccc); and

42.1 (3) Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 20, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph (yyy).

42.2 Sec. 6. **TRANSFERS.**

42.3 (a) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are transferred
42.4 from the general fund to the emerging entrepreneur program special revenue fund account
42.5 created under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116M.18. The commissioner of employment and
42.6 economic development may use up to four percent of this transfer for administration and
42.7 monitoring of the program. The transfer is \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each year
42.8 thereafter.

42.9 (b) \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are transferred
42.10 from the general fund to the CanStartup revolving loan account established under Minnesota
42.11 Statutes, section 116J.659, subdivision 3. The commissioner of employment and economic
42.12 development may use up to four percent of this transfer for administrative purposes. The
42.13 transfer is \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each year thereafter.

42.14 Sec. 7. **CANCELLATIONS.**

42.15 (a) \$9,000,000 of the fiscal year 2025 general fund appropriation under Laws 2024,
42.16 chapter 127, article 4, section 3, paragraph (a), is canceled to the general fund.

42.17 (b) \$5,000,000 of the fiscal year 2025 general fund appropriation under Laws 2024,
42.18 chapter 127, article 53, section 6, is canceled to the general fund.

42.19 Sec. 8. **APPROPRIATION CANCELLATION; JOB CREATION FUND.**

42.20 \$3,000,000 of the appropriation in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund as appropriated
42.21 under Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 20, section 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (q), is canceled
42.22 to the general fund. This is a onetime cancellation.

42.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

42.24 Sec. 9. **REPEALER.**

42.25 Laws 2024, chapter 120, article 1, section 13, is repealed retroactively to July 1, 2024.

ARTICLE 2

EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY

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43.3 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116J.431, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

43.4 Subd. 2. **Eligible projects.** (a) An economic development project for which a county or
43.5 city may be eligible to receive a grant under this section includes:

43.6 (1) manufacturing;

43.7 (2) technology;

43.8 (3) warehousing and distribution;

43.9 (4) research and development;

43.10 (5) agricultural processing, defined as transforming, packaging, sorting, or grading
43.11 livestock or livestock products or plants and plant-based products into goods that are used
43.12 for intermediate or final consumption, including goods for nonfood use; or

43.13 (6) industrial park development that would be used by any other business listed in this
43.14 subdivision even if no business has committed to locate in the industrial park at the time
43.15 the grant application is made.

43.16 (b) Up to 15 percent of the development of a project may be for a purpose that is not
43.17 included under this subdivision as an eligible project. A city or county must provide notice
43.18 to the commissioner for the commissioner's approval of the proposed project.

43.19 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116J.8733, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

43.20 Subd. 4. ~~Revolving loan fund~~ Minnesota expanding opportunity account. (a) ~~The~~
43.21 ~~commissioner shall establish a revolving loan fund to make loans to nonprofit corporations,~~
43.22 ~~Tribal economic development entities, and community development financial institutions~~
43.23 ~~for the purpose of increasing nonprofit corporation, Tribal economic development entity,~~
43.24 ~~and community development financial institution capital and lending activities with~~
43.25 ~~Minnesota small businesses.~~ A Minnesota expanding opportunity account is created in the
43.26 special revenue fund in the state treasury. Money in the account is appropriated to the
43.27 commissioner for revolving loans to nonprofit corporations for the purpose of increasing
43.28 nonprofit corporation capital and lending activities with Minnesota small businesses.

43.29 (b) ~~Nonprofit corporations, Tribal economic development entities, and community~~
43.30 ~~development financial institutions~~ that receive loans from the commissioner under the

44.1 program must establish appropriate accounting practices for the purpose of tracking eligible
44.2 loans.

44.3 (c) All loan repayments must be paid into the Minnesota expanding opportunity account
44.4 created in this section to fund additional loans.

44.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively to July 1, 2023.

44.6 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116J.8752, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

44.7 Subd. 2. **Purpose.** The Minnesota forward fund account is created to increase the state's
44.8 competitiveness by providing the state the authority and flexibility to facilitate private
44.9 investment. The fund serves as a closing fund to allow the authority and flexibility to
44.10 negotiate incentives to better compete with other states for business retention, expansion
44.11 and attraction of projects in existing and new industries, and develop properties for business
44.12 use, ~~and leverage to meet matching requirements of federal funding~~ for resiliency in economic
44.13 security and economic enhancement opportunities that provide the public high-quality
44.14 employment opportunities.

44.15 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116L.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

44.16 Subdivision 1. **Partnership program.** (a) The partnership program may provide
44.17 grants-in-aid to educational or other nonprofit educational institutions using the following
44.18 guidelines:

44.19 (1) the educational or other nonprofit educational institution is a provider of training
44.20 within the state in either the public or private sector;

44.21 (2) the program involves skills training that is an area of employment need; and

44.22 (3) preference will be given to educational or other nonprofit training institutions which
44.23 serve economically disadvantaged people, minorities, or those who are victims of economic
44.24 dislocation and to businesses located in rural areas.

44.25 (b) A single grant to any one institution shall not exceed ~~\$400,000~~ \$500,000. A portion
44.26 of a grant may be used for preemployment training.

44.27 (c) Each institution must provide for the dissemination of summary results of a
44.28 grant-funded project, including, but not limited to, information about curriculum and all
44.29 supporting materials developed in conjunction with the grant. Results of projects developed
44.30 by any Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system institution must be disseminated
44.31 throughout the system.

45.1 (d) At the discretion of the board, higher education institutions may charge up to a
45.2 30-percent increase on the direct project costs, not including equipment costs.

45.3 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116L.04, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

45.4 Subd. 1a. **Pathways program.** (a) The pathways program may provide grants-in-aid
45.5 for developing programs which assist in the transition of persons from welfare to work and
45.6 assist individuals at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. The program
45.7 is to be operated by the board. The board shall consult and coordinate with program
45.8 administrators at the Department of Employment and Economic Development to design
45.9 and provide services for temporary assistance for needy families recipients.

45.10 (b) Pathways grants-in-aid may be awarded to educational or other nonprofit training
45.11 institutions or to workforce development intermediaries for education and training programs
45.12 and services supporting education and training programs that serve eligible recipients.

45.13 Preference shall be given to projects that:

45.14 (1) provide employment with benefits paid to employees;

45.15 (2) provide employment where there are defined career paths for trainees;

45.16 (3) pilot the development of an educational pathway that can be used on a continuing
45.17 basis for transitioning persons from welfare to work; and

45.18 (4) demonstrate the active participation of Department of Employment and Economic
45.19 Development workforce centers, Minnesota State College and University institutions and
45.20 other educational institutions, and local welfare agencies.

45.21 (c) Pathways projects must demonstrate the active involvement and financial commitment
45.22 of a participating business. Pathways projects must be matched with cash or in-kind
45.23 contributions on at least a one-half-to-one ratio by a participating business.

45.24 (d) A single grant to any one institution shall not exceed ~~\$400,000~~ \$500,000. A portion
45.25 of a grant may be used for preemployment training.

45.26 (e) At the discretion of the board, higher education institutions may charge up to a
45.27 30-percent increase on the direct project costs, not including equipment costs.

45.28 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116L.98, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

45.29 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms defined in this
45.30 subdivision have the meanings given.

46.1 (b) "Credential" means ~~postsecondary~~ degrees, diplomas, licenses, and certificates
 46.2 awarded in recognition of an individual's attainment of measurable technical or occupational
 46.3 skills necessary to obtain employment or advance with an occupation. This definition does
 46.4 not include certificates awarded by workforce investment boards or work-readiness
 46.5 certificates.

46.6 (c) "Exit" means to have not received service under a workforce program for 90
 46.7 consecutive calendar days. The exit date is the last date of service.

46.8 (d) "Net impact" means the use of matched control groups and regression analysis to
 46.9 estimate the impacts attributable to program participation net of other factors, including
 46.10 observable personal characteristics and economic conditions.

46.11 (e) "Pre-enrollment" means the period of time before an individual was enrolled in a
 46.12 workforce program.

46.13 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 469.54, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

46.14 Subd. 4. **Credit for parking revenue.** (a) By March 1 of the year following the year in
 46.15 which the parking facilities or structures are constructed within the district, the city must
 46.16 certify to the commissioner:

46.17 (1) the total amount of revenue generated by the parking facilities and structures in the
 46.18 preceding year; and

46.19 (2) the total amount necessary for operational and maintenance expenses of the facilities
 46.20 or structures in the ~~current~~ preceding year.

46.21 (b) By July 1 of each year thereafter, for a period of 25 years, the commissioner must
 46.22 confirm or revise the amounts as reported. An amount equal to 50 percent of the amount of
 46.23 revenue received by the city by the parking structures and facilities in the ~~previous~~ preceding
 46.24 year that is greater than the amount necessary for operational and maintenance expenses of
 46.25 the facilities or structures in the ~~current~~ preceding year must be paid by the city to the
 46.26 commissioner of employment and economic development by September 1 for deposit into
 46.27 the general fund.

46.28 Sec. 8. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 20, section 2, subdivision 2, as amended by Laws
 46.29 2024, chapter 120, article 1, section 6, is amended to read:

46.30	Subd. 2. Business and Community Development	195,061,000	139,104,000
46.31	Appropriations by Fund		
46.32	General	193,011,000	137,054,000

47.1	Remediation	700,000	700,000
47.2	Workforce		
47.3	Development	1,350,000	1,350,000

47.4 (a) \$2,287,000 each year is for the greater
 47.5 Minnesota business development public
 47.6 infrastructure grant program under Minnesota
 47.7 Statutes, section 116J.431. This appropriation
 47.8 is available until June 30, 2027.

47.9 (b) \$500,000 each year is for grants to small
 47.10 business development centers under Minnesota
 47.11 Statutes, section 116J.68. Money made
 47.12 available under this paragraph may be used to
 47.13 match funds under the federal Small Business
 47.14 Development Center (SBDC) program under
 47.15 United States Code, title 15, section 648, to
 47.16 provide consulting and technical services or
 47.17 to build additional SBDC network capacity to
 47.18 serve entrepreneurs and small businesses.

47.19 (c) \$2,500,000 the first year is for Launch
 47.20 Minnesota. This is a onetime appropriation.
 47.21 Of this amount:

47.22 (1) \$1,500,000 is for innovation grants to
 47.23 eligible Minnesota entrepreneurs or start-up
 47.24 businesses to assist with their operating needs;

47.25 (2) \$500,000 is for administration of Launch
 47.26 Minnesota; and

47.27 (3) \$500,000 is for grantee activities at Launch
 47.28 Minnesota.

47.29 (d)(1) \$500,000 each year is for grants to
 47.30 MNSBIR, Inc., to support moving scientific
 47.31 excellence and technological innovation from
 47.32 the lab to the market for start-ups and small
 47.33 businesses by securing federal research and
 47.34 development funding. The purpose of the grant

48.1 is to build a strong Minnesota economy and
48.2 stimulate the creation of novel products,
48.3 services, and solutions in the private sector;
48.4 strengthen the role of small business in
48.5 meeting federal research and development
48.6 needs; increase the commercial application of
48.7 federally supported research results; and
48.8 develop and increase the Minnesota
48.9 workforce, especially by fostering and
48.10 encouraging participation by small businesses
48.11 owned by women and people who are Black,
48.12 Indigenous, or people of color. This is a
48.13 onetime appropriation.

48.14 (2) MNSBIR, Inc., shall use the grant money
48.15 to be the dedicated resource for federal
48.16 research and development for small businesses
48.17 of up to 500 employees statewide to support
48.18 research and commercialization of novel ideas,
48.19 concepts, and projects into cutting-edge
48.20 products and services for worldwide economic
48.21 impact. MNSBIR, Inc., shall use grant money
48.22 to:

48.23 (i) assist small businesses in securing federal
48.24 research and development funding, including
48.25 the Small Business Innovation Research and
48.26 Small Business Technology Transfer programs
48.27 and other federal research and development
48.28 funding opportunities;

48.29 (ii) support technology transfer and
48.30 commercialization from the University of
48.31 Minnesota, Mayo Clinic, and federal
48.32 laboratories;

48.33 (iii) partner with large businesses;

- 49.1 (iv) conduct statewide outreach, education,
49.2 and training on federal rules, regulations, and
49.3 requirements;
- 49.4 (v) assist with scientific and technical writing;
- 49.5 (vi) help manage federal grants and contracts;
49.6 and
- 49.7 (vii) support cost accounting and sole-source
49.8 procurement opportunities.
- 49.9 (e) \$10,000,000 the first year is ~~for~~ transferred
49.10 from the general fund to the Minnesota
49.11 Expanding Opportunity Fund Program special
49.12 revenue account under Minnesota Statutes,
49.13 section 116J.8733. This is a onetime
49.14 ~~appropriation~~ transfer and is available until
49.15 June 30, 2025.
- 49.16 (f) \$6,425,000 each year is for the small
49.17 business assistance partnerships program
49.18 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.682.
49.19 All grant awards shall be for two consecutive
49.20 years. Grants shall be awarded in the first year.
49.21 The department may use up to five percent of
49.22 the appropriation for administrative purposes.
49.23 The base for this appropriation is \$2,725,000
49.24 in fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter.
- 49.25 (g) \$350,000 each year is for administration
49.26 of the community energy transition office.
- 49.27 (h) \$5,000,000 each year is transferred from
49.28 the general fund to the community energy
49.29 transition account for grants under Minnesota
49.30 Statutes, section 116J.55. This is a onetime
49.31 transfer.
- 49.32 (i) \$1,772,000 each year is for contaminated
49.33 site cleanup and development grants under

50.1 Minnesota Statutes, sections 116J.551 to
50.2 116J.558. This appropriation is available until
50.3 expended.

50.4 (j) \$700,000 each year is from the remediation
50.5 fund for contaminated site cleanup and
50.6 development grants under Minnesota Statutes,
50.7 sections 116J.551 to 116J.558. This
50.8 appropriation is available until expended.

50.9 (k) \$389,000 each year is for the Center for
50.10 Rural Policy and Development. The base for
50.11 this appropriation is \$139,000 in fiscal year
50.12 2026 and each year thereafter.

50.13 (l) \$25,000 each year is for the administration
50.14 of state aid for the Destination Medical Center
50.15 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 469.40 to
50.16 469.47.

50.17 (m) \$875,000 each year is for the host
50.18 community economic development program
50.19 established in Minnesota Statutes, section
50.20 116J.548.

50.21 (n) \$6,500,000 each year is for grants to local
50.22 communities to increase the number of quality
50.23 child care providers to support economic
50.24 development. Fifty percent of grant money
50.25 must go to communities located outside the
50.26 seven-county metropolitan area as defined in
50.27 Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121,
50.28 subdivision 2. The base for this appropriation
50.29 is \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each year
50.30 thereafter.

50.31 Grant recipients must obtain a 50 percent
50.32 nonstate match to grant money in either cash
50.33 or in-kind contribution, unless the
50.34 commissioner waives the requirement. Grant

51.1 money available under this subdivision must
51.2 be used to implement projects to reduce the
51.3 child care shortage in the state, including but
51.4 not limited to funding for child care business
51.5 start-ups or expansion, training, facility
51.6 modifications, direct subsidies or incentives
51.7 to retain employees, or improvements required
51.8 for licensing, and assistance with licensing
51.9 and other regulatory requirements. In awarding
51.10 grants, the commissioner must give priority
51.11 to communities that have demonstrated a
51.12 shortage of child care providers.

51.13 Within one year of receiving grant money,
51.14 grant recipients must report to the
51.15 commissioner on the outcomes of the grant
51.16 program, including but not limited to the
51.17 number of new providers, the number of
51.18 additional child care provider jobs created, the
51.19 number of additional child care openings, and
51.20 the amount of cash and in-kind local money
51.21 invested. Within one month of all grant
51.22 recipients reporting on program outcomes, the
51.23 commissioner must report the grant recipients'
51.24 outcomes to the chairs and ranking members
51.25 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
51.26 over early learning and child care and
51.27 economic development.

51.28 (o) \$500,000 each year is for the Office of
51.29 Child Care Community Partnerships. Of this
51.30 amount:

51.31 (1) \$450,000 each year is for administration
51.32 of the Office of Child Care Community
51.33 Partnerships; and

52.1 (2) \$50,000 each year is for the Labor Market
52.2 Information Office to conduct research and
52.3 analysis related to the child care industry.

52.4 (p) \$3,500,000 each year is for grants in equal
52.5 amounts to each of the Minnesota Initiative
52.6 Foundations. This appropriation is available
52.7 until June 30, 2027. The base for this
52.8 appropriation is \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026
52.9 and each year thereafter. The Minnesota
52.10 Initiative Foundations must use grant money
52.11 under this section to:

52.12 (1) facilitate planning processes for rural
52.13 communities resulting in a community solution
52.14 action plan that guides decision making to
52.15 sustain and increase the supply of quality child
52.16 care in the region to support economic
52.17 development;

52.18 (2) engage the private sector to invest local
52.19 resources to support the community solution
52.20 action plan and ensure quality child care is a
52.21 vital component of additional regional
52.22 economic development planning processes;

52.23 (3) provide locally based training and technical
52.24 assistance to rural business owners
52.25 individually or through a learning cohort.
52.26 Access to financial and business development
52.27 assistance must prepare child care businesses
52.28 for quality engagement and improvement by
52.29 stabilizing operations, leveraging funding from
52.30 other sources, and fostering business acumen
52.31 that allows child care businesses to plan for
52.32 and afford the cost of providing quality child
52.33 care; and

53.1 (4) recruit child care programs to participate
53.2 in quality rating and improvement
53.3 measurement programs. The Minnesota
53.4 Initiative Foundations must work with local
53.5 partners to provide low-cost training,
53.6 professional development opportunities, and
53.7 continuing education curricula. The Minnesota
53.8 Initiative Foundations must fund, through local
53.9 partners, an enhanced level of coaching to
53.10 rural child care providers to obtain a quality
53.11 rating through measurement programs.

53.12 (q) \$8,000,000 each year is for the Minnesota
53.13 job creation fund under Minnesota Statutes,
53.14 section 116J.8748. Of this amount, the
53.15 commissioner of employment and economic
53.16 development may use up to three percent for
53.17 administrative expenses. This appropriation
53.18 is available until expended. Notwithstanding
53.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8748, money
53.20 appropriated for the job creation fund may be
53.21 used for redevelopment under Minnesota
53.22 Statutes, sections 116J.575 and 116J.5761, at
53.23 the discretion of the commissioner.

53.24 (r) \$12,370,000 each year is for the Minnesota
53.25 investment fund under Minnesota Statutes,
53.26 section 116J.8731. Of this amount, the
53.27 commissioner of employment and economic
53.28 development may use up to three percent for
53.29 administration and monitoring of the program.
53.30 This appropriation is available until expended.
53.31 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
53.32 116J.8731, money appropriated to the
53.33 commissioner for the Minnesota investment
53.34 fund may be used for the redevelopment
53.35 program under Minnesota Statutes, sections

54.1 116J.575 and 116J.5761, at the discretion of
54.2 the commissioner. Grants under this paragraph
54.3 are not subject to the grant amount limitation
54.4 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731.

54.5 (s) \$4,246,000 each year is for the
54.6 redevelopment program under Minnesota
54.7 Statutes, sections 116J.575 and 116J.5761.

54.8 The base for this appropriation is \$2,246,000
54.9 in fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter.

54.10 This appropriation is available until expended.

54.11 (t) \$1,000,000 each year is for the Minnesota
54.12 emerging entrepreneur loan program under
54.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 116M.18. Money
54.14 available under this paragraph is for transfer
54.15 into the emerging entrepreneur program
54.16 special revenue fund account created under
54.17 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116M, and are
54.18 available until expended. Of this amount, up
54.19 to four percent is for administration and
54.20 monitoring of the program.

54.21 (u) \$325,000 the first year is for the Minnesota
54.22 Film and TV Board. The appropriation is
54.23 available only upon receipt by the board of \$1
54.24 in matching contributions of money or in-kind
54.25 contributions from nonstate sources for every
54.26 \$3 provided by this appropriation, except that
54.27 up to \$50,000 is available on July 1 even if
54.28 the required matching contribution has not
54.29 been received by that date. This is a onetime
54.30 appropriation.

54.31 (v) \$12,000 each year is for a grant to the
54.32 Upper Minnesota Film Office.

54.33 (w) \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to the
54.34 Minnesota Film and TV Board for the film

55.1 production jobs program under Minnesota
55.2 Statutes, section 116U.26. This appropriation
55.3 is available until June 30, 2027. This is a
55.4 onetime appropriation.

55.5 (x) \$4,195,000 each year is for the Minnesota
55.6 job skills partnership program under
55.7 Minnesota Statutes, sections 116L.01 to
55.8 116L.17. If the appropriation for either year
55.9 is insufficient, the appropriation for the other
55.10 year is available. This appropriation is
55.11 available until expended.

55.12 (y) \$1,350,000 each year from the workforce
55.13 development fund is for jobs training grants
55.14 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.41.

55.15 (z) \$47,475,000 the first year and \$50,475,000
55.16 the second year are for the PROMISE grant
55.17 program. This is a onetime appropriation and
55.18 is available until June 30, 2027. Any
55.19 unencumbered balance remaining at the end
55.20 of the first year does not cancel but is available
55.21 the second year. Of this amount:

55.22 (1) \$475,000 each year is for administration
55.23 of the PROMISE grant program;

55.24 (2) \$7,500,000 each year is for grants in equal
55.25 amounts to each of the Minnesota Initiative
55.26 Foundations to serve businesses in greater
55.27 Minnesota. Of this amount, \$600,000 each
55.28 year is for grants to businesses with less than
55.29 \$100,000 in revenue in the prior year; and

55.30 (3) \$39,500,000 the first year and \$42,500,000
55.31 the second year are for grants to the
55.32 Neighborhood Development Center. Of this
55.33 amount, the following amounts are designated
55.34 for the following areas:

- 56.1 (i) \$16,000,000 each year is for North
56.2 Minneapolis' West Broadway, Camden, ~~or~~ and
56.3 other Northside neighborhoods. Of this
56.4 amount, \$1,000,000 each year is for grants to
56.5 businesses with less than \$100,000 in revenue
56.6 in the prior year;
- 56.7 (ii) ~~\$13,500,000 each year is~~ \$12,500,000 the
56.8 first year and \$13,500,000 the second year are
56.9 for South Minneapolis' Lake Street, 38th and
56.10 Chicago, Franklin, Nicollet, and Riverside
56.11 corridors. Of this amount, \$750,000 each year
56.12 is for grants to businesses with less than
56.13 \$100,000 in revenue in the prior year;
- 56.14 (iii) \$10,000,000 each year is for St. Paul's
56.15 University Avenue, Midway, Eastside, or other
56.16 St. Paul neighborhoods. Of this amount,
56.17 \$750,000 each year is for grants to businesses
56.18 with less than \$100,000 in revenue in the prior
56.19 year;
- 56.20 (iv) \$1,000,000 the first year is for South
56.21 Minneapolis' Hennepin Avenue Commercial
56.22 corridor, South Hennepin Community
56.23 corridor, and Uptown Special Service District;
56.24 and
- 56.25 (v) \$3,000,000 the second year is for grants
56.26 to businesses in the counties of Anoka, Carver,
56.27 Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and
56.28 Washington, excluding the cities of
56.29 Minneapolis and St. Paul.
- 56.30 (aa) \$15,150,000 each year is for the
56.31 PROMISE loan program. This is a onetime
56.32 appropriation and is available until June 30,
56.33 2027. Of this amount:

- 57.1 (1) \$150,000 each year is for administration
57.2 of the PROMISE loan program;
- 57.3 (2) \$3,000,000 each year is for grants in equal
57.4 amounts to each of the Minnesota Initiative
57.5 Foundations to serve businesses in greater
57.6 Minnesota; and
- 57.7 (3) \$12,000,000 each year is for grants to the
57.8 Metropolitan Economic Development
57.9 Association (MEDA). Of this amount, the
57.10 following amounts are designated for the
57.11 following areas:
- 57.12 (i) \$4,500,000 each year is for North
57.13 Minneapolis' West Broadway, Camden, ~~or~~ and
57.14 other Northside neighborhoods;
- 57.15 (ii) \$4,500,000 each year is for South
57.16 Minneapolis' Lake Street, 38th and Chicago,
57.17 Franklin, Nicollet, and Riverside corridors;
57.18 and
- 57.19 (iii) \$3,000,000 each year is for St. Paul's
57.20 University Avenue, Midway, Eastside, or other
57.21 St. Paul neighborhoods.
- 57.22 (bb) \$1,500,000 each year is for a grant to the
57.23 Metropolitan Consortium of Community
57.24 Developers for the community wealth-building
57.25 grant program pilot project. Of this amount,
57.26 up to two percent is for administration and
57.27 monitoring of the community wealth-building
57.28 grant program pilot project. This is a onetime
57.29 appropriation.
- 57.30 (cc) \$250,000 each year is for the publication,
57.31 dissemination, and use of labor market
57.32 information under Minnesota Statutes, section
57.33 116J.401.

58.1 (dd) \$5,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
58.2 the Bloomington Port Authority to provide
58.3 funding for the Expo 2027 host organization.
58.4 The Bloomington Port Authority must enter
58.5 into an agreement with the host organization
58.6 over the use of money, which may be used for
58.7 activities, including but not limited to
58.8 finalizing the community dossier and staffing
58.9 the host organization and for infrastructure
58.10 design and planning, financial modeling,
58.11 development planning and coordination of
58.12 both real estate and public private partnerships,
58.13 and reimbursement of costs the Bloomington
58.14 Port Authority incurred. In selecting vendors
58.15 and exhibitors for Expo 2027, the host
58.16 organization shall prioritize outreach to,
58.17 collaboration with, and inclusion of businesses
58.18 that are majority owned by people of color,
58.19 women, and people with disabilities. The host
58.20 organization and Bloomington Port Authority
58.21 may be reimbursed for expenses 90 days prior
58.22 to encumbrance. This appropriation is
58.23 contingent on approval of the project by the
58.24 Bureau International des Expositions. If the
58.25 project is not approved by the Bureau
58.26 International des Expositions, the money shall
58.27 transfer to the Minnesota investment fund
58.28 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731.
58.29 Any unencumbered balance remaining at the
58.30 end of the first year does not cancel but is
58.31 available for the second year.

58.32 (ee) \$5,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
58.33 the Neighborhood Development Center for
58.34 small business programs, including training,
58.35 lending, business services, and real estate
58.36 programming; small business incubator

59.1 development in the Twin Cities and outside
59.2 the seven-county metropolitan area; and
59.3 technical assistance activities for partners
59.4 outside the seven-county metropolitan area;
59.5 and for high-risk, character-based loan capital
59.6 for nonrecourse loans. This is a onetime
59.7 appropriation. Any unencumbered balance
59.8 remaining at the end of the first year does not
59.9 cancel but is available for the second year.

59.10 (ff) \$5,000,000 the first year is for transfer to
59.11 the emerging developer fund account in the
59.12 special revenue fund. Of this amount, up to
59.13 five percent is for administration and
59.14 monitoring of the emerging developer fund
59.15 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
59.16 116J.9926, and the remainder is for a grant to
59.17 the Local Initiatives Support Corporation -
59.18 Twin Cities to serve as a partner organization
59.19 under the program. This is a onetime
59.20 appropriation.

59.21 (gg) \$5,000,000 the first year is for the
59.22 Canadian border counties economic relief
59.23 program under article 5. Of this amount, up
59.24 to \$1,000,000 is for Tribal economic
59.25 development and \$2,100,000 is for a grant to
59.26 Lake of the Woods County for the forgivable
59.27 loan program for remote recreational
59.28 businesses. This is a onetime appropriation
59.29 and is available until June 30, 2026.

59.30 (hh) \$1,000,000 each year is for a grant to
59.31 African Economic Development Solutions.
59.32 This is a onetime appropriation and is
59.33 available until June 30, 2026. Of this amount:

59.34 (1) \$500,000 each year is for a loan fund that
59.35 must address pervasive economic inequities

60.1 by supporting business ventures of
60.2 entrepreneurs in the African immigrant
60.3 community; and

60.4 (2) \$250,000 each year is for workforce
60.5 development and technical assistance,
60.6 including but not limited to business
60.7 development, entrepreneur training, business
60.8 technical assistance, loan packing, and
60.9 community development services.

60.10 (ii) \$1,500,000 each year is for a grant to the
60.11 Latino Economic Development Center. This
60.12 is a onetime appropriation and is available
60.13 until June 30, 2025. Of this amount:

60.14 (1) \$750,000 each year is to assist, support,
60.15 finance, and launch microentrepreneurs by
60.16 delivering training, workshops, and
60.17 one-on-one consultations to businesses; and

60.18 (2) \$750,000 each year is to guide prospective
60.19 entrepreneurs in their start-up process by
60.20 introducing them to key business concepts,
60.21 including business start-up readiness. Grant
60.22 proceeds must be used to offer workshops on
60.23 a variety of topics throughout the year,
60.24 including finance, customer service,
60.25 food-handler training, and food-safety
60.26 certification. Grant proceeds may also be used
60.27 to provide lending to business startups.

60.28 (jj) \$627,000 the first year is for a grant to
60.29 Community and Economic Development
60.30 Associates (CEDA) to provide funding for
60.31 economic development technical assistance
60.32 and economic development project grants to
60.33 small communities across rural Minnesota and
60.34 for CEDA to design, implement, market, and

61.1 administer specific types of basic community
61.2 and economic development programs tailored
61.3 to individual community needs. Technical
61.4 assistance grants shall be based on need and
61.5 given to communities that are otherwise
61.6 unable to afford these services. Of the amount
61.7 appropriated, up to \$270,000 may be used for
61.8 economic development project implementation
61.9 in conjunction with the technical assistance
61.10 received. This is a onetime appropriation. Any
61.11 unencumbered balance remaining at the end
61.12 of the first year does not cancel but is available
61.13 the second year.

61.14 (kk) \$2,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
61.15 WomenVenture to:

61.16 (1) support child care providers through
61.17 business training and shared services programs
61.18 and to create materials that could be used, free
61.19 of charge, for start-up, expansion, and
61.20 operation of child care businesses statewide,
61.21 with the goal of helping new and existing child
61.22 care businesses in underserved areas of the
61.23 state become profitable and sustainable; and

61.24 (2) support business expansion for women
61.25 food entrepreneurs throughout Minnesota's
61.26 food supply chain to help stabilize and
61.27 strengthen their business operations, create
61.28 distribution networks, offer technical
61.29 assistance and support to beginning women
61.30 food entrepreneurs, develop business plans,
61.31 develop a workforce, research expansion
61.32 strategies, and for other related activities.

61.33 Eligible uses of the money include but are not
61.34 limited to:

- 62.1 (i) leasehold improvements;
- 62.2 (ii) additions, alterations, remodeling, or
- 62.3 renovations to rented space;
- 62.4 (iii) inventory or supplies;
- 62.5 (iv) machinery or equipment purchases;
- 62.6 (v) working capital; and
- 62.7 (vi) debt refinancing.
- 62.8 Money distributed to entrepreneurs may be
- 62.9 loans, forgivable loans, and grants. Of this
- 62.10 amount, up to five percent may be used for
- 62.11 the Women Venture's technical assistance and
- 62.12 administrative costs. This is a onetime
- 62.13 appropriation and is available until June 30,
- 62.14 2026.
- 62.15 By December 15, 2026, Women Venture must
- 62.16 submit a report to the chairs and ranking
- 62.17 minority members of the legislative
- 62.18 committees with jurisdiction over agriculture
- 62.19 and employment and economic development.
- 62.20 The report must include a summary of the uses
- 62.21 of the appropriation, including the amount of
- 62.22 the appropriation used for administration. The
- 62.23 report must also provide a breakdown of the
- 62.24 amount of funding used for loans, forgivable
- 62.25 loans, and grants; information about the terms
- 62.26 of the loans issued; a discussion of how money
- 62.27 from repaid loans will be used; the number of
- 62.28 entrepreneurs assisted; and a breakdown of
- 62.29 how many entrepreneurs received assistance
- 62.30 in each county.
- 62.31 (II) \$2,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
- 62.32 African Career, Education, and Resource, Inc.,
- 62.33 for operational infrastructure and technical

63.1 assistance to small businesses. This
63.2 appropriation is available until June 30, 2025.
63.3 (mm) \$5,000,000 the first year is for a grant
63.4 to the African Development Center to provide
63.5 loans to purchase commercial real estate and
63.6 to expand organizational infrastructure. This
63.7 appropriation is available until June 30, 2025.
63.8 Of this amount:
63.9 (1) \$2,800,000 is for loans to purchase
63.10 commercial real estate targeted at African
63.11 immigrant small business owners;
63.12 (2) \$364,000 is for loan loss reserves to
63.13 support loan volume growth and attract
63.14 additional capital;
63.15 (3) \$836,000 is for increasing organizational
63.16 capacity;
63.17 (4) \$300,000 is for the safe 2 eat project of
63.18 inclusive assistance with required restaurant
63.19 licensing examinations; and
63.20 (5) \$700,000 is for a center for community
63.21 resources for language and technology
63.22 assistance for small businesses.
63.23 (nn) \$7,000,000 the first year is for grants to
63.24 the Minnesota Initiative Foundations to
63.25 capitalize their revolving loan funds, which
63.26 address unmet financing needs of for-profit
63.27 business start-ups, expansions, and ownership
63.28 transitions; nonprofit organizations; and
63.29 developers of housing to support the
63.30 construction, rehabilitation, and conversion
63.31 of housing units. Of the amount appropriated:
63.32 (1) \$1,000,000 is for a grant to the Southwest
63.33 Initiative Foundation;

- 64.1 (2) \$1,000,000 is for a grant to the West
64.2 Central Initiative Foundation;
- 64.3 (3) \$1,000,000 is for a grant to the Southern
64.4 Minnesota Initiative Foundation;
- 64.5 (4) \$1,000,000 is for a grant to the Northwest
64.6 Minnesota Foundation;
- 64.7 (5) \$2,000,000 is for a grant to the Initiative
64.8 Foundation of which \$1,000,000 is for
64.9 redevelopment of the St. Cloud Youth and
64.10 Family Center; and
- 64.11 (6) \$1,000,000 is for a grant to the Northland
64.12 Foundation.
- 64.13 (oo) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
64.14 Enterprise Minnesota, Inc., to reach and
64.15 deliver talent, leadership, employee retention,
64.16 continuous improvement, strategy, quality
64.17 management systems, revenue growth, and
64.18 manufacturing peer-to-peer advisory services
64.19 to small manufacturing companies employing
64.20 35 or fewer full-time equivalent employees.
64.21 This is a onetime appropriation. No later than
64.22 February 1, 2025, and February 1, 2026,
64.23 Enterprise Minnesota, Inc., must provide a
64.24 report to the chairs and ranking minority
64.25 members of the legislative committees with
64.26 jurisdiction over economic development that
64.27 includes:
- 64.28 (1) the grants awarded during the past 12
64.29 months;
- 64.30 (2) the estimated financial impact of the grants
64.31 awarded to each company receiving services
64.32 under the program;

65.1 (3) the actual financial impact of grants
65.2 awarded during the past 24 months; and

65.3 (4) the total amount of federal funds leveraged
65.4 from the Manufacturing Extension Partnership
65.5 at the United States Department of Commerce.

65.6 (pp) \$375,000 each year is for a grant to
65.7 PFund Foundation to provide grants to
65.8 LGBTQ+-owned small businesses and
65.9 entrepreneurs. Of this amount, up to five
65.10 percent may be used for PFund Foundation's
65.11 technical assistance and administrative costs.
65.12 This is a onetime appropriation and is
65.13 available until June 30, 2026. To the extent
65.14 practicable, money must be distributed by
65.15 PFund Foundation as follows:

65.16 (1) at least 33.3 percent to businesses owned
65.17 by members of racial minority communities;
65.18 and

65.19 (2) at least 33.3 percent to businesses outside
65.20 of the seven-county metropolitan area as
65.21 defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
65.22 473.121, subdivision 2.

65.23 (qq) \$125,000 each year is for a grant to
65.24 Quorum to provide business support, training,
65.25 development, technical assistance, and related
65.26 activities for LGBTQ+-owned small
65.27 businesses that are recipients of a PFund
65.28 Foundation grant. Of this amount, up to five
65.29 percent may be used for Quorum's technical
65.30 assistance and administrative costs. This is a
65.31 onetime appropriation and is available until
65.32 June 30, 2026.

65.33 (rr) \$5,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
65.34 the Metropolitan Economic Development

66.1 Association (MEDA) for statewide business
66.2 development and assistance services to
66.3 minority-owned businesses. This is a onetime
66.4 appropriation. Any unencumbered balance
66.5 remaining at the end of the first year does not
66.6 cancel but is available the second year. Of this
66.7 amount:

66.8 (1) \$3,000,000 is for a revolving loan fund to
66.9 provide additional minority-owned businesses
66.10 with access to capital; and

66.11 (2) \$2,000,000 is for operating support
66.12 activities related to business development and
66.13 assistance services for minority business
66.14 enterprises.

66.15 By February 1, 2025, MEDA shall report to
66.16 the commissioner and the chairs and ranking
66.17 minority members of the legislative
66.18 committees with jurisdiction over economic
66.19 development policy and finance on the loans
66.20 and operating support activities, including
66.21 outcomes and expenditures, supported by the
66.22 appropriation under this paragraph.

66.23 (ss) \$2,500,000 each year is for a grant to a
66.24 Minnesota-based automotive component
66.25 manufacturer and distributor specializing in
66.26 electric vehicles and sensor technology that
66.27 manufactures all of their parts onshore to
66.28 expand their manufacturing. The grant
66.29 recipient under this paragraph shall submit
66.30 reports on the uses of the money appropriated,
66.31 the number of jobs created due to the
66.32 appropriation, wage information, and the city
66.33 and state in which the additional
66.34 manufacturing activity was located to the
66.35 chairs and ranking minority members of the

67.1 legislative committees with jurisdiction over
67.2 economic development. An initial report shall
67.3 be submitted by December 15, 2023, and a
67.4 final report is due by December 15, 2025. This
67.5 is a onetime appropriation.

67.6 (tt)(1) \$125,000 each year is for grants to the
67.7 Latino Chamber of Commerce Minnesota to
67.8 support the growth and expansion of small
67.9 businesses statewide. Funds may be used for
67.10 the cost of programming, outreach, staffing,
67.11 and supplies. This is a onetime appropriation.

67.12 (2) By January 15, 2026, the Latino Chamber
67.13 of Commerce Minnesota must submit a report
67.14 to the legislative committees with jurisdiction
67.15 over economic development that details the
67.16 use of grant funds and the grant's economic
67.17 impact.

67.18 (uu) \$175,000 the first year is for a grant to
67.19 the city of South St. Paul to study options for
67.20 repurposing the 1927 American Legion
67.21 Memorial Library after the property is no
67.22 longer used as a library. This appropriation is
67.23 available until the project is completed or
67.24 abandoned, subject to Minnesota Statutes,
67.25 section 16A.642.

67.26 (vv) \$250,000 the first year is for a grant to
67.27 LatinoLEAD for organizational
67.28 capacity-building.

67.29 (ww) \$80,000 the first year is for a grant to
67.30 the Neighborhood Development Center for
67.31 small business competitive grants to software
67.32 companies working to improve employee
67.33 engagement and workplace culture and to
67.34 reduce turnover.

68.1 (xx)(1) \$3,000,000 in the first year is for a
68.2 grant to the Center for Economic Inclusion for
68.3 strategic, data-informed investments in job
68.4 creation strategies that respond to the needs
68.5 of underserved populations statewide. This
68.6 may include forgivable loans, revenue-based
68.7 financing, and equity investments for
68.8 entrepreneurs with barriers to growth. Of this
68.9 amount, up to five percent may be used for
68.10 the center's technical assistance and
68.11 administrative costs. This appropriation is
68.12 available until June 30, 2025.

68.13 (2) By January 15, 2026, the Center for
68.14 Economic Inclusion shall submit a report on
68.15 the use of grant funds, including any loans
68.16 made, to the legislative committees with
68.17 jurisdiction over economic development.

68.18 (yy) \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to
68.19 the Asian Economic Development Association
68.20 for asset building and financial empowerment
68.21 for entrepreneurs and small business owners,
68.22 small business development and technical
68.23 assistance, and cultural placemaking. This is
68.24 a onetime appropriation.

68.25 (zz) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
68.26 Isuroon to support primarily African
68.27 immigrant women with entrepreneurial
68.28 training to start, manage, and grow
68.29 self-sustaining microbusinesses, develop
68.30 incubator space for these businesses, and
68.31 provide support with financial and language
68.32 literacy, systems navigation to eliminate
68.33 capital access disparities, marketing, and other
68.34 technical assistance. This is a onetime
68.35 appropriation.

69.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively to July 1, 2023, except that
69.2 the amendment in paragraph (z), clause (3), item (ii), is effective retroactively from July 1,
69.3 2025.

69.4 Sec. 9. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 21, section 7, as amended by Laws 2024, chapter
69.5 120, article 1, section 12; Laws 2024, chapter 125, article 8, section 9; and Laws 2024,
69.6 chapter 127, article 53, section 9, is amended to read:

69.7 Sec. 7. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

69.8 (a) \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the Minnesota forward fund
69.9 account to the commissioner of employment and economic development ~~for providing~~
69.10 ~~businesses with matching funds required by federal programs.~~ Money awarded under this
69.11 program is made retroactive to February 1, 2023, for applications and projects. The
69.12 commissioner may use up to two percent of this appropriation for administration. This is a
69.13 onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, ~~2027~~ 2030. Any funds that remain
69.14 unspent are canceled to the general fund.

69.15 (b) \$100,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the Minnesota forward fund
69.16 account to the commissioner of employment and economic development to match existing
69.17 federal funds made available in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, Public Law 117-328.
69.18 This appropriation must be used to (1) construct and operate a bioindustrial manufacturing
69.19 pilot innovation facility, biorefinery, or commercial campus utilizing agricultural feedstocks
69.20 or (2) for a Minnesota aerospace center for research, development, and testing, or both (1)
69.21 and (2). This appropriation is not subject to the grant limit requirements of Minnesota
69.22 Statutes, section 116J.8752, subdivisions 4, paragraph (b), and 5. Notwithstanding Minnesota
69.23 Statutes, section 116J.8752, subdivision 4, paragraph (a), this appropriation may include
69.24 land acquisition as an eligible use to construct a bioindustrial manufacturing pilot innovation
69.25 facility, a biorefinery, and an aerospace center for research, development, and testing. The
69.26 commissioner may use up to two percent of this appropriation for administration. This is a
69.27 onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, ~~2027~~ 2030. Any funds that remain
69.28 unspent are canceled to the general fund.

69.29 (c) \$240,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the Minnesota forward fund
69.30 account to the commissioner of employment and economic development to match federal
69.31 funds made available in the Chips and Science Act, Public Law 117-167. Money awarded
69.32 under this program is made retroactive to February 1, 2023, for applications and projects.
69.33 This appropriation is not subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8752, subdivision 5.

70.1 The commissioner may use up two percent for administration. This is a onetime appropriation
 70.2 and is available until June 30, ~~2027~~ 2030. Any funds that remain unspent are canceled to
 70.3 the general fund.

70.4 (d) The commissioner may use the appropriation under paragraph (c) to allocate up to
 70.5 15 percent of the total project cost with a maximum of \$75,000,000 per project for the
 70.6 purpose of constructing, modernizing, or expanding commercial facilities on the front- and
 70.7 back-end fabrication of leading-edge, current-generation, and mature-node semiconductors;
 70.8 funding semiconductor materials and manufacturing equipment facilities; and for research
 70.9 and development facilities.

70.10 (e) The commissioner may use the appropriation under paragraph (c) to award:

70.11 (1) grants to institutions of higher education for developing and deploying training
 70.12 programs and to build pipelines to serve the needs of industry; and

70.13 (2) grants to increase the capacity of institutions of higher education to serve industrial
 70.14 requirements for research and development that coincide with current and future requirements
 70.15 of projects eligible under this section. Grant money may be used to construct and equip
 70.16 facilities that serve the purpose of the industry. The maximum grant award per institution
 70.17 of higher education under this section is \$5,000,000 and may not represent more than 50
 70.18 percent of the total project funding from other sources. Use of this funding must be supported
 70.19 by businesses receiving funds under clause (1).

70.20 (f) Money appropriated in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) may be transferred between
 70.21 appropriations within the Minnesota forward fund account by the commissioner of
 70.22 employment and economic development with approval of the commissioner of management
 70.23 and budget. The commissioner must notify the Legislative Advisory Commission at least
 70.24 15 days prior to changing appropriations under this paragraph.

70.25 Sec. 10. **CHANGE STARTS WITH COMMUNITY VIOLENCE PREVENTION**
 70.26 **PROGRAM.**

70.27 Subdivision 1. Objectives. Change Starts With Community must:

70.28 (1) develop and implement year-round job training programs for at-risk youth and adults
 70.29 and provide trusted adult mentorship for at-risk Black, Indigenous, and People of Color
 70.30 youth, providing them with the skills needed for gainful employment and career opportunities;
 70.31 and

70.32 (2) create on-site job opportunities at Shiloh Cares Food Shelf - Northside Community
 70.33 Safety Resource Center, promoting community engagement and economic development.

71.1 Subd. 2. **Partnership.** Change Starts With Community shall partner with the Cargill
 71.2 Foundation to support at-risk youth educational career exposure field trips and exposing
 71.3 participants to the Change Starts With Community Agrihood garden and preventing further
 71.4 trauma through field trips for youth.

71.5 Subd. 3. **At-risk youth and adult job program positions.** Change Starts With
 71.6 Community must use grant proceeds to add positions to the program's complement, including
 71.7 but not limited to adult food service workers, youth food service workers, an executive
 71.8 director, operations director, program coordinator, and food shelf manager.

71.9 Subd. 4. **Report.** Beginning in fiscal year 2026, Change Starts With Community shall
 71.10 report to the commissioner of employment and economic development outlining the use of
 71.11 grant money, program outcomes, and the impact on the targeted population. The report must
 71.12 be submitted no later than six months after the end of each fiscal year.

71.13 **Sec. 11. APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS TO APPROPRIATION.**

71.14 The appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 20, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph
 71.15 (ee), is not subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.98.

71.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively to July 1, 2023.

71.17 **Sec. 12. REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

71.18 The revisor of statutes shall change the term "small business growth acceleration program"
 71.19 to "Made in Minnesota program" wherever it appears in Minnesota Statutes, section
 71.20 116O.115.

71.21 **ARTICLE 3**

71.22 **EXPLORE MINNESOTA**

71.23 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116U.05, is amended to read:

71.24 **116U.05 EXPLORE MINNESOTA; ESTABLISHMENT.**

71.25 Explore Minnesota is an office in the executive branch with a director appointed by the
 71.26 governor. The director is under the supervision of the commissioner of employment and
 71.27 economic development and oversees Explore Minnesota Tourism ~~and~~, Explore Minnesota
 71.28 for Business, and Explore Minnesota Film divisions. The director serves in the unclassified
 71.29 service and must be qualified by experience and training in related fields.

72.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116U.06, is amended to read:

72.2 **116U.06 EXPLORE MINNESOTA TOURISM.**

72.3 Explore Minnesota Tourism ~~is a division of Explore Minnesota and~~ exists to support
72.4 Minnesota's economy through promotion and facilitation of travel to and within the state
72.5 of Minnesota.

72.6 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116U.15, is amended to read:

72.7 **116U.15 MISSION.**

72.8 (a) The mission of Explore Minnesota is to ~~promote and facilitate increased travel to~~
72.9 ~~and within the state of Minnesota, promote overall livability, and promote workforce and~~
72.10 ~~economic opportunity in Minnesota~~ support the growth of Minnesota's economy through
72.11 the management of the state's tourism, livability and economic opportunity, outdoor
72.12 recreation, film, and other statewide promotion efforts as directed. To further the mission
72.13 of Explore Minnesota, the office is advised by various advisory councils ~~focused on tourism~~
72.14 ~~and talent attraction and business marketing.~~ Its goals are to:

72.15 (1) expand public and private partnerships through increased interagency efforts and
72.16 increased tourism and business industry participation;

72.17 (2) increase productivity through enhanced flexibility and options; and

72.18 (3) use innovative fiscal and human resource practices to manage the state's resources
72.19 and operate the office as efficiently as possible.

72.20 (b) The director shall report to the legislature on the performance of the office's operations
72.21 and the accomplishment of its goals in the office's biennial budget according to section
72.22 16A.10, subdivision 1.

72.23 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116U.30, is amended to read:

72.24 **116U.30 DUTIES OF DIRECTOR.**

72.25 (a) The director shall:

72.26 (1) publish, disseminate, and distribute informational and promotional materials;

72.27 (2) ~~promote and encourage the coordination of Explore Minnesota travel, tourism, overall~~
72.28 ~~livability, and workforce and economic opportunity~~ promotion efforts with other state
72.29 agencies and develop multiagency marketing strategies when appropriate;

73.1 (3) promote and encourage the expansion and development of ~~international tourism,~~
73.2 ~~trade, and Minnesota livability marketing~~ programs that support the mission of the office;

73.3 (4) advertise and disseminate information about ~~Minnesota travel, tourism, and workforce~~
73.4 ~~and economic development opportunities~~ Explore Minnesota and its activities that support
73.5 the mission of the office;

73.6 (5) ~~aid various~~ provide local communities a reasonable level of support to improve their
73.7 ~~travel, tourism, and overall livability~~ marketing programs as they relate to the mission of
73.8 the office;

73.9 (6) coordinate and implement comprehensive state ~~travel, tourism, workforce and~~
73.10 ~~economic development, and overall livability~~ mission-driven marketing programs that take
73.11 into consideration public and private businesses and attractions;

73.12 (7) contract, in accordance with section 16C.08, for professional services if the work or
73.13 services cannot be satisfactorily performed by employees of the agency or by any other
73.14 state agency;

73.15 (8) provide local, regional, and statewide organizations with information, ~~technical~~
73.16 ~~assistance~~ educational opportunities, training, and advice on using state tourism and livability
73.17 ~~information and~~ promotional programs related to the office's mission; and

73.18 (9) generally gather, compile, and make available statistical information relating to
73.19 ~~Minnesota travel, tourism, workforce and economic development, overall livability, and~~
73.20 ~~related areas in this state~~ the office's mission. The director has the authority to call upon
73.21 other state agencies for statistical data and results obtained by them and to arrange and
73.22 compile that statistical information.

73.23 (b) The director may:

73.24 (1) apply for, receive, and spend money ~~for travel, tourism, workforce and economic~~
73.25 ~~development, and overall livability development and marketing,~~ as it relates to the mission
73.26 of the office, from other agencies, organizations, and businesses;

73.27 (2) apply for, accept, and disburse grants and other aids for ~~tourism~~ development and
73.28 marketing from the federal government and other sources;

73.29 (3) enter into joint powers or cooperative agreements with agencies of the federal
73.30 government, local governmental units, regional development commissions, other state
73.31 agencies, the University of Minnesota and other educational institutions, other states,
73.32 Canadian provinces, and local, statewide, and regional organizations as necessary to perform
73.33 the director's duties;

74.1 (4) enter into interagency agreements and agree to share net revenues with the contributing
74.2 agencies;

74.3 (5) make grants;

74.4 (6) conduct market research and analysis to improve marketing techniques ~~in the area~~
74.5 ~~of travel, tourism, workforce and economic development, and overall livability;~~

74.6 (7) monitor and study trends in the related industries and provide resources and training
74.7 to address change;

74.8 (8) annually convene conferences of Minnesota providers for the purposes of exchanging
74.9 information on tourism development, coordinating marketing activities, and formulating
74.10 ~~tourism, overall livability, and workforce and economic opportunity~~ mission-related
74.11 promotion development strategies; and

74.12 (9) enter into promotion contracts or other agreements with private persons and public
74.13 entities, including agreements to establish and maintain offices and other types of
74.14 representation in foreign countries to promote international travel and to implement this
74.15 chapter.

74.16 (c) Contracts for goods and ~~nonprofessional~~ services and professional technical services
74.17 made under paragraph (b), clauses (3) and (9), are not subject to the provisions of sections
74.18 16C.03, subdivision 3, and 16C.06 concerning competitive bidding and section 16C.055
74.19 concerning barter arrangements. Professional technical service contracts that promote
74.20 Minnesota as a tourism travel destination or a talent attraction may be negotiated and are
74.21 not subject to the provisions of chapter 16C relating to competitive bidding.

74.22 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116U.35, is amended to read:

74.23 **116U.35 PROMOTIONAL EXPENSES.**

74.24 To promote ~~travel, tourism, workforce and economic development, and overall livability~~
74.25 ~~of the state~~ programs that align with Explore Minnesota's mission, the director may expend
74.26 money appropriated by the legislature for these purposes in the same manner as private
74.27 persons, firms, corporations, and associations make expenditures for these purposes. Policies
74.28 on promotional expenses must be approved by the commissioner of administration. A policy
74.29 for expenditures on food, lodging, and travel must be approved by the commissioner of
74.30 management and budget. No money may be expended for the appearance in radio or
74.31 television broadcasts by an elected public official.

ARTICLE 4

DEED CANNABIS PROGRAMS

75.1 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116J.659, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

75.2 Subd. 4. **Loans to businesses.** (a) The criteria in this subdivision apply to loans made
75.3 by nonprofit corporations under the program.

75.4 (b) Loans must be used to support a new cannabis microbusiness in the legal cannabis
75.5 industry. Priority must be given to loans to businesses owned by individuals who are eligible
75.6 to be social equity applicants and businesses located in communities where long-term
75.7 residents are eligible to be social equity applicants.

75.8 (c) Loans must be made to cannabis microbusinesses that are not likely to undertake the
75.9 project for which loans are sought without assistance from the program.

75.10 (d) The minimum state contribution to a loan is \$2,500 and the maximum is either:

75.11 (1) ~~\$50,000~~ \$75,000; or

75.12 (2) ~~\$150,000~~ \$200,000, if state contributions are matched by ~~an equal or greater amount~~
75.13 at least 25 percent of new private investment.

75.14 (e) Loan applications given preliminary approval by the nonprofit corporation must be
75.15 forwarded to the commissioner for approval. The commissioner must ~~give final approval~~
75.16 ~~for each loan made by the nonprofit corporation under the program~~ make approval decisions
75.17 within 30 days of receiving a loan application. If the application contains insufficient
75.18 information to make an approval decision, the nonprofit corporation must be notified within
75.19 14 days with all information that needs to be provided.

75.20 (f) A cannabis microbusiness that receives a loan may apply ~~to renew the~~ for a subsequent
75.21 ~~loan. Renewal applications must be made on an annual basis and~~ A cannabis microbusiness
75.22 ~~may receive loans for up to six consecutive years~~ have a maximum of two program loans.
75.23 A nonprofit corporation may ~~renew~~ originate a loan to a cannabis microbusiness that is no
75.24 longer a new business provided the business would otherwise qualify for an initial loan and
75.25 is in good standing with the nonprofit corporation and the commissioner. A nonprofit
75.26 corporation may ~~adjust the amount of a renewed loan, or not renew a loan,~~ decline to originate
75.27 a subsequent loan if the nonprofit corporation determines that the cannabis microbusiness
75.28 is financially stable and is substantially likely to continue the project for which the loan
75.29 ~~renewal~~ is sought. Refinancing of existing debt is prohibited.

76.1 (g) If a borrower has met lender criteria, including being current with all payments for
 76.2 a minimum of three years, the commissioner may approve either full or partial forgiveness
 76.3 of interest or principal amounts.

76.4 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116J.659, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

76.5 Subd. 5. **Revolving loan account administration.** (a) The commissioner shall establish
 76.6 a minimum interest rate for loans or guarantees to ensure that necessary loan administration
 76.7 costs are covered. The interest rate or fee equivalent charged by a nonprofit corporation for
 76.8 a loan under this section must not exceed the Wall Street Journal prime rate. For a loan
 76.9 under this section, the nonprofit corporation may charge a loan origination fee equal to or
 76.10 less than one percent of the loan value. The nonprofit corporation may retain the amount
 76.11 of the origination fee.

76.12 (b) Loan repayment of principal must be paid to the commissioner for deposit in the
 76.13 CanStartup revolving loan account. Loan interest payments ~~must be deposited in a revolving~~
 76.14 ~~loan account created by the nonprofit corporation originating the loan being repaid for~~
 76.15 ~~further distribution or use, consistent with the criteria of this section~~ may be retained by the
 76.16 nonprofit corporation originating the loan to help cover expenses for loan servicing and
 76.17 origination.

76.18 (c) Administrative expenses of the nonprofit corporations with whom the commissioner
 76.19 enters into agreements, including expenses incurred by a nonprofit corporation in providing
 76.20 technology, insurance, legal, audit and accounting, reporting, financial, technical, managerial,
 76.21 and marketing assistance to a business receiving a loan under this section, are eligible
 76.22 program expenses the commissioner may agree to pay under the grant agreement.

76.23 (d) Average interest rates charged by the nonprofit corporations must be reported
 76.24 biannually and publicly published by both the agency and the nonprofit corporation.

76.25 ARTICLE 5

76.26 PROMISE ACT MODIFICATIONS

76.27 Section 1. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 18, section 2, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

76.28 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have
 76.29 the meanings given.

76.30 (b) "Business" means both for-profit businesses and nonprofit organizations that earn
 76.31 revenue in ways similar to businesses.

76.32 (c) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of employment and economic development.

77.1 (d) "Partner organization" or "partner" means the Minnesota Initiative Foundations and
 77.2 nonprofit corporations receiving grants to provide grants to businesses under this section.

77.3 (e) "Prior taxable year" means the most recently completed tax year to the calendar year
 77.4 that an application is submitted.

77.5 (f) "Program" means the PROMISE grant program under this section.

77.6 (g) "Taxpayer" has the meaning given in section 290.01, subdivision 6.

77.7 Sec. 2. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 18, section 2, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

77.8 Subd. 4. **Grants to businesses.** (a) Partners shall make grants to businesses using criteria,
 77.9 forms, applications, and reporting requirements developed by the partner organization and
 77.10 approved by the commissioner.

77.11 (b) To be eligible for a grant under this subdivision, a business must:

77.12 (1) have primary business operations located in the state of Minnesota;

77.13 (2) be located in a community that has been adversely affected by structural racial
 77.14 discrimination, civil unrest, lack of access to capital, a loss of population or an aging
 77.15 population, or a lack of regional economic diversification; ~~and~~

77.16 (3) have a gross annual revenue of \$750,000 or less based on ~~2021 taxes~~ the prior taxable
 77.17 year.

77.18 (c) In addition to the requirements under paragraph (a), if a taxpayer's business meets
 77.19 requirements of paragraph (b), clause (2), and the business location is the taxpayer's
 77.20 residence, the taxpayer must have been eligible for the deduction allowed under section
 77.21 280A(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, in the prior taxable year.

77.22 ~~(e)~~ (d) Preference shall be given to businesses that did not receive previous assistance
 77.23 of more than \$10,000 cumulatively from the state under:

77.24 (1) the governor's Executive Order No. 20-15;

77.25 (2) Laws 2020, First Special Session chapter 1, section 4;

77.26 (3) Laws 2020, Seventh Special Session chapter 2, article 4 or 5; or

77.27 (4) Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 10, article 2, section 22.

77.28 ~~(d)~~ (e) Preference shall be given to businesses that are able to demonstrate financial
 77.29 hardship.

78.1 ~~(e)~~ (f) Preference shall be given to businesses that were in operation in 2021 and had
78.2 revenue of \$750,000 or less based on the prior year tax documentation submitted under
78.3 paragraph (b), clause (3).

78.4 (g) Grants under this subdivision must not exceed:

78.5 (1) \$10,000 for businesses with a gross revenue in the prior year of \$100,000 or less;

78.6 (2) \$25,000 for businesses with a gross revenue in the prior year of more than \$100,000
78.7 but no more than \$350,000; and

78.8 (3) \$50,000 for businesses with a gross revenue in the prior year of more than \$350,000
78.9 but no more than \$750,000.

78.10 ~~(f)~~ (h) No business or individual may receive more than one grant under this section.

78.11 ~~(g)~~ (i) Grant money may be used for working capital to support payroll expenses, rent
78.12 or mortgage payments, utility bills, equipment, and other similar expenses that occur in the
78.13 regular course of business.

78.14 Sec. 3. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 18, section 3, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

78.15 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have
78.16 the meanings given.

78.17 (b) "Borrower" means an eligible recipient receiving a loan under this section.

78.18 (c) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of employment and economic development.

78.19 (d) "Eligible project" means the development, redevelopment, demolition, site preparation,
78.20 predesign, design, engineering, repair, land acquisition, relocation, or renovation of real
78.21 property or capital improvements. Eligible project includes but is not limited to construction
78.22 of buildings, equipment purchases, infrastructure, related site amenities, landscaping, and
78.23 street-scaping.

78.24 (e) "Eligible recipient" means a:

78.25 (1) business;

78.26 (2) nonprofit organization; or

78.27 (3) developer that is seeking funding to complete an eligible project. Eligible recipient
78.28 does not include a partner organization or a local unit of government.

78.29 Eligible recipients must: (i) have primary operations located in the state of Minnesota; (ii)
78.30 have gross annual revenue of less than ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$1,500,000 based on ~~2021 taxes~~ the prior

79.1 taxable year; and (iii) be located in a community that has been adversely affected by structural
 79.2 racial discrimination, civil unrest, lack of access to capital, a loss of population or an aging
 79.3 population, or a lack of regional economic diversification.

79.4 (f) "Partner organization" or "Partner" means the Minnesota Initiative Foundations and
 79.5 nonprofit corporations receiving grants to provide loans under this section.

79.6 (g) "Program" means the PROMISE loan program under this section.

79.7 (h) "Redevelopment" means the acquisition of real property; site preparation; predesign,
 79.8 design, engineering, repair, or renovation of facilities facade improvements, and construction
 79.9 of buildings, infrastructure, and related site amenities; landscaping; street-scaping;
 79.10 land-banking for future development or redevelopment; or financing any of these activities
 79.11 taken on by a private party pursuant to an agreement with the city. Redevelopment does not
 79.12 include project costs that have received compensation or assistance available through
 79.13 insurance policies or from other organizations or government agencies.

79.14 Sec. 4. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 18, section 3, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

79.15 Subd. 4. **Loans to eligible recipients.** (a) A partner organization may make loans to
 79.16 eligible recipients for eligible projects. A loan to an eligible recipient for an eligible project
 79.17 must:

79.18 (1) be for no more than ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$1,500,000;

79.19 (2) be for a term of no more than ~~ten~~ 20 years; and

79.20 (3) not charge an interest rate of more than three percent.

79.21 (b) Loans must not be used for working capital or inventory; consolidating; or repaying;
 79.22 ~~or refinancing~~ debt; or speculation or investment in rental real estate.

79.23 (c) All payments of interest on a loan under this section are the property of the partner
 79.24 organization ~~and shall be used for its administrative and operating expenses under the~~
 79.25 ~~program.~~

79.26 (d) A partner organization may:

79.27 (1) charge a loan origination fee of no more than one percent per loan; and

79.28 (2) charge a monthly fee in lieu of interest.

80.1 Sec. 5. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 18, section 3, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

80.2 Subd. 5. **Revolving loan fund.** Partner organizations that receive grants from the
80.3 commissioner under the program must establish a commissioner-certified revolving loan
80.4 fund for the purpose of making eligible loans. All loan payments shall be deposited in the
80.5 partner organization's revolving loan fund. Funds repaid to the partner organization are not
80.6 limited in their uses by the language in this section, except that funds repaid may not be
80.7 used for loans for speculation or investment in rental real estate.

80.8 Sec. 6. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

80.9 Sections 1 to 5 are effective the day following final enactment.

80.10 **ARTICLE 6**

80.11 **EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MISCELLANEOUS**

80.12 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116L.05, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

80.13 Subd. 5. **Use of workforce development funds.** After March 1 of any fiscal year, the
80.14 board may use workforce development funds for the purposes outlined in sections 116L.02
80.15 and 116L.04, or to provide incumbent worker training services under section 116L.18 if
80.16 the following conditions have been met:

80.17 (1) the board examines relevant economic indicators, including the projected number
80.18 of layoffs for the remainder of the fiscal year and the next fiscal year, evidence of declining
80.19 and expanding industries, the number of initial applications for and the number of exhaustions
80.20 of unemployment benefits, job vacancy data, county labor force participation rates, and any
80.21 additional relevant information brought to the board's attention;

80.22 (2) the board accounts for all allocations made in section 116L.17, subdivision 2;

80.23 (3) based on the past expenditures and projected revenue, the board estimates future
80.24 funding needs for services under section 116L.17 for the remainder of the current fiscal
80.25 year and the next fiscal year;

80.26 (4) the board determines there will be unspent funds after meeting the needs of dislocated
80.27 workers in the current fiscal year and there will be sufficient revenue to meet the needs of
80.28 dislocated workers in the next fiscal year; and

80.29 (5) the board reports its findings in clauses (1) to (4) to the chairs of legislative
80.30 committees with jurisdiction over the workforce development fund, to the commissioners
80.31 of revenue and management and budget, and to the public.

81.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 248.07, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

81.2 Subd. 7. **Blind, vending ~~stands and machines~~ facilities on governmental property;**
81.3 **liability limited.** (a) Notwithstanding any other law, for the rehabilitation of blind persons
81.4 the commissioner shall have exclusive authority to establish and to operate vending ~~stands~~
81.5 ~~and vending machines~~ facilities in all buildings and properties owned or rented exclusively
81.6 by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities at a state university, a community college,
81.7 a consolidated community technical college, or a technical college served by the
81.8 commissioner before January 1, 1996, or by any department or agency of the state of
81.9 Minnesota except the Department of Natural Resources properties operated directly by the
81.10 Division of State Parks and not subject to private leasing. Vending ~~stands and machines~~
81.11 facilities authorized under this subdivision may dispense nonalcoholic beverages, food,
81.12 candies, tobacco, souvenirs, notions, and related items and must be operated on the same
81.13 basis as other vending ~~stands~~ facilities for the blind established and supervised by the
81.14 commissioner under federal law. The commissioner shall waive this authority to displace
81.15 any present private individual concessionaire in any state-owned or rented building or
81.16 property who is operating under a contract with a specific renewal or termination date, until
81.17 the renewal or termination date. With the consent of the governing body of a governmental
81.18 subdivision of the state, the commissioner may establish and supervise vending ~~stands and~~
81.19 ~~vending machines~~ facilities for the blind in any building or property exclusively owned or
81.20 rented by the governmental subdivision.

81.21 (b) The Department of Employment and Economic Development is not liable under
81.22 chapter 176 for any injury sustained by a blind vendor's employee or agent. The Department
81.23 of Employment and Economic Development, its officers, and its agents are not liable for
81.24 the acts or omissions of a blind vendor or of a blind vendor's employee or agent that may
81.25 result in the blind vendor's liability to third parties. The Department of Employment and
81.26 Economic Development, its officers, and its agents are not liable for negligence based on
81.27 any theory of liability for claims arising from the relationship created under this subdivision
81.28 with the blind vendor.

81.29 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 248.07, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

81.30 Subd. 8. **Use of revolving fund, licenses for operation of vending ~~stands~~ facilities.** (a)
81.31 The revolving fund created by Laws 1947, chapter 535, section 5, is continued as provided
81.32 in this subdivision and shall be known as the revolving fund for vocational rehabilitation
81.33 of the blind. It shall be used for the purchase of equipment and supplies for establishing and
81.34 operating of vending ~~stands~~ facilities by blind persons. All income, receipts, earnings, and

82.1 federal vending ~~maehine~~ facility income due to the operation of vending ~~stands~~ facilities
82.2 operated under this subdivision shall also be paid into the fund. All interest earned on money
82.3 accrued in the fund must be credited to the fund by the commissioner of management and
82.4 budget. All equipment, supplies, and expenses for setting up these ~~stands~~ facilities shall be
82.5 paid for from the fund.

82.6 (b) The commissioner is authorized to use the money available in the revolving fund
82.7 that originated as operational charges to individuals licensed under this subdivision for the
82.8 establishment, operation, and supervision of vending ~~stands~~ facilities by blind persons for
82.9 the following purposes:

82.10 (1) purchase, upkeep and replacement of equipment;

82.11 (2) expenses incidental to the setting up of new ~~stands~~ facilities and improvement of old
82.12 ~~stands~~ facilities;

82.13 (3) reimbursement under section 15.059 to individual blind vending operators for
82.14 reasonable expenses incurred in attending supervisory meetings as called by the commissioner
82.15 and other expenditures for management services consistent with federal law; and

82.16 (4) purchase of fringe benefits for blind vending operators and their employees such as
82.17 group health insurance, retirement program, vacation or sick leave assistance provided that
82.18 the purchase of any fringe benefit is approved by a majority vote of blind vending operators
82.19 licensed pursuant to this subdivision after the commissioner provides to each blind vending
82.20 operator information on all matters relevant to the fringe benefits. "Majority vote" means
82.21 a majority of blind vending operators voting. Fringe benefits shall be paid only from
82.22 assessments of operators for specific benefits, gifts to the fund for fringe benefit purposes,
82.23 and vending income which is not assignable to an individual ~~stand~~ facility.

82.24 (c) Money originally deposited as merchandise and supplies repayments by individuals
82.25 licensed under this subdivision may be expended for initial and replacement stocks of
82.26 supplies and merchandise. Money originally deposited from vending income on federal
82.27 property must be spent consistent with federal law.

82.28 (d) All other deposits may be used for the purchase of general liability insurance or any
82.29 other expense related to the operation and supervision of vending ~~stands~~ facilities.

82.30 (e) The commissioner shall issue each license for the operation of a vending ~~stand~~ facility
82.31 or vending machine for an indefinite period but may terminate any license in the manner
82.32 provided. In granting licenses for new or vacated ~~stands~~ facilities preference on the basis
82.33 of seniority of experience in operating ~~stands~~ facilities under the control of the commissioner

83.1 shall be given to capable operators who are deemed competent to handle the enterprise
83.2 under consideration. Application of this preference shall not prohibit the commissioner from
83.3 selecting an operator from the community in which the ~~stand~~ facility is located.

83.4 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 268.085, subdivision 15, is amended to read:

83.5 Subd. 15. **Available for suitable employment defined.** (a) "Available for suitable
83.6 employment" means an applicant is ready, willing, and able to accept suitable employment.
83.7 The attachment to the work force must be genuine. An applicant may restrict availability
83.8 to suitable employment, but there must be no other restrictions, either self-imposed or created
83.9 by circumstances, temporary or permanent, that prevent accepting suitable employment.

83.10 (b) Unless the applicant is in reemployment assistance training, to be "available for
83.11 suitable employment," a student who has regularly scheduled classes must be willing to
83.12 discontinue classes to accept suitable employment when:

83.13 (1) class attendance restricts the applicant from accepting suitable employment; and

83.14 (2) the applicant is unable to change the scheduled class or make other arrangements
83.15 that excuse the applicant from attending class.

83.16 (c) Except for an active search that may be done remotely, an applicant who is absent
83.17 from the labor market area for personal reasons, other than to search for work, is not
83.18 "available for suitable employment." An applicant who is conducting an active work search
83.19 remotely must be able to be physically present for an in-person interview, if scheduled, to
83.20 be considered "available for suitable employment" under this paragraph.

83.21 (d) An applicant who has restrictions on the hours of the day or days of the week that
83.22 the applicant can or will work, that are not normal for the applicant's usual occupation or
83.23 other suitable employment, is not "available for suitable employment." An applicant must
83.24 be available for daytime employment, if suitable employment is performed during the
83.25 daytime, even though the applicant previously worked the night shift.

83.26 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 268.184, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

83.27 Subdivision 1. **Misrepresentation; administrative penalties.** (a) The commissioner
83.28 must penalize an employer if that employer or any employee, officer, or agent of that
83.29 employer made a false statement or representation without a good faith belief as to correctness
83.30 of the statement or representation or knowingly failed to disclose a material fact in order
83.31 to:

84.1 (1) assist an applicant to receive unemployment benefits to which the applicant is not
84.2 entitled;

84.3 (2) prevent or reduce the payment of unemployment benefits to an applicant; or

84.4 (3) avoid or reduce any payment required from an employer under this chapter or section
84.5 116L.20.

84.6 The penalty is the greater of \$500 or ~~50~~ 100 percent of the following resulting from the
84.7 employer's action:

84.8 (i) the amount of any overpaid unemployment benefits to an applicant;

84.9 (ii) the amount of unemployment benefits not paid to an applicant that would otherwise
84.10 have been paid; or

84.11 (iii) the amount of any payment required from the employer under this chapter or section
84.12 116L.20 that was not paid.

84.13 (b) The commissioner must penalize an employer if that employer failed or refused to
84.14 honor a subpoena issued under section 268.188. The penalty is \$500 and any costs of
84.15 enforcing the subpoena, including attorney fees.

84.16 (c) Penalties under this subdivision and under section 268.047, subdivision 4, paragraph
84.17 (b), are in addition to any other penalties and subject to the same collection procedures that
84.18 apply to past due taxes. Penalties must be paid within 30 calendar days of issuance of the
84.19 determination of penalty and credited to the trust fund.

84.20 (d) The determination of penalty is final unless the employer files an appeal within 45
84.21 calendar days after the sending of the determination of penalty to the employer by mail or
84.22 electronic transmission. Proceedings on the appeal are conducted in accordance with section
84.23 268.105."

84.24 Amend the title accordingly