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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy
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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to tourism; appropriating money for a tourism industry recovery grant
1.3 program and Grand Portage tourism.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; TOURISM INDUSTRY RECOVERY GRANT
1.6 PROGRAM.

1.7 \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to Explore
1.8 Minnesota Tourism for a tourism industry recovery grant program. The grant program must
1.9 provide money to organizations, Tribal governments, and communities to accelerate the
1.10 recovery of the state's tourism industry. Grant money may be used to support meetings,
1.11 conventions and group business, multi-community and high-visibility events, and tourism
1.12 marketing. Explore Minnesota Tourism must accept applications under this section for at
1.13 least five business days beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the first business day and, if total
1.14 applications exceed \$10,000,000, the grants must be awarded to eligible applicants at random
1.15 until the funding is exhausted. Of this amount, Explore Minnesota Tourism must not retain
1.16 any portion for administrative costs. This is a onetime appropriation.

1.17 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION; GRAND PORTAGE TOURISM.

1.18 \$250,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to Explore Minnesota
1.19 Tourism for a grant to the Grand Portage Band to focus tourism to Grand Portage. This is
1.20 a onetime appropriation.