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A bill for an act  
relating to business development; establishing a grant program for business  
development in the Southeast Asian community; appropriating money.  
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **SOUTHEAST ASIAN COMMUNITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT;  
APPROPRIATION.**

\$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the  
commissioner of employment and economic development for grants to eligible  
organizations to work collaboratively in providing business development and assistance  
services to businesses owned by members of the Hmong, Karen, and other Southeast  
Asian communities in the state. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June  
30, 2019. For the purposes of this section, "eligible organizations" means: Hmong 18  
Clan Council, Hmong Chamber of Commerce, and Hmong American Vanguard Power  
Allegiance for Justice. Grant funds awarded under this section may be used to provide  
services to business owners and aspiring business owners in the Hmong, Laotian, Karen,  
Thai, and Vietnamese communities, including but not limited to:

- (1) technical assistance;
  - (2) education and skill building in business administration and management;
  - (3) recruitment and outreach to business owners and aspiring business owners; and
  - (4) training opportunities in the skilled trades, small business start-up and  
management, and business finance, including loan and grant application processes and  
procedures.
- Up to ... percent of grants awarded under this section may be used by award recipients for  
administrative costs, including the hiring of additional staff.