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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to appropriations; appropriating money for grants to filmmakers and
1.3 production companies from the refugee community in Minnesota.
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; REFUGEE COMMUNITY FILMMAKER**
1.6 **GRANTS.**

1.7 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2016 is appropriated from the general fund to the Board of
1.8 Directors of the Minnesota Humanities Center for grants to filmmakers and production
1.9 companies from the refugee community that have done prior productions on feature-length
1.10 stories to produce media projects located in Minnesota. For purposes of this section,
1.11 "refugee community" means persons who have become refugees from their country since
1.12 1975. Grants made under this section require a dollar-for-dollar match by the grantee.
1.13 Grant funds must be used only for project costs incurred in Minnesota. This appropriation
1.14 is available until expended.