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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1655

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Workforce, Labor, and Economic Development Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to economic development; appropriating money for rural economic
1.3 development technical assistance grants.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
1.6 ASSOCIATES.

1.7 \$627,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.8 of employment and economic development for a grant to Community and Economic
1.9 Development Associates (CEDA) to provide funding for economic development technical
1.10 assistance and economic development project grants to small communities across rural
1.11 Minnesota and for CEDA to design, implement, market, and administer specific types of
1.12 basic community and economic development programs tailored to individual community
1.13 needs. Technical assistance grants shall be based on need and given to communities that
1.14 are otherwise unable to afford these services. Of the amount appropriated, up to \$270,000
1.15 may be used for economic development project implementation in conjunction with the
1.16 technical assistance received. This is a onetime appropriation.