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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; requiring a report; appropriating money for a  
1.3 grant to Fortis Capital for a revolving loan fund.

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

1.5 Section 1. FORTIS CAPITAL; APPROPRIATION.

1.6 (a) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the  
1.7 commissioner of employment and economic development for a grant to Fortis Capital, a  
1.8 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, for a revolving loan fund to provide risk-mitigating capital  
1.9 for commercial development activities in underserved communities and to entrepreneurs  
1.10 from disadvantaged groups statewide. This revolving loan fund must focus on partnerships  
1.11 with private sector lenders and other sources of nonstate funds to maximize the impact of  
1.12 the fund by leveraging outside capital. Of this amount, up to ten percent may be used for  
1.13 Fortis Capital's operating costs. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until  
1.14 expended.

1.15 (b) Fortis Capital shall submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of  
1.16 the legislative committees with jurisdiction over economic development by December 31,  
1.17 2028, that details the use of grant funds and program outcomes.