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A bill for an act

relating to health; appropriating money to counties, municipalities, and townships for planning and assistance to support drinking water regionalization; requiring a report.

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

Section 1. **DRINKING WATER REGIONALIZATION PLANNING AND ASSISTANCE GRANTS.**

Subdivision 1. **Eligible recipients.** Grants under this section must be made available to counties, municipalities, and townships that seek to undertake the process outlined in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116A, to establish or expand regional drinking water systems.

Subd. 2. **Eligible expenses.** Grant funds must be used for planning activities, including feasibility studies, engineering analyses, legal and financial assessments, community engagement efforts, preliminary and final design work, and activities necessary for district formation under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116A, to support regional drinking water infrastructure development.

Subd. 3. **Grant administration.** By November 1, 2026, the commissioner of health must develop an application process and selection criteria that prioritizes projects addressing aging infrastructure, water quality, affordability, or economic development.

Subd. 4. **Grant maximum and match requirement.** Grants awarded under this section must not exceed $300,000 per grant recipient per year. Grant recipients must provide matching funds equaling at least 25 percent of the total grant amount.

Subd. 5. **Reporting.** The commissioner must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over water infrastructure by January 15, 2027, summarizing the grants awarded, the progress of funded projects, and recommendations for future funding to support drinking water regionalization efforts.

Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; DRINKING WATER REGIONALIZATION PLANNING AND ASSISTANCE GRANTS.**

$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of health for grants to counties, municipalities, and townships to support efforts related to drinking water regionalization. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.