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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to economic development; appropriating money for the fitness industry
1.3 recovery grant program; requiring a report.

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

1.5 Section 1. **FITNESS INDUSTRY RECOVERY GRANT PROGRAM.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have
1.7 the meanings given.

1.8 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of employment and economic development.

1.9 (c) "Eligible business" means a business that:

1.10 (1) is a yoga or fitness studio;

1.11 (2) as of January 1, 2022, was registered to pay unemployment tax to the commissioner
1.12 under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 268;

1.13 (3) employs the equivalent of 20 full-time employees or less at the time of application;

1.14 (4) had revenue of less than \$250,000 in 2022; and

1.15 (5) did not receive a payment under Laws 2020, Seventh Special Session chapter 2,
1.16 article 1.

1.17 (d) "Program" means the fitness industry recovery grant program created in this section.

1.18 Subd. 2. Establishment. The commissioner shall establish a fitness industry recovery
1.19 grant program to help eligible businesses recover from the economic setbacks of the
1.20 COVID-19 pandemic.

2.1 Subd. 3. Grants to eligible businesses. (a) Eligible businesses shall apply for grants
2.2 using an application and process designed by the commissioner.

2.3 (b) Grants shall be made on a rolling basis starting on September 1, 2023.

2.4 (c) Grants shall be for \$15,000 per eligible business.

2.5 (d) Grants and the process of making grants under this section are exempt from the
2.6 following statutes and related policies: Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.15, subdivision 3;
2.7 16B.97; 16B.98, subdivisions 5, 7, and 8; and 116J.993 to 116J.995.

2.8 Subd. 4. Report to the legislature. By January 15, 2025, the commissioner must submit
2.9 a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees of the house of
2.10 representatives and the senate having jurisdiction over economic development that details
2.11 the distribution of grant funds.

2.12 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.

2.13 \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.14 of employment and economic development for the fitness industry recovery grant program.