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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4068

03/07/2022 Authored by Hansen, R., The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Workforce and Business Development Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to economic development; establishing the hospitality recovery grant
1.3 program; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. HOSPITALITY RECOVERY GRANT PROGRAM.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Grant program established. The commissioner of employment and
1.7 economic development shall make hospitality recovery grants to eligible hospitality
1.8 businesses of up to \$10,000 due to adverse effects to a business related to the COVID-19
1.9 pandemic.

1.10 Subd. 2. Hospitality business defined. For purposes of this section, "hospitality business"
1.11 means a for-profit or nonprofit business including but not limited to restaurants, drinking
1.12 places, and entertainment venues.

1.13 Subd. 3. Eligibility. A hospitality business is eligible to receive a grant under this section
1.14 if the business:

1.15 (1) employs or fewer employees;

1.16 (2) has a physical presence in the state; and

1.17 (3) was impacted by a COVID-19-related business closure or other restrictions related
1.18 to the COVID-19 pandemic.

1.19 Subd. 4. Administration. (a) The commissioner may develop criteria, forms, applications,
1.20 and reporting requirements for use by applicants.

2.1 (b) Priority in awarding grants shall be given to businesses that have not previously
2.2 received any COVID-19-related state or local grants or aid, excluding any business relief
2.3 payment received under Laws 2020, Seventh Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section
2.4 1.

2.5 (c) Grants shall be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

2.6 Subd. 5. **Eligible use of grant money.** Grant proceeds may be used for business
2.7 operations, payroll, rent or mortgage, utilities, and other business-related expenses.

2.8 Subd. 6. **Appropriation.** (a) \$2,800,000 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the
2.9 state fiscal recovery fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development
2.10 for hospitality recovery grants under this section. Of this amount, no more than \$..... may
2.11 be used for the administrative costs incurred in making these grants.

2.12 (b) For the purposes of this section, "state fiscal recovery fund" means money received
2.13 by the state pursuant to section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act, Public Law 117-2.

2.14 (c) This is a onetime appropriation and is available until December 31, 2023.

2.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.