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1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to appropriations; appropriating money for shade tree grant purposes.

1.3BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.4Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.5\$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated

1.6from the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for grants of up to \$1,000,000

1.7to cities, counties, towns, and park and recreation boards in cities of the first class for

1.8the development of response plans, for the removal and replacement of publicly owned

1.9shade trees damaged by or lost to forest pests or disease, or to establish a more diverse

1.10community forest better able to withstand disease and forest pests. The commissioner

1.11must give priority to grant requests to plan, remove, and replace trees within emerald ash

1.12borer quarantined counties. For the purposes of this appropriation, "shade tree" means a

1.13woody perennial grown primarily for aesthetic or environmental services with minimal to

1.14residual timber value and no intent to harvest it for wood.