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02/15/2024	11617	Introduction and first reading Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy

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A bill for an act
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relating to natural resources; appropriating money for community tree planting
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grants.
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
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Section 1. **COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING GRANTS; APPROPRIATION.**
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(a) \$..... in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
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of natural resources for grants to cities, counties, townships, Tribal governments, and park
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and recreation boards in cities of the first class for removing and planting shade trees on
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public or Tribal land to provide environmental benefits; to replace trees lost to forest pests,
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disease, or storm; or to establish a more diverse community forest better able to withstand
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disease and forest pests. For purposes of this appropriation, "shade tree" means a woody
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perennial grown primarily for aesthetic or environmental purposes with minimal to residual
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timber value. Any tree planted with money under this section must be a climate-adapted
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species to Minnesota. Priority for grants made with this appropriation must be given to
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grants funding:
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(1) projects removing and replacing ash trees that pose significant public safety concerns;
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(2) projects that benefit underserved populations; and
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(3) projects that benefit environmental justice areas as defined in Minnesota Statutes,
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sections 116.065, subdivision 1, paragraph (e).
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(b) This is a onetime appropriation.