

State of Minnesota

H. F. No. **4611**

(1) is not eligible to receive unemployment benefits. Such individuals may include but are not limited to individuals in the country on an H1B or other work visa or are self-employed;

(2) will not receive unemployment benefits at a rate that is commensurate with their earnings. Such individuals may include but are not limited to tipped employees whose earnings do not accurately reflect income;

(3) will have significant difficulty getting COVID-19-related federal or state assistance. Such individuals may include but are not limited to individuals who are adult dependents or other minor or college-aged dependents; or

(4) will not be able to receive any COVID-19-related federal or state assistance. Such individuals may include but are not limited to individuals who were not required to file taxes for the past two years and adults who are elderly or disabled but are not receiving Social Security benefits.

Subd. 4. **Maximum grant award.** The amount of assistance shall depend on the individual needs of the household, taking into consideration other resources that an individual or household is eligible to receive. The maximum amount of assistance may not exceed \$1,500 per individual.

Subd. 5. **Use of grant funds.** Grant funds received by an individual under this section may be used for food, emergency household items, rent support, utility bills, and other similar expenses. Assistance for rent support and utility bills must be made directly to the rental property owner or utility company.

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

Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

\$50,000,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2020 from the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for a grant to the Minnesota Council on Foundations for COVID-19 emergency community relief grants under section 1. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2021.

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