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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to economic development; appropriating money to make workforce training

1.3 and entrepreneurship investments intended to help close the state's opportunity

1.4 gaps for Minnesotans of color.

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

1.6 Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

1.7 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the

1.8 Department of Employment and Economic Development for the purposes specified in this

1.9 act. The appropriations are from the general fund, or another named fund, and are available

1.10 for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figures "2022" and "2023" used in this

1.11 act mean that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending

1.12 June 30, 2022, or June 30, 2023, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2022. "The

1.13 second year" is fiscal year 2023. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

1.14 **APPROPRIATIONS**

1.15 **Available for the Year**

1.16 **Ending June 30**

1.17 **2022 2023**

1.18 **Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT**

1.19 **AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

1.20 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** **\$** **13,175,000** **\$** **11,675,000**

1.21 **Appropriations by Fund**

1.22 **2022** **2023**

2.1	<u>General</u>	<u>2,375,000</u>	<u>875,000</u>
2.2	<u>Workforce</u>		
2.3	<u>Development</u>	<u>10,800,000</u>	<u>10,800,000</u>

2.4 The amounts that may be spent for each
 2.5 purpose are specified in the following
 2.6 subdivisions.

2.7	<u>Subd. 2. Business and Community Development</u>	<u>3,550,000</u>	<u>3,550,000</u>
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2.8 (a)(1) \$750,000 each year is for a grant to the
 2.9 Neighborhood Development Center for small
 2.10 business programs. This is a onetime
 2.11 appropriation.

2.12 (2) Of the amount appropriated in the first
 2.13 year, \$150,000 is for outreach and training
 2.14 activities outside the seven-county
 2.15 metropolitan area, as defined in Minnesota
 2.16 Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2.

2.17 (b) \$1,175,000 each year from the workforce
 2.18 development fund is for a grant to the
 2.19 Metropolitan Economic Development
 2.20 Association (MEDA) for statewide business
 2.21 development and assistance services, including
 2.22 services to entrepreneurs with businesses that
 2.23 have the potential to create job opportunities
 2.24 for unemployed and underemployed people
 2.25 with an emphasis on minority-owned
 2.26 businesses. This is a onetime appropriation.

2.27 (c) \$125,000 each year from the workforce
 2.28 development fund is for a grant to the White
 2.29 Earth Nation for the White Earth Nation
 2.30 Integrated Business Development System to
 2.31 provide business assistance with workforce
 2.32 development, outreach, technical assistance,
 2.33 infrastructure and operational support,
 2.34 financing, and other business development
 2.35 activities. This is a onetime appropriation.

3.1 (d) \$875,000 each year from the workforce
 3.2 development fund is for a grant to Enterprise
 3.3 Minnesota, Inc., for the small business growth
 3.4 acceleration program under Minnesota
 3.5 Statutes, section 116O.115. This is a onetime
 3.6 appropriation.

3.7 (e) \$125,000 each year is for a grant to the
 3.8 Hmong Chamber of Commerce to train
 3.9 ethnically Southeast Asian business owners
 3.10 and operators in better business practices. This
 3.11 is a onetime appropriation.

3.12 (f) \$500,000 each year is from the workforce
 3.13 development fund for a grant to Youthprise
 3.14 to give grants through a competitive process
 3.15 to community organizations to provide
 3.16 economic development services designed to
 3.17 enhance long-term economic self-sufficiency
 3.18 in communities with concentrated East African
 3.19 populations. Such communities include but
 3.20 are not limited to Faribault, Rochester, St.
 3.21 Cloud, Moorhead, and Willmar. To the extent
 3.22 possible, Youthprise must make at least 50
 3.23 percent of these grants to organizations serving
 3.24 communities located outside the seven-county
 3.25 metropolitan area, as defined in Minnesota
 3.26 Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2. This
 3.27 is a onetime appropriation and is available
 3.28 until June 30, 2024.

3.29 **Subd. 3. Workforce Development** 9,625,000 8,125,000

3.30 (a) \$250,000 each year is from the workforce
 3.31 development fund for a grant to YWCA St.
 3.32 Paul to provide job training services and
 3.33 workforce development programs and
 3.34 services, including job skills training and
 3.35 counseling. This is a onetime appropriation.

4.1 (b) \$525,000 each year is from the workforce
4.2 development fund for a grant to the YWCA
4.3 of Minneapolis to provide economically
4.4 challenged individuals the jobs skills training,
4.5 career counseling, and job placement
4.6 assistance necessary to secure a child
4.7 development associate credential and to have
4.8 a career path in early childhood education.

4.9 This is a onetime appropriation.

4.10 (c) \$1,000,000 each year is from the workforce
4.11 development fund for a grant to EMERGE
4.12 Community Development, in collaboration
4.13 with community partners, for services
4.14 targeting Minnesota communities with the
4.15 highest concentrations of African and
4.16 African-American joblessness, based on the
4.17 most recent census tract data, to provide
4.18 employment readiness training, credentialed
4.19 training placement, job placement and
4.20 retention services, supportive services for
4.21 hard-to-employ individuals, and a general
4.22 education development fast track and adult
4.23 diploma program. This is a onetime
4.24 appropriation.

4.25 (d) \$1,000,000 each year is from the
4.26 workforce development fund for a grant to the
4.27 Minneapolis Foundation for a strategic
4.28 intervention program designed to target and
4.29 connect program participants to meaningful,
4.30 sustainable living-wage employment. This is
4.31 a onetime appropriation.

4.32 (e) \$700,000 each year is from the workforce
4.33 development fund for performance grants
4.34 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8747,
4.35 to Twin Cities R!SE to provide training to

5.1 hard-to-train individuals. This is a onetime
5.2 appropriation.

5.3 (f) \$1,000,000 each year is from the workforce
5.4 development fund for a grant to the
5.5 Construction Careers Foundation for the
5.6 construction career pathway initiative to
5.7 provide year-round educational and
5.8 experiential learning opportunities for teens
5.9 and young adults under the age of 21 that lead
5.10 to careers in the construction industry. This is
5.11 a onetime appropriation. Grant funds must be
5.12 used to:

5.13 (1) increase construction industry exposure
5.14 activities for middle school and high school
5.15 youth, parents, and counselors to reach a more
5.16 diverse demographic and broader statewide
5.17 audience. This requirement includes but is not
5.18 limited to an expansion of programs to provide
5.19 experience in different crafts to youth and
5.20 young adults throughout the state;

5.21 (2) increase the number of high schools in
5.22 Minnesota offering construction classes during
5.23 the academic year that utilize a multicraft
5.24 curriculum;

5.25 (3) increase the number of summer internship
5.26 opportunities;

5.27 (4) enhance activities to support graduating
5.28 seniors in their efforts to obtain employment
5.29 in the construction industry;

5.30 (5) increase the number of young adults
5.31 employed in the construction industry and
5.32 ensure that they reflect Minnesota's diverse
5.33 workforce; and

6.1 (6) enhance an industrywide marketing
6.2 campaign targeted to youth and young adults
6.3 about the depth and breadth of careers within
6.4 the construction industry. Programs and
6.5 services supported by grant funds must give
6.6 priority to individuals and groups that are
6.7 economically disadvantaged or historically
6.8 underrepresented in the construction industry,
6.9 including but not limited to women, veterans,
6.10 and members of minority and immigrant
6.11 groups.

6.12 (g) \$750,000 each year is from the workforce
6.13 development fund for a grant to Latino
6.14 Communities United in Service (CLUES) to
6.15 expand culturally tailored programs that
6.16 address employment and education skill gaps
6.17 for working parents and underserved youth by
6.18 providing new job skills training to stimulate
6.19 higher wages for low-income people, family
6.20 support systems designed to reduce
6.21 intergenerational poverty, and youth
6.22 programming to promote educational
6.23 advancement and career pathways. At least
6.24 50 percent of this amount must be used for
6.25 programming targeted at greater Minnesota.
6.26 This is a onetime appropriation.

6.27 (h) \$500,000 each year is from the workforce
6.28 development fund for a grant to the American
6.29 Indian Opportunities and Industrialization
6.30 Center, in collaboration with the Northwest
6.31 Indian Community Development Center, to
6.32 reduce academic disparities for American
6.33 Indian students and adults. This is a onetime
6.34 appropriation. The grant funds may be used
6.35 to provide:

- 7.1 (1) student tutoring and testing support
7.2 services;
- 7.3 (2) training and employment placement in
7.4 information technology;
- 7.5 (3) training and employment placement within
7.6 trades;
- 7.7 (4) assistance in obtaining a GED;
- 7.8 (5) remedial training leading to enrollment
7.9 and to sustain enrollment in a postsecondary
7.10 higher education institution;
- 7.11 (6) real-time work experience in information
7.12 technology fields and in the trades;
- 7.13 (7) contextualized adult basic education;
- 7.14 (8) career and educational counseling for
7.15 clients with significant and multiple barriers;
7.16 and
- 7.17 (9) reentry services and counseling for adults
7.18 and youth.
- 7.19 After notification to the chairs and ranking
7.20 minority members of the legislative
7.21 committees with jurisdiction over jobs and
7.22 economic development, the commissioner may
7.23 transfer this appropriation to the commissioner
7.24 of education.
- 7.25 (i) \$1,000,000 each year from the workforce
7.26 development fund is for a grant to Ujamaa
7.27 Place for job training, employment
7.28 preparation, internships, education, training
7.29 in the construction trades, housing, and
7.30 organizational capacity building. This is a
7.31 onetime appropriation.

8.1 (j) \$500,000 each year is from the workforce
8.2 development fund for a grant to the Hmong
8.3 American Partnership, in collaboration with
8.4 community partners, for services targeting
8.5 Minnesota communities with the highest
8.6 concentrations of Southeast Asian joblessness,
8.7 based on the most recent census tract data, to
8.8 provide employment readiness training,
8.9 credentialed training placement, job placement
8.10 and retention services, supportive services for
8.11 hard-to-employ individuals, and a general
8.12 education development fast track and adult
8.13 diploma program. This is a onetime
8.14 appropriation.

8.15 (k) \$625,000 each year is from the workforce
8.16 development fund for performance grants
8.17 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8747,
8.18 to Latino Economic Development Center
8.19 (LEDC) to provide training to hard-to-train
8.20 individuals and programs that include
8.21 technical assistance to Latino entrepreneurs
8.22 and farmers, workforce development, and
8.23 business lending. This is a onetime
8.24 appropriation.

8.25 (l) \$125,000 each year is from the workforce
8.26 development fund for a grant to Joyce
8.27 Preschool to provide economically challenged
8.28 individuals the jobs skills training, career
8.29 counseling, and job placement assistance
8.30 necessary to secure a child development
8.31 association credential and to have a career path
8.32 in early childhood education. This is a onetime
8.33 appropriation.

8.34 (m) \$1,500,000 the first year is from the
8.35 general fund for a grant to 30,000 Feet, a

- 9.1 nonprofit organization, to fund youth
- 9.2 apprenticeship jobs, after school programming,
- 9.3 and summer learning prevention loss to
- 9.4 increase the number of African American
- 9.5 youth and families served through culturally
- 9.6 responsive arts and technology education,
- 9.7 social-emotional learning, and African
- 9.8 American history and culture. This is a
- 9.9 onetime appropriation.
- 9.10 (n) \$150,000 each year is from the workforce
- 9.11 development fund for a grant to the Center for
- 9.12 Hmong Arts and Talent (CHAT) for youth
- 9.13 development and job creation. This is a
- 9.14 onetime appropriation.