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02/24/2020	4881	Introduction and first reading Referred to Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy

1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to economic development; appropriating money for a grant to Ujamaa

1.3Place; amending Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 7, article 1, section 2,

1.4subdivision 3.

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

1.6Section 1. Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 7, article 1, section 2, subdivision 3,

1.7is amended to read:

1.8Subd. 3. **Employment and Training Programs**27,209,00027,209,000

1.9Appropriations by Fund

1.10General5,532,0005,532,000

1.11Workforce

1.12Development21,677,00021,677,000

1.13(a) \$250,000 each year is for the higher

1.14education career advising program.

1.15(b) \$500,000 each year from the general fund

1.16and \$500,000 each year from the workforce

1.17development fund are for rural career

1.18counseling coordinators in the workforce

1.19service areas and for the purposes specified

1.20under Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.667.

1.21(c) \$750,000 each year is for the women and

1.22high-wage, high-demand, nontraditional jobs

1.23grant program under Minnesota Statutes,

section 116L.99. Of this amount, up to five percent is for administration and monitoring of the program.

(d)(1) \$150,000 each year is from the workforce development fund for a grant to the Regional Center for Entrepreneurial Facilitation hosted by a county or higher education institution. Funds available under this paragraph must be used to provide entrepreneur and small business development direct professional business assistance services in the following counties in Minnesota: Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, Le Sueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Watonwan, and Waseca. For the purposes of this paragraph, "direct professional business assistance services" must include but is not limited to payment of overhead costs, pre-venture assistance for individuals considering starting a business, and services for underserved populations, agricultural businesses, and students. This appropriation is not available until the commissioner determines that an equal amount is committed from nonstate sources. This appropriation is onetime and available until June 30, 2021.

(2) Grant recipients shall report to the commissioner by February 1, 2021, and include information on the number of customers served in each county; the number of businesses started, stabilized, or expanded; the number of jobs created and retained; and business success rates in each county. By April 1, 2021, the commissioner shall report the information submitted by grant recipients to

3.1 the chairs and ranking minority members of  
3.2 the standing committees of the house of  
3.3 representatives and senate having jurisdiction  
3.4 over economic development issues.

3.5 (e) \$1,000,000 each year is from the workforce  
3.6 development fund for a grant to Summit  
3.7 Academy OIC to expand their contextualized  
3.8 GED and employment placement program and  
3.9 STEM program. This is a onetime  
3.10 appropriation.

3.11 (f) \$125,000 each year is from the workforce  
3.12 development fund for a grant to the YWCA  
3.13 of Minneapolis to provide economically  
3.14 challenged individuals the jobs skills training,  
3.15 career counseling, and job placement  
3.16 assistance necessary to secure a child  
3.17 development associate credential and to have  
3.18 a career path in early childhood education.  
3.19 This is a onetime appropriation.

3.20 (g) \$125,000 each year is from the workforce  
3.21 development fund for a grant to the YWCA  
3.22 of St. Paul to provide job training services and  
3.23 workforce development programs and  
3.24 services, including job skills training and  
3.25 counseling. This is a onetime appropriation.

3.26 (h) \$100,000 each year is from the workforce  
3.27 development fund for displaced homemaker  
3.28 programs under Minnesota Statutes, section  
3.29 116L.96. The commissioner, through the adult  
3.30 career pathways program, shall distribute the  
3.31 funds to existing nonprofit and state displaced  
3.32 homemaker programs. This is a onetime  
3.33 appropriation.

4.1 (i) \$150,000 each year is from the workforce  
4.2 development fund for a grant to Hennepin  
4.3 County for the Cedar Riverside Partnership.  
4.4 This is a onetime appropriation.

4.5 (j) \$4,604,000 each year is from the workforce  
4.6 development fund and \$1,094,000 each year  
4.7 is from the general fund for the pathways to  
4.8 prosperity competitive grant program. Of this  
4.9 amount, up to four percent is for  
4.10 administration and monitoring of the program.  
4.11 The base amount from the general fund in  
4.12 fiscal year 2022 and beyond is \$2,546,000.

4.13 (k) \$150,000 each year is from the workforce  
4.14 development fund for a grant to Better Futures  
4.15 Minnesota to provide job skills training to  
4.16 individuals who have been released from  
4.17 incarceration for a felony-level offense and  
4.18 are no more than 12 months from the date of  
4.19 release. This is a onetime appropriation.

4.20 (l) \$188,000 each year is for a grant to  
4.21 AccessAbility Incorporated to provide job  
4.22 skills training to individuals who have been  
4.23 released from incarceration for a felony-level  
4.24 offense and are no more than 12 months from  
4.25 the date of release. AccessAbility Incorporated  
4.26 shall annually report to the commissioner on  
4.27 how the money was spent and what results  
4.28 were achieved. The report must include, at a  
4.29 minimum, information and data about the  
4.30 number of participants; participant  
4.31 homelessness, employment, recidivism, and  
4.32 child support compliance; and training  
4.33 provided to program participants. This is a  
4.34 onetime appropriation.

5.1 (m) \$250,000 each year is from the workforce  
5.2 development fund for Propel Nonprofits,  
5.3 formerly known as the Nonprofits Assistance  
5.4 Fund, to make grants for infrastructure support  
5.5 to small nonprofit organizations that serve  
5.6 historically underserved cultural communities.  
5.7 This is a onetime appropriation.

5.8 (n) \$50,000 each year is from the workforce  
5.9 development fund for grants to the Minnesota  
5.10 Grocers Association Foundation for Carts to  
5.11 Careers, a statewide initiative to promote  
5.12 careers, conduct outreach, provide job skills  
5.13 training, and grant scholarships for careers in  
5.14 the retail food industry. This is a onetime  
5.15 appropriation.

5.16 (o) \$500,000 each year is from the workforce  
5.17 development fund for a grant to the American  
5.18 Indian Opportunities and Industrialization  
5.19 Center, in collaboration with the Northwest  
5.20 Indian Community Development Center, to  
5.21 reduce academic disparities for American  
5.22 Indian students and adults. This is a onetime  
5.23 appropriation. The grant funds may be used  
5.24 to provide:

5.25 (1) student tutoring and testing support  
5.26 services;

5.27 (2) training and employment placement in  
5.28 information technology;

5.29 (3) training and employment placement within  
5.30 trades;

5.31 (4) assistance in obtaining a GED;

5.32 (5) remedial training leading to enrollment  
5.33 and to sustain enrollment in a postsecondary  
5.34 higher education institution;

- 6.1 (6) real-time work experience in information
- 6.2 technology fields and in the trades;
- 6.3 (7) contextualized adult basic education;
- 6.4 (8) career and educational counseling for
- 6.5 clients with significant and multiple barriers;
- 6.6 and;
- 6.7 (9) reentry services and counseling for adults
- 6.8 and youth.

6.9 After notification to the chairs and minority  
6.10 leads of the legislative committees with  
6.11 jurisdiction over jobs and economic  
6.12 development, the commissioner may transfer  
6.13 this appropriation to the commissioner of  
6.14 education.

6.15 (p) \$250,000 each year is from the workforce  
6.16 development fund for a grant to EMERGE  
6.17 Community Development, in collaboration  
6.18 with community partners, for services  
6.19 targeting Minnesota communities with the  
6.20 highest concentrations of African and  
6.21 African-American joblessness, based on the  
6.22 most recent census tract data, to provide  
6.23 employment readiness training, credentialed  
6.24 training placement, job placement and  
6.25 retention services, supportive services for  
6.26 hard-to-employ individuals, and a general  
6.27 education development fast track and adult  
6.28 diploma program. This is a onetime  
6.29 appropriation.

6.30 (q) \$400,000 each year is from the workforce  
6.31 development fund for a grant to the  
6.32 Minneapolis Foundation for a strategic  
6.33 intervention program designed to target and  
6.34 connect program participants to meaningful,

7.1 sustainable living-wage employment. This is  
7.2 a onetime appropriation.

7.3 (r) \$375,000 each year is from the workforce  
7.4 development fund for a grant to the  
7.5 Construction Careers Foundation for the  
7.6 construction career pathway initiative to  
7.7 provide year-round educational and  
7.8 experiential learning opportunities for teens  
7.9 and young adults under the age of 21 that lead  
7.10 to careers in the construction industry. This is  
7.11 a onetime appropriation. Grant funds must be  
7.12 used to:

7.13 (1) increase construction industry exposure  
7.14 activities for middle school and high school  
7.15 youth, parents, and counselors to reach a more  
7.16 diverse demographic and broader statewide  
7.17 audience. This requirement includes, but is  
7.18 not limited to, an expansion of programs to  
7.19 provide experience in different crafts to youth  
7.20 and young adults throughout the state;

7.21 (2) increase the number of high schools in  
7.22 Minnesota offering construction classes during  
7.23 the academic year that utilize a multicraft  
7.24 curriculum;

7.25 (3) increase the number of summer internship  
7.26 opportunities;

7.27 (4) enhance activities to support graduating  
7.28 seniors in their efforts to obtain employment  
7.29 in the construction industry;

7.30 (5) increase the number of young adults  
7.31 employed in the construction industry and  
7.32 ensure that they reflect Minnesota's diverse  
7.33 workforce; and

8.1 (6) enhance an industrywide marketing  
8.2 campaign targeted to youth and young adults  
8.3 about the depth and breadth of careers within  
8.4 the construction industry.

8.5 Programs and services supported by grant  
8.6 funds must give priority to individuals and  
8.7 groups that are economically disadvantaged  
8.8 or historically underrepresented in the  
8.9 construction industry, including but not limited  
8.10 to women, veterans, and members of minority  
8.11 and immigrant groups.

8.12 (s) \$625,000 each year is from the workforce  
8.13 development fund for a grant to Latino  
8.14 Communities United in Service (CLUES) to  
8.15 expand culturally tailored programs that  
8.16 address employment and education skill gaps  
8.17 for working parents and underserved youth by  
8.18 providing new job skills training to stimulate  
8.19 higher wages for low-income people, family  
8.20 support systems designed to reduce  
8.21 intergenerational poverty, and youth  
8.22 programming to promote educational  
8.23 advancement and career pathways. At least  
8.24 50 percent of this amount must be used for  
8.25 programming targeted at greater Minnesota.  
8.26 This is a onetime appropriation.

8.27 (t) \$700,000 each year is from the workforce  
8.28 development fund for performance grants  
8.29 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8747,  
8.30 to Twin Cities R!SE to provide training to  
8.31 hard-to-train individuals. This is a onetime  
8.32 appropriation and funds are available until  
8.33 June 30, 2022.

8.34 (u) \$100,000 each year is from the workforce  
8.35 development fund for grants to Minnesota

9.1 Diversified Industries, Inc. to provide  
9.2 progressive development and employment  
9.3 opportunities for people with disabilities. This  
9.4 is a onetime appropriation.

9.5 (v) \$875,000 each year is from the workforce  
9.6 development fund for a grant to the Minnesota  
9.7 High Tech Association to support  
9.8 SciTechsperience, a program that supports  
9.9 science, technology, engineering, and math  
9.10 (STEM) internship opportunities for two- and  
9.11 four-year college students and graduate  
9.12 students in their field of study. The internship  
9.13 opportunities must match students with paid  
9.14 internships within STEM disciplines at small,  
9.15 for-profit companies located in Minnesota  
9.16 having fewer than 250 employees worldwide.  
9.17 At least 200 students must be matched in the  
9.18 first year and at least 200 students must be  
9.19 matched in the second year. No more than 15  
9.20 percent of the hires may be graduate students.  
9.21 Selected hiring companies shall receive from  
9.22 the grant 50 percent of the wages paid to the  
9.23 intern, capped at \$2,500 per intern. The  
9.24 program must work toward increasing the  
9.25 participation among women or other  
9.26 underserved populations. This is a onetime  
9.27 appropriation.

9.28 (w) \$500,000 each year is from the workforce  
9.29 development fund for the Opportunities  
9.30 Industrialization Center programs. This  
9.31 appropriation shall be divided equally among  
9.32 the eligible centers.

9.33 (x) \$250,000 each year is from the workforce  
9.34 development fund for a grant to Bridges to  
9.35 Healthcare to provide career education,

10.1 wraparound support services, and job skills  
10.2 training in high-demand health care fields to  
10.3 low-income parents, nonnative speakers of  
10.4 English, and other hard-to-train individuals,  
10.5 helping families build secure pathways out of  
10.6 poverty while also addressing worker  
10.7 shortages in one of Minnesota's most  
10.8 innovative industries. Funds may be used for  
10.9 program expenses, including but not limited  
10.10 to hiring instructors and navigators; space  
10.11 rental; and supportive services to help  
10.12 participants attend classes, including assistance  
10.13 with course fees, child care, transportation,  
10.14 and safe and stable housing. In addition, up to  
10.15 five percent of grant funds may be used for  
10.16 Bridges to Healthcare's administrative costs.  
10.17 This is a onetime appropriation.

10.18 (y) \$250,000 each year is from the workforce  
10.19 development fund for a grant to Avivo to  
10.20 provide low-income individuals with career  
10.21 education and job skills training that is fully  
10.22 integrated with chemical and mental health  
10.23 services. This is a onetime appropriation.

10.24 (z) \$1,000,000 each year is for competitive  
10.25 grants to organizations providing services to  
10.26 relieve economic disparities in the Southeast  
10.27 Asian community through workforce  
10.28 recruitment, development, job creation,  
10.29 assistance of smaller organizations to increase  
10.30 capacity, and outreach. Of this amount, up to  
10.31 five percent is for administration and  
10.32 monitoring of the program.

10.33 (aa) \$500,000 each year is from the workforce  
10.34 development fund for a grant to the Hmong  
10.35 American Partnership, in collaboration with

11.1 community partners, for services targeting  
11.2 Minnesota communities with the highest  
11.3 concentrations of Southeast Asian joblessness,  
11.4 based on the most recent census tract data, to  
11.5 provide employment readiness training,  
11.6 credentialed training placement, job placement  
11.7 and retention services, supportive services for  
11.8 hard-to-employ individuals, and a general  
11.9 education development fast track and adult  
11.10 diploma program. This is a onetime  
11.11 appropriation.

11.12 (bb) \$1,000,000 each year is for a competitive  
11.13 grant program to provide grants to  
11.14 organizations that provide support services for  
11.15 individuals, such as job training, employment  
11.16 preparation, internships, job assistance to  
11.17 parents, financial literacy, academic and  
11.18 behavioral interventions for low-performing  
11.19 students, and youth intervention. Grants made  
11.20 under this section must focus on low-income  
11.21 communities, young adults from families with  
11.22 a history of intergenerational poverty, and  
11.23 communities of color. Of this amount, up to  
11.24 four percent is for administration and  
11.25 monitoring of the program.

11.26 (cc) ~~\$500,000~~ \$1,000,000 each year is from  
11.27 the workforce development fund for a grant  
11.28 to Ujamaa Place for job training, employment  
11.29 preparation, internships, education, training  
11.30 in vocational trades, housing, and  
11.31 organizational capacity building. ~~This is a~~  
11.32 ~~onetime appropriation.~~

11.33 (dd) \$750,000 each year is from the general  
11.34 fund and \$3,348,000 each year is from the  
11.35 workforce development fund for the

12.1 youth-at-work competitive grant program  
12.2 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.562.  
12.3 Of this amount, up to five percent is for  
12.4 administration and monitoring of the youth  
12.5 workforce development competitive grant  
12.6 program. All grant awards shall be for two  
12.7 consecutive years. Grants shall be awarded in  
12.8 the first year.

12.9 (ee) \$1,000,000 each year is from the  
12.10 workforce development fund for the  
12.11 youthbuild program under Minnesota Statutes,  
12.12 sections 116L.361 to 116L.366.

12.13 (ff) \$4,050,000 each year is from the  
12.14 workforce development fund for the  
12.15 Minnesota youth program under Minnesota  
12.16 Statutes, sections 116L.56 and 116L.561.

12.17 (gg) \$250,000 each year is from the workforce  
12.18 development fund for a grant to Big Brothers  
12.19 Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities for  
12.20 workforce readiness, employment exploration,  
12.21 and skills development for youth ages 12 to  
12.22 21. The grant must serve youth in the Big  
12.23 Brothers Big Sisters chapters in the Twin  
12.24 Cities, central Minnesota, and southern  
12.25 Minnesota. This is a onetime appropriation.

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