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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Workforce and Business Development Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to economic development; appropriating money to the east African
1.3 community economic development pilot grant program; requiring a report.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY ECONOMIC
1.6 DEVELOPMENT PILOT GRANT PROGRAM.

1.7 (a) \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 are appropriated
1.8 from the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for
1.9 a grant to Youthprise to give grants through a competitive process to community
1.10 organizations to provide economic development services designed to enhance long-term
1.11 economic self-sufficiency in communities with concentrated east African populations. Such
1.12 communities include but are not limited to Faribault, Rochester, St. Cloud, Moorhead, and
1.13 Willmar. To the extent possible, Youthprise must make at least 50 percent of these grants
1.14 to organizations serving communities located outside the seven-county metropolitan area,
1.15 as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2.

1.16 (b) By January 15 of each year, beginning in 2024, the commissioner must submit a
1.17 report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees of the house of
1.18 representatives and the senate with jurisdiction over economic development that details the
1.19 use of grant funds and the outcomes achieved to date.