ARTICLE 10

RENEWABLE DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT APPROPRIATIONS

Section 1. RENEWABLE DEVELOPMENT FINANCE.

(a) The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, paragraph (j), the appropriations are from the renewable development account in the special revenue fund established in Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figures "2024" and "2025" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2024. "The second year" is fiscal year 2025. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

(b) If an appropriation in this article is enacted more than once in the 2023 regular or special legislative session, the appropriation must be given effect only once.

APPROPRIATIONS

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<td>2024</td>
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Subd. 2. "Made in Minnesota" Administration

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(b) $100,000 the first year and $100,000 the second year are to administer the "Made in Minnesota" solar energy production incentive program under Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.417. Any unspent amount...
295.11 216C.417. Any unspent amount remaining on
295.12 June 30, 2025, cancels to the renewable
devlopment account.

295.14 (e) $3,000,000 the first year and $400,000 the
295.15 second year are for grants to the University of
295.16 St. Thomas Center for Microgrid Research.
295.17 The base in fiscal year 2026 is $400,000 and
295.18 the base in fiscal year 2027 is $0. These
295.19 appropriations are available until June 30,
295.20 2027.

295.21 The appropriations in this paragraph must be
295.22 used by the University of St. Thomas Center
295.23 for Microgrid Research to:
295.24 (1) increase the center’s capacity to provide
295.25 industry partners opportunities to test
295.26 near-commercial microgrid products on a real
295.27 world scale and to multiply opportunities for
295.28 innovative research;
295.29 (2) procure advanced equipment and controls
295.30 to enable the extension of the university’s
295.31 microgrid to additional buildings; and
295.32 (3) expand (i) hands-on educational
295.33 opportunities for undergraduate and graduate
295.34 electrical engineering students to increase
remaining on June 30, 2025, cancels to the
renewable development account.

295.15 Subd. 3. Third-Party Evaluator
295.16 $500,000 each year is for costs associated with
295.17 any third-party expert evaluation of a proposal
295.18 submitted in response to a request for proposal
to the Renewable Development Advisory
295.19 Group under Minnesota Statutes, section
295.20 116C.779, subdivision 1, paragraph (f). No
295.21 portion of this appropriation may be expended
295.22 or retained by the commissioner of commerce.
295.23 Any money appropriated under this paragraph
295.24 that is unexpended at the end of a fiscal year
cancels to the renewable development account.

295.26 Subd. 4. Microgrid Research and Application
295.27 (a) $3,000,000 the first year and $400,000 the
295.28 second year are for a grant to the University
295.29 of St. Thomas Center for Microgrid Research.
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understanding of microgrid operations, and partnerships with community colleges.

(ii) partnerships with community colleges.

(c) $4,100,000 the first year is for a grant to the University of St. Thomas Center for Microgrid Research for capacity building and matching requirements as a condition of receiving federal funds. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.

Subd. 5. Solar on State College and University Campuses

$1,138,000 the first year is to provide financial assistance to schools that are state colleges and universities to purchase and install solar energy generating systems under Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.376. This appropriation must be expended on schools located inside the electric service territory of the public utility that is subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2025.

Subd. 6. Granite Falls Hydroelectric Generating Facility

$2,432,000 the first year is for a grant to the city of Granite Falls for repair and overage costs related to the city's existing hydroelectric generating facility. This is a onetime appropriation and any amount unexpended by June 30, 2025, cancels to the renewable development account.

Subd. 8. Electric Vehicle Rebates

(a) $2,000,000 the first year is to award rebates to purchase or lease eligible electric vehicles under Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.401. Rebates must be awarded under this paragraph only to eligible purchasers located within the retail electric service area of the public utility.
under this paragraph only to eligible persons located within the retail electric service area of the public utility that is subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779. The base in fiscal year 2026 is $0. These appropriations are available until June 30, 2027.

(1) $5,000,000 the first year is for transfer to the electric school bus program account established under Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.374, to provide grants to (1) accelerate the deployment of electric school buses and related electric vehicle infrastructure, and (2) to pay the commissioner's costs to administer Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.374. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.

(2) $5,000,000 the first year is for transfer to the solar on public buildings grant program account established under Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.377, to award grants for the installation of solar energy generating systems on public buildings. The appropriation in this paragraph must be used only to award grants for solar installations on public buildings located within the retail electric service area of the public utility that is subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.

(b) $2,000,000 the first year is to award grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.402, to automobile dealers seeking certification from an electric vehicle manufacturer to sell electric vehicles. Grants must only be awarded under this paragraph to eligible dealers located within the retail electric service area of the public utility that is subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.

Subd. 16. Electric School Bus Grants

$5,000,000 the first year is transferred from the renewable development account to the electric school bus account for electric school bus grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.1616.

Subd. 15. Solar on Public Buildings

$5,000,000 the first year is transferred from the renewable development account to the solar on public buildings grant program account for the grant program described in Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.378. The appropriation in this subdivision must be used only to provide grants to public buildings located within the retail electric service area of the
located within the electric service area of the electric utility subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.

297.16 (h) $2,500,000 the first year is to award grants for upgrades to residential electric panels under Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.45, and the department to administer that section.

297.28 (i) $3,000,000 the first year is to award grants to install energy storage systems under Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.378, and to pay the reasonable costs incurred by the department to administer that section. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.

298.1 (j) $3,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is for deposit in the Area C contingency account established under Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.7793, for disbursement to the owner of a solar energy generating system installed on land on the former Ford Motor Company site in St. Paul known as Area C. This appropriation is...
available until five years after the Pollution Control Agency issues a corrective action determination regarding the remediation of Area C. Any unexpended money remaining in the account as of that date cancels to the renewable development account.

Subd. 11. Emerald Ash Borer Wood Dehydrator

(a) $2,000,000 the second year is for a grant to the owner of a biomass energy generation plant in Shakopee that uses waste heat from the generation of electricity in the malting process to purchase a wood dehydrator.
facilitate disposal of wood that is infested by emerald ash borer. This is a onetime appropriation.

(b) By October 1, 2024, the commissioner of commerce must report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over commerce on the use of money appropriated under this subdivision.


$6,000,000 the first year is to implement the heat pump rebate program under Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.45, and to reimburse the reasonable costs incurred by the department to administer the program.
299.27 216B.241; subdivision 7; and 216C.264. The base in fiscal year 2026 is $0.
299.28 (o) $500,000 the first year is for establishment of a task force to investigate at first hand the labor conditions in facilities located in the Republic of Congo and China where critical materials are mined for use in electric vehicle batteries and solar panels and where solar panels are manufactured. The task force shall include the commissioners of commerce and labor and industry, or their designees, and additional members appointed by the commissioner of commerce, representing the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, Xcel Energy, and the Minnesota Solar Energy Industries Association. The task force must submit a report on its findings to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over energy finance and policy no later than January 15, 2025.

300.1 Sec. 3. MINNESOTA AMATEUR SPORTS COMMISSION

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$690,000 the first year is to contract with the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for a grant to the Institute on the Environment to conduct research examining how projections of future weather trends may exacerbate conditions, including but not limited to drought, elevated temperatures, and flooding; that:

(1) can be integrated into the design and evaluation of buildings constructed by the state of Minnesota and local units of government, in order to:

(i) reduce energy costs by deploying cost-effective energy efficiency measures, innovative construction materials and techniques, and renewable energy sources; and

(ii) prevent and minimize damage to buildings caused by extreme weather conditions, including but not limited to increased frequency of intense precipitation events and tornadoes, flooding, and elevated temperatures; and

(2) may weaken the ability of natural systems to mitigate the conditions to the point where human intervention in the form of building or redesigning the scale and operation of infrastructure is required to address those conditions in order to:

(i) maintain and increase the amount and quality of food and wood production; and

(ii) reduce fire risk on forested land; and

(iii) maintain and enhance water quality; and

(iv) maintain and enhance natural habitats.

The contract must provide that no later than February 1, 2025, the director of the Institute on the Environment or the director's designee must submit a written report to the chairs and...
ranking minority members of the legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over environment policy and capital investment summarizing the findings and recommendations of the research, including any recommendations for policy changes or other legislation. This is a onetime appropriation.

Sec. 5. POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY

$2,000,000 is for transfer to the local climate action grant program account established in the special revenue fund to:

1. award grants to eligible applicants;
2. provide technical assistance to applicants;
3. pay a contractor to provide greenhouse gas emissions data to grantees; and
4. reimburse the reasonable costs of the agency to administer the program.

Of this amount, 65 percent is available the first year, of which half is reserved for applicants located outside the counties of Hennepin, Ramsey, Anoka, Dakota, Scott, Carver, and Washington. In the second year, any unencumbered first year money and the balance of the appropriation are available to all eligible applicants, and remains available until June 30, 2025. The base in fiscal year 2026 is $0.

Sec. 4. DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

$5,000,000 the first year is for the community energy transition grant program under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.55. This is
a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2028.

Sec. 5. AGRICULTURE

$9,000,000 the second year is for grants to cooperatives to invest in green fertilizer production facilities, as provided under article 7, section 55. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.