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DEED-Related Chapters

Chapter	House File	Senate File	Description	Presented	Signed
<u>48</u>	HF758	SF380	Workforce development council adult basic education programs representative addition	5/6/13	5/8/13
<u>64</u>	HF368	SF340	Development authorities redevelopment demolition loan terms modifications	5/13/13	5/16/13
<u>85</u>	HF729	SF1057	Omnibus jobs, economic development, housing, commerce, and energy bill.	5/21/13	5/23/13
<u>99</u>	HF1692	SF1236	Omnibus higher education appropriations bill	5/21/13	5/24/13
<u>116</u>	HF630	SF453	Omnibus K-12 Education Policy and Finance Bill.	5/22/13	5/22/13
<u>142</u>	HF1184	SF1589	Omnibus state government, veterans and military affairs appropriations	5/22/13	5/23/13
<u>143</u>	HF677	SF552	Omnibus tax bill	5/22/13	5/23/13
<u>144</u>	HF1840	SF1664	Revisor's bill	5/22/13	5/24/13

Business and Community Development Division

Policy

Minnesota Investment Fund

Amends M.S. 116J.8731; adds M.S. 383D.412. Allows the Commissioner of DEED to provide forgivable loans directly to a private enterprise without the application of a local government or recognized Indian tribal government pending satisfaction of certain conditions. Makes development authorities eligible for program funds pending approval by resolution of the local governing body. Stipulates that, like municipalities, development authorities are required to repay disaster contingency account loans to DEED. Notwithstanding other laws and with some compositional requirements, makes the Dakota County Community Development Agency eligible for MIF funds as if it were a local government unit. Stipulates that up to \$3 million will be used for a forgivable loan to a biopharmaceutical manufacturer.

Reference: [Chapter 85](#), HF729, Article III, Sections 6, 7, and 22

Contact: Kevin McKinnon, 651.259.7440 or kevin.mckinnon@state.mn.us

Job Creation Fund

Adds M.S. 116J.8748. Creates the Job Creation Fund. Defines terms; sets business eligibility requirements; creates factors to be considered in award determinations; sets performance requirements; sets benefits; sets procedures for reporting and rulemaking.

Reference: [Chapter 85](#), HF729, Article III, Section 8

Contact: Kevin McKinnon, 651.259.7440 or kevin.mckinnon@state.mn.us

Host Community Economic Development Program

Adds M.S. 116J.548. Establishes a program to award grants for capital costs of economic development projects in metro-area communities that host waste facilities. Requires a report.

Reference: [Chapter 85](#), HF729, Article III, Section 3

Contact: Meredith Udoibok, 651.259.7454 or meredith.udoibok@state.mn.us

Film Production Jobs Program

Amends M.S. 116U.26. Grants DEED oversight of the Film Production Jobs Program. Broadens the definition of production costs for reimbursement purposes. Lowers investment thresholds for reimbursements.

Reference: [Chapter 85](#), HF729, Article III, Section 16

Contact: Kevin McKinnon, 651.259.7440 or kevin.mckinnon@state.mn.us

Demolition loan modification

Amends M.S. 116J.5764. Grants DEED broader discretion in determining the acceptability of securities for demolition loans.

Reference: [Chapter 64](#), SF340

Contact: Meredith Udoibok, 651.259.7454 or meredith.udoibok@state.mn.us

Office of Broadband Development

Adds M.S. 116J.39, adds M.S. 116J.391. Creates the Office of Broadband Development. Defines terms; sets goals and purpose; provides direction on staffing and duties; directs coordination with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for infrastructure development. Requires two reports.

Reference: [Chapter 85](#), HF729, Article III, Sections 13, 14, and 26

Contact: Robin Sternberg, 651.259.7130 or robin.sternberg@state.mn.us

Angel Investment Tax Credit

Amends M.S. 116J.8737. Modifies small business certification process to exclude certain types of medical device and pharmaceutical companies. Restricts businesses from participating if they have issued securities on public exchanges or undergone a liquidation event within 180 days of a qualified investment.

Reference: [Chapter 143](#), HF677, Article VI, Sections 1 and 2

Contact: Kevin McKinnon, 651.259.7440 or kevin.mckinnon@state.mn.us

Greater Minnesota Business Expansion Tax Credit

Adds M.S. 116J.3738. Creates the Greater Minnesota business expansion tax credit. Defines terms; describes qualification and certification procedures for eligible businesses; establishes and describes available sales tax exemptions for certified businesses; establishes termination procedures for ending a business' certification.

Reference: [Chapter 143](#), HF677, Article VIII, Section 1

Contact: Kevin McKinnon, 651.259.7440 or kevin.mckinnon@state.mn.us

Destination Medical Center

Amends M.S. 13.792, amends M.S. 297A.71, amends Laws 1998 chapter 389. Adds M.S. 469.40, M.S. 469.41, M.S. 469.42, M.S. 469.43, M.S. 469.44, M.S. 469.45, M.S. 469.46, M.S. 469.47.

Amends private donor gift data regulations. Exempts construction materials in the Destination Medical Center development plan from taxation. Directs the city of Rochester to establish the Destination Medical Center Corporation. Designates membership, terms, pay, and other characteristics of the corporation. Directs the corporation to develop and adopt a development plan with specified features. Requires reports. Authorizes expanded powers for the City of Rochester and Olmsted County. Authorizes state infrastructure aid with various requirements. Orders a study on passenger rail feasibility.

Reference: [Chapter 143](#), HF677, Article X.

Contact: Kevin McKinnon, 651.259.7440 or kevin.mckinnon@state.mn.us

Biopharmaceutical manufacturing facility

Amends M.S. 297A.71. Exempts materials and supplies used or consumed in, capital equipment incorporated into, and privately owned infrastructure in support of the construction,

improvement, or expansion of a biopharmaceutical manufacturing facility (under certain additional conditions as certified by DEED) from sales and use taxes.

Reference: [Chapter 143](#), HF677, Article VIII, Section 37.

Contact: Kevin McKinnon, 651.259.7440 or kevin.mckinnon@state.mn.us

Industrial measurement manufacturing and controls facility

Amends M.S. 297A.71. Exempts materials and supplies used or consumed in, capital equipment incorporated into, and privately owned infrastructure in support of the construction, improvement, or expansion of an industrial manufacturing and controls facility (under certain additional conditions as certified by DEED) from sales and use taxes.

Reference: [Chapter 143](#), HF677, Article VIII, Section 39.

Contact: Kevin McKinnon, 651.259.7440 or kevin.mckinnon@state.mn.us

Appropriations

Program and Statute	Funding	Statute Language
<p>Minnesota Investment Fund Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Sec. 3, Subd. 2 Contact: Kevin McKinnon, 651.259.7440 or kevin.mckinnon@state.mn.us</p>	\$30,000,000	Allows up to \$5 million for a biopharmaceutical facility pending the satisfaction of certain conditions.
<p>Job Creation Fund Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Sec. 3, Subd. 2 Contact: Kevin McKinnon, 651.259.7440 or kevin.mckinnon@state.mn.us</p>	\$24,000,000	Allows up to three percent for administrative expenses.
<p>Contaminated Site Cleanup and Development Grants Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Sec. 3, Subd. 2 Contact: Meredith Udoibok, 651.259.7454 or meredith.udoibok@state.mn.us</p>	\$3,944,000	
<p>Business Development Competitive Grant Program Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Sec. 3, Subd. 2 Contact: Gerry Wenner, 651.259.7421 or Kevin McKinnon, 651.259.7440 or kevin.mckinnon@state.mn.us</p>	\$2,850,000	Allows up to five percent for administration and monitoring. Specifies that all grant awards will be for two consecutive years and will be awarded in the first year.
<p>Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Program Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Sec. 3, Subd. 2 Contact: Paul Moe, 651.259.7522 or paul.moe@state.mn.us</p>	\$8,390,000	Specifies that if the appropriation for either year is insufficient, the appropriation for the other year is available.
<p>Redevelopment Program</p>	\$6,000,000	

Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Sec. 3, Subd. 2 Contact: Meredith Udoibok, 651.259.7454 or meredith.udoibok@state.mn.us		
Destination Medical Center Laws 2013, Chapter 143, HF677, Article 13, Section 23 Contact: Kevin McKinnon, 651.259.7440 or kevin.mckinnon@state.mn.us	\$50,000	
Broadband Development Office Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Sec. 3, Subd. 2 Contact: Robin Sternberg, 651.259.7130 or robin.sternberg@state.mn.us	\$500,000	
Host Community Economic Development Program Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Sec. 3, Subd. 2 Contact: Meredith Udoibok, 651.259.7454 or meredith.udoibok@state.mn.us	\$1,750,000	
Minnesota Film & TV Board Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Sec. 3, Subd. 2 Contact: Gerry Wenner, 651.259.7421 or gerry.wenner@state.mn.us	\$750,000	Requires matching in-kind contributions or cash donations.
Minnesota Film & TV Board Film Production Jobs Program Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Sec. 3, Subd. 2 Contact: Gerry Wenner, 651.259.7421 or gerry.wenner@state.mn.us	\$10,000,000	
Upper Minnesota Film office grant Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Sec. 3, Subd. 2 Contact: Gerry Wenner, 651.259.7421 or gerry.wenner@state.mn.us	\$24,000	
Northern Lights International Music Festival grant Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Sec. 3, Subd. 2 Contact: Gerry Wenner, 651.259.7421 or gerry.wenner@state.mn.us	\$200,000	
Enterprise Minnesota grant Chapter 85, HF729, Sec. 3, Subd. 2 Contact: Gerry Wenner, 651.259.7421 or gerry.wenner@state.mn.us	\$750,000	

<p>Southern and Southwestern Minnesota Initiative Foundation pilot grant Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Sec. 3, Subd. 2 Contact: Gerry Wenner, 651.259.7421 or gerry.wenner@state.mn.us</p>	<p>\$320,000</p>	
<p>Center for Rural Policy Development grant Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Sec. 3, Subd. 2 Contact: Gerry Wenner, 651.259.7421 or gerry.wenner@state.mn.us</p>	<p>\$200,000</p>	
<p>Economically depressed city of the 2nd class grant Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Sec. 3, Subd. 2 Contact: Meredith Udoibok, 651.259.7454 or meredith.udoibok@state.mn.us</p>	<p>\$1,235,000</p>	<p>Directs that the appropriation is for economic development, redevelopment, and job creation programs and projects.</p>
<p>City of Morris grant Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Sec. 3, Subd. 2 Contact: Kevin McKinnon, 651.259.7440 or kevin.mckinnon@state.mn.us</p>	<p>\$750,000</p>	<p>Requires that the Commissioner determine at least \$1,250,000 is committed from nonpublic sources before issuing the grant.</p>

Communications, Analysis, and Research Division

Policy

Cost of living study requirement

Adds M.S. 116J.013. Directs DEED to conduct a study and draft a report on the cost of living in Minnesota.

Reference: [Chapter 85](#), HF729, Article III, Section 1.

Contact: Steve Hine, 651.259.7396 or steve.hine@state.mn.us

Dissemination of employment and training data

Amends M.S. 13.47. Enables DEED to disseminate employment and training data to the Office of Higher Education for the purposes of supporting program improvement, system evaluation, and research initiatives including the Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System.

Reference: [Chapter 99](#), SF1236, Article II, Section 1

Contact: Steve Hine, 651.259.7396 or steve.hine@state.mn.us

Jobs per capita

Amends M.S. 477A.011. Directs DEED to calculate and provide jobs per capita data to cities.

Reference: [Chapter 143](#), HF677, Article II, Section 10.

Contact: Steve Hine, 651.259.7396 or steve.hine@state.mn.us

Labor market information production requirement

Adds M.S. 116J.4011. Directs DEED to conduct a study of the alignment between employer requirements and workforce qualifications in collaboration with the Office of Higher Education and local workforce councils.

Reference: [Chapter 85](#), HF729, Article III, Section 2.

Contact: Steve Hine, 651.259.7396 or steve.hine@state.mn.us

Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System

Amends M.S. 127A.70. Directs DEED to collaborate with the Office of Higher Education and the Department of Education to improve and expand the statewide longitudinal education data system at the direction of the P-20 Education Partnership Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System Governance Committee.

Reference: [Chapter 99](#), SF1236, Article II, Section 2

Contact: Steve Hine, 651.259.7396 or steve.hine@state.mn.us

Appropriations

Program and Statute	Funding	Statute Language
Cost of living study	\$300,000	

<p>Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Article I, Subdivision 4 Contact: Steve Hine, 651.259.7396 or steve.hine@state.mn.us</p>		
<p>Labor market information and career/higher education advising pilot program Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Article I, Subdivision 3 Contact: Steve Hine, 651.259.7396 or steve.hine@state.mn.us</p>	<p>\$1,000,000</p>	<p>Specifies that this funding will be split with Workforce Development for the higher education advising pilot program</p>

Minnesota Trade Office

Policy

Trade Policy Advisory Council

Adds M.S. 116J.9661. Creates the Trade Policy Advisory Council; establishes its duties and membership. Directs DEED to convene the first meeting by February 15th of 2014.

Reference: Chapter 85, HF729, Article III, Section 9.

Contact: Ed Dieter, 651.259.7481 or ed.dieter@state.mn.us

Minnesota trade offices in foreign markets

Adds M.S. 116J.978. Establishes three new foreign trade offices. Directs DEED to establish a performance rating system for the new offices and create specific annual goals for each.

Reference: Chapter 85, HF729, Article III, Section 10.

Contact: Ed Dieter, 651.259.7481 or ed.dieter@state.mn.us

Minnesota STEP Grants

Adds M.S. 116J.979. Establishes a State Trade and Export Promotion grant program to provide financial and technical assistance for the promotion of exports to foreign markets.

Reference: Chapter 85, HF729, Article III, Section 11.

Contact: Ed Dieter, 651.259.7481 or ed.dieter@state.mn.us

Invest Minnesota Marketing Initiative

Adds M.S. 116J.9801. Directs DEED to establish an initiative to brand the state's economic development initiatives and Minnesota business opportunities.

Reference: Chapter 85, HF729, Article III, Section 12.

Contact: Ed Dieter, 651.259.7481 or ed.dieter@state.mn.us

Appropriations

Program and Statute	Appropriation	Statute Language
STEP Grant Program Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Sec. 3, Subd. 5 Contact: Ed Dieter, 651.259.7481 or ed.dieter@state.mn.us	\$630,000	Specifies that \$30,000 is for establishing trade, export, and cultural exchange relations between Minnesota and east African nations
Invest Minnesota Marketing Initiative Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Sec. 3, Subd. 5 Contact: Ed Dieter, 651.259.7481	\$360,000	

or ed.dieter@state.mn.us		
Trade Policy Advisory Group Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Sec. 3, Subd. 5 Contact: Ed Dieter, 651.259.7481 or ed.dieter@state.mn.us	\$100,000	
Minnesota Trade Office expansions Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Sec. 3, Subd. 5 Contact: Ed Dieter, 651.259.7481 or ed.dieter@state.mn.us	\$540,000	

Unemployment Insurance (UI) Division

Policy

Unemployment Insurance Policy and Housekeeping

Amends M.S. 268.07, amends M.S. 268.125, amends M.S. 268.136, amends M.S. 268.23. Modifies approval processes, notice requirements, and other procedures regarding shared work plans. Allows Dislocated Worker Program funds to be used to support entrepreneurial training and business consulting. Modifies eligibility requirements for receiving unemployment benefits while on shared work plans. Modifies benefits available under shared work plans. Enables the DEED Commissioner to request shared work funds.

Reference: [Chapter 85](#), HF729, Article IV.

Contact: Craig Gustafson, 651.259.7228 or craig.gustafson@state.mn.us

Unemployment insurance employer tax reduction

Laws 2013, Chapter 85, Article IV, Section 18. Specifies that if the balance of the Minnesota Unemployment Trust Fund remains above \$800,000,000, the base unemployment insurance tax rate for calendar year 2014 is 0.1% with no additional assessment. Specifies that if on September 30th of 2014 the balance is more than \$900,000,000, the unemployment insurance tax rate continues at 0.1% with no additional assessment.

Reference: [Chapter 85](#), HF729, Article IV, Section 18.

Contact: Craig Gustafson, 651.259.7228 or craig.gustafson@state.mn.us

Locked out worker benefit eligibility

Amends M.S. 268.125. Enables locked out workers to receive an additional 26 weeks of unemployment benefits so long as the lockout is in active progress. Specifies that expanded eligibility does not apply to professional athletes in labor disputes.

Reference: [Chapter 85](#), HF729, Article IV, Sections 6 and 8.

Contact: Craig Gustafson, 651.259.7228 or craig.gustafson@state.mn.us

Converting Layoffs into Minnesota Businesses

Amends M.S. 116L.17. Adds M.S. 268.133. Creates program to assist dislocated workers in starting or growing a business. Makes unemployment benefits available to workers participating in the program.

Reference: [Chapter 85](#), HF729, Article IV, Sections 2 and 9.

Contact: Craig Gustafson, 651.259.7228 or craig.gustafson@state.mn.us

Vocational Rehabilitation and State Services for the Blind

Policy

Employment support services for persons with mental illness

Amends M.S. 268A.13. Adds policy provisions to ensure services are integrated with mental health treatment, incorporate benefits counseling, and include rapid job search assistance. Ensures that benefits are available for an indefinite period of time.

Reference: [Chapter 85](#), HF729, Article III, Section 20.

Contact: John Sherman, 651.259.7440 or john.sherman@state.mn.us

Employment support and independent living services for persons with autism spectrum disorders

Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Article III, Section 23. Creates pilot program to provide employment support plans for individuals with autism spectrum disorders.

Reference: [Chapter 85](#), HF729, Article III, Section 23.

Contact: John Sherman, 651.259.7440 or john.sherman@state.mn.us

Appropriations

Program and Statute	Appropriation	Statute Language
Vocational rehabilitation program Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Article 1, Subdivision 6 Contact: John Sherman, 651.259.7440 or john.sherman@state.mn.us	\$21,600,000	
Centers for Independent Living grants Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Article 1, Subdivision 6 Contact: John Sherman, 651.259.7440 or john.sherman@state.mn.us	\$4,522,000	
Extended employment services Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Article 1, Subdivision 6 Contact: John Sherman, 651.259.7440 or john.sherman@state.mn.us	\$25,150,000	
Olmsted county autism spectrum disorder pilot program Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Article 1, Subdivision 3 Contact: John Sherman, 651.259.7440 or john.sherman@state.mn.us	\$68,000	
Employment support services to persons with mental illness	\$4,110,000	

Chapter 85, HF729, Article 1, Subdivision 6 Contact: John Sherman, 651.259.7440 or john.sherman@state.mn.us		
State Services for the Blind Chapter 85, HF729, Article 1, Subdivision 7 Contact: Chuk Hamilton, 651.259.5952 or chuk.hamilton@state.mn.us	\$11,850,000	

Workforce Development Division

Policy

Customized manufacturing training program

Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Article III, Section 24. Creates a joint program between DEED, DLI, MnSCU, and employers to develop a customized training program for skilled manufacturing industries. Directs that the program actively recruit from a number of identified target populations. Defines terms of agreements with employers and worker participants. Directs DEED to assist MnSCU in establishing career-level curriculum and issue certifications to worker participants upon program completion. Requires a report on skilled manufacturing generally and the progress of the program.

Reference: [Chapter 85](#), HF729, Article III, Section 24.

Contact: Anthony Alongi, 651.259.7528 or anthony.alongi@state.mn.us

Career and higher education advising

Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Article III, Section 27. Directs workforce councils in the workforce service areas of Hennepin/Carver, Northeast Minnesota, Stearns/Benton, and rural Minnesota CEP to cooperate in operating a program to assist high school students in identifying and pursuing postsecondary career paths. Allows school districts to assist the workforce councils in delivering advisory services.

Reference: [Chapter 85](#), HF729, Article III, Section 27.

Contact: Rick Roy, 651.259.7544 or rick.roy@state.mn.us

Workforce center credential assistance

Adds M.S. 116L.191. Directs workforce centers to provide assistance in identifying and obtaining industry-recognized credentials for jobs in consultation with training institutions. Instructs workforce centers to provide information on high-demand job fields.

Reference: [Chapter 85](#), HF729, Article III, Section 15.

Contact: Rick Roy, 651.259.7544 or rick.roy@state.mn.us

Foreign trained health care professionals grant program

Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Article I, Subdivision 3. Directs DEED to establish a grant program to assist foreign trained healthcare professionals in obtaining licenses and certifications.

Reference: [Chapter 85](#), HF729, Article I, Subdivision 3.

Contact: Anthony Alongi, 651.259.7528 or anthony.alongi@state.mn.us

Governor's Workforce Development Council

Amends M.S. 116L.665. Adds a representative for adult basic education programs to serve as a nonvoting advisor to the Governor's Workforce Development Council.

Reference: [Chapter 48](#), SF380

Contact: Connie Ireland, 651.259.7036 or connie.ireland@state.mn.us

Career Pathways and Technical Education Advisory Task Force

Laws 2013, Chapter 116, HF630, Article II, Section 18. Allows DEED to appoint a member of the Career Pathways and Technical Education Advisory Task Force.

Reference: [Chapter 116](#), Article II, Section 18.

Contact: Judy Mortrude, 659.259.7638 or judy.mortrude@state.mn.us

Standard Adult High School Diploma Advisory Task Force

Laws 2013, Chapter 116, HF630, Article II, Section 19. Allows DEED to appoint a member of the Standard Adult High School Diploma Task Force.

Reference: [Chapter 116](#), Article II, Section 19.

Contact: Judy Mortrude, 659.259.7638 or judy.mortrude@state.mn.us

Appropriations

Program and Statute	Funding	Statute Language
Adult workforce competitive grant program Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Article I, Subdivision 3 Contact: Anthony Alongi, 651.259.7528 or anthony.alongi@state.mn.us	\$6,566,000	Allows up to five percent to be used for administration and monitoring. Specifies that all grant awards are for two consecutive years and are awarded in the first year.
Youth workforce development competitive grant program Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Article I, Subdivision 3 Contact: Kay Tracy, 651.259.7555 or kay.tracy@state.mn.us	\$5,696,000	Allows up to five percent for administration and monitoring. Specifies that grant awards shall be for two years and grants shall be awarded in the first year.
FastTRAC – Minnesota Adult Career Pathways Program Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Article I, Subdivision 3 Contact: Judy Mortrude, 651.259.7638 or judy.mortrude@state.mn.us	\$3,000,000	Allows up to ten percent to be used to provide leadership, oversight, and technical assistance services for low-skilled, low-income adults
Customized pilot manufacturing training program Laws 2013, Chapter 85,	\$987,000	Grants \$240,000 to DEED for coordination, oversight, and reporting responsibilities. Specifies that \$187,000 is to

<p>HF729, Article I, Subdivision 3 Contact: Anthony Alongi, 651.259.7528 or anthony.alongi@state.mn.us</p>		<p>Alexandria Technical College, \$380,000 is to Century College, \$90,000 is to Hennepin Technical College, and \$90,000 is to Central Lakes College.</p>
<p>Foreign-trained health care professionals grant program Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Article I, Subdivision 3 Contact: Anthony Alongi, 651.259.7528 or anthony.alongi@state.mn.us</p>	<p>\$450,000</p>	<p>Specifies that eligible professions include physicians; nurses; dentists; pharmacists; mental health professionals; and other allied health care professionals. Directs that DEED collaborate with health-related licensing boards and Minnesota workforce centers to award grants. Directs that, when making grants, DEED must consider the following factors: (1) whether the recipient's training involves a medical specialty that is in high demand in one or more communities in the state; (2) whether the recipient commits to practicing in a designated rural area or an underserved urban community; (3) whether the recipient's language skills provide an opportunity for needed health care access for underserved Minnesotans; and (4) additional criteria established by the commissioner.</p>
<p>Labor market information and career/higher education advising pilot program Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Article I, Subdivision 3 Contact: Rick Roy, 651.259.7544 or rick.roy@state.mn.us</p>	<p>\$1,000,000</p>	<p>Specifies that this funding will be split with the Communications, Analysis, and Research Division for the labor market information production requirement</p>
<p>Minnesota Youth Program grant</p>	<p>\$7,000,000</p>	

Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Article I, Subdivision 3 Contact: Kay Tracy, 651.259.7555 or kay.tracy@state.mn.us		
YouthBuild program grant Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Article I, Subdivision 3 Contact: Kay Tracy, 651.259.7555 or kay.tracy@state.mn.us	\$2,500,000	Specifies that \$500,000 should be used for the Little Earth YouthBuild program
Minnesota Diversified Industries grant Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Article I, Subdivision 3 Contact: Shelley Landgraf, 651.259.7580 or shelley.landgraf@state.mn.us	\$400,000	
Minnesota High Tech Association grant Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Article I, Subdivision 3 Contact: Anthony Alongi, 651.259.7528 or anthony.alongi@state.mn.us	\$850,000	Requires that internship opportunities match students with paid internships within STEM disciplines at small, for-profit companies located in the seven-county metropolitan area, with fewer than 150 total employees, or at small or medium, for-profit companies located outside of the seven-county metropolitan area, with fewer than 250 total employees. Requires that at least 100 students be matched in the first year and at least 125 students be matched in the second year. Directs that selected hiring companies receive 50 percent of the wages paid to the intern, capped at \$2,500 per intern. Requires the program to work toward increasing the participation among women and other underserved populations.
Opportunities Industrialization Center	\$1,000,000	Directs grand funds to be split equally among eligible centers

<p>programs grant Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Article I, Subdivision 3 Contact: Shelley Landgraf, 651.259.7580 or shelley.landgraf@state.mn.us</p>		
<p>Minnesota Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Article I, Subdivision 3 Contact: Shelley Landgraf, 651.259.7580 or shelley.landgraf@state.mn.us</p>	<p>\$1,500,000</p>	<p>Directs that funds be used toward a statewide project focused on youth jobs skills development. Requires a 25% match from non-state sources.</p>
<p>Big Brothers, Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities Laws 2013, Chapter 85, HF729, Article I, Subdivision 3 Contact: Shelley Landgraf, 651.259.7580 or shelley.landgraf@state.mn.us</p>	<p>\$250,000</p>	<p>Specifies that funding is for workforce readiness, employment exploration, and skills development for youth ages 12-21. Directs that program serve youth in the Twin Cities, Central Minnesota, and Southern Minnesota.</p>