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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to economic development; providing grants for entrepreneurial and small
1.3 business assistance; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **ENTREPRENEURIAL AND SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE**
1.6 **GRANTS; APPROPRIATION.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Entrepreneurial and small business assistance grants.** The
1.8 commissioner of employment and economic development must make grants to Martin
1.9 County, Faribault County, and the Riverbend Center for Entrepreneurial Facilitation in
1.10 Blue Earth County with the appropriations in subdivision 3 for the continuation and
1.11 ongoing assistance in the development of entrepreneurs and small businesses.

1.12 Subd. 2. **Reporting.** Grant recipients must report to the commissioner by February
1.13 1 of each year that the organization receives a grant. The report must include the
1.14 number of customers served and an overall program summary of the context, inputs,
1.15 process, and outcomes as a result of all of the sessions with all of the customers served.
1.16 The commissioner must report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over
1.17 economic development finance on the effectiveness of these programs in assisting in the
1.18 development of entrepreneurs and small businesses.

1.19 Subd. 3. **Appropriation.** \$189,000 in fiscal year 2010 and \$189,000 in fiscal year
1.20 2011 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of employment and
1.21 economic development for grants of \$63,000 each to Martin County, Faribault County,
1.22 and the Riverbend Center for Entrepreneurial Facilitation in Blue Earth County each
1.23 year for the purposes of subdivision 1. Each state grant dollar must be matched with

- 2.1 one dollar of nonstate funds. A balance in the first year does not cancel but is available
- 2.2 in the second year.