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1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to agriculture; establishing a wolf-livestock conflict prevention grants
 1.3 program; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section
 1.4 3.737, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 3.737, is amended by adding a subdivision
 1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 6. Grants; wolf-livestock conflict prevention. (a) The commissioner
 1.9 may award grants to livestock producers to prevent wolf-livestock conflicts. Livestock
 1.10 producers located in Minnesota are eligible to apply for reimbursement for the cost
 1.11 of practices to prevent wolf-livestock conflicts, not to exceed \$7,000 the first year of
 1.12 participation, and \$3,500 annually thereafter per grant recipient.

1.13 (b) To be eligible for the grant under this subdivision, a livestock producer must
 1.14 raise livestock within Minnesota's wolf range.

1.15 (c) Eligible wolf-livestock conflict prevention activities include, but are not limited to:

1.16 (1) the purchase of guard animals and any veterinary costs up to \$1,000 per year;

1.17 (2) the installation of wolf barriers, including fencing, fladry, and pens;

1.18 (3) the installation of wolf-deterring lights and alarms; and

1.19 (4) calving or lambing shelters.

1.20 (d) Eligible grant recipients must:

1.21 (1) make a good-faith effort to avoid wolf-livestock conflicts;

1.22 (2) make a good-faith effort to care for guard animals paid for under this section;

1.23 (3) retain proper documentation of expenses;

2.1 (4) report annually to the commissioner on the effectiveness of the nonlethal
2.2 methods employed; and

2.3 (5) allow follow-up evaluation and monitoring by the commissioner.

2.4 (e) Grant recipients shall continue to be eligible for depredation payments under
2.5 subdivisions 1 to 4.

2.6 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.7 \$100,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$100,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated from
2.8 the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for wolf-livestock conflict prevention
2.9 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 3.737, subdivision 6.