

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to economic development; expanding the economic development grant
1.3 program to certain small cities in the metropolitan area; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2008, section 116J.431, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 116J.431, subdivision 1, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Grant program established.** The commissioner shall make grants
1.9 to cities to provide up to 50 percent of the capital costs of public infrastructure necessary
1.10 for an eligible economic development project. The city receiving a grant must provide for
1.11 the remainder of the costs of the project, either in cash or in kind. In-kind contributions
1.12 may include the value of site preparation other than the public infrastructure needed
1.13 for the project.

1.14 For purposes of this section, "city" means a statutory or home rule charter city:

1.15 (1) located outside the metropolitan area, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision
1.16 2; or

1.17 (2) located within the metropolitan area, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision
1.18 2, but within four miles of a county located outside the metropolitan area and with a
1.19 population under 10,000.

1.20 "Population" means the population established by the most recent federal census, by
1.21 a special census taken by the United States Bureau of the Census, by an estimate made by
1.22 the Metropolitan Council, or by an estimate made by the state demographer under section
1.23 4A.02, whichever has the latest stated date of count or estimate.

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2.1 "Public infrastructure" means publicly owned physical infrastructure necessary to
2.2 support economic development projects, including, but not limited to, sewers, water
2.3 supply systems, utility extensions, streets, wastewater treatment systems, stormwater
2.4 management systems, and facilities for pretreatment of wastewater to remove phosphorus.

2.5 The purpose of the grants is to keep or enhance jobs in the area, increase the tax
2.6 base, or to expand or create new economic development.