

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Workforce Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 10-30.5 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to North Dakota development fund, incorporated, matching grants for  
3 technology startup businesses; and to provide an appropriation.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 10-30.5 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Technology award grant program.**

- 8 1. The corporation shall administer a technology award grant program that provides  
9 matching grants to technology-based businesses.
- 10 2. The following provisions apply to technology award grants:
- 11 a. An applicant must:
- 12 (1) Be a North Dakota business that is at the startup stage;
- 13 (2) Be a primary sector business in the technology field; and
- 14 (3) Have a legal structure that was established following comprehensive  
15 vetting, development of proof of concept, and receipt of intent to fund  
16 commitment from the corporation.
- 17 b. Before funds are distributed under this section, the recipient shall provide the  
18 corporation with detailed documentation of the availability of two dollars of  
19 nonstate angel fund investment matching funds for each dollar of state funds  
20 distributed under this section. Matching funds must be cash and may not be  
21 in-kind assets.
- 22 c. An award grant under this section may not exceed fifty thousand dollars. A  
23 recipient may not receive more than one award under this section.

1           d. An award grant under this section is not a business incentive under chapter  
2                     54-60.1.

3           **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general  
4 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$500,000, or so much of the  
5 sum as may be necessary, to the North Dakota development fund, incorporated, for the purpose  
6 of making technology award grants as provided for under section 1 of this Act, for the biennium  
7 beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013.