

Subject AGRI works and AGRI support grant programs

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Summary

This bill would establish the AGRI works and AGRI support grant programs. This allows agriculture-related institutions to apply for grants and would direct the Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation (AGRI) program under the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to oversee the awarding of these grants.

AGRI works would oversee the smaller grants up to \$20,000, and AGRI support would oversee the grants larger than \$20,000 but smaller than \$200,000. These programs would require applicants to submit their recent tax documents and fill out a form before AGRI awards the grants.

This bill appropriates \$490,000 in both fiscal year 2026 and 2027 from the general fund for the AGRI works program and appropriates \$490,000 in both fiscal year 2026 and 2027 from the general fund for the AGRI support program. The language makes these appropriations onetime.