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Minnesota Statute 116J.549, Subd. 6, requires the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) to report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives committees having jurisdiction over taxes and workforce development specifying the projects that received grants under the statute and the specific purposes for which the grant funds were used.

Grants Awarded under Minnesota Statute 116J.549, subd. 6

To date, no grants have been awarded under this statute.

Note: The legislation creating the program was passed in the spring of 2015. DEED has developed forms and procedures under this new program for soliciting and reviewing applications for grants. Numerous outreach efforts were completed. In October, informational sessions held in Austin, Redwood Falls, Grand Rapids and Detroit Lakes were attended by more than 80 interested persons. A website was created that is home to program information and application materials.

Applications are expected by January 15, 2016 and \$1.9 million is anticipated to be awarded to communities in April. Based on known interest, we expect the 2016 round to be very competitive. Plans are in place for a second solicitation in 2016 and to award an additional \$1.9 million in early 2017.

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