

One Minnesota Budget

ENSURING MINNESOTA'S COMPETITIVENESS

This is an inflection point. Years of disruption have shaken up America's economic landscape, forcing states to compete for business investment and workforce talent like never before.

Minnesota is well-positioned to come out on top. Thanks to our diverse economy, innovative spirit, talented and welcoming people, and high quality of life, we can out-compete any state in the nation.

Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan's One Minnesota Budget will ensure Minnesota's competitiveness. It doubles down on what makes Minnesota the best place to start and grow a business. It invests in our workforce and provides new incentives for workers to relocate here.

Following are DEED's priorities included in the One Minnesota budget.

ENCOURAGING BUSINESS INVESTMENT



Attracting Business with the Minnesota Forward Fund - \$150 million

The Minnesota Forward Fund will re-shape how Minnesota competes for business retention and expansion on the national and international playing fields. It will refill our economic development toolkit to make grants, loans, and forgivable loans for infrastructure or large-scale economic development projects in existing, new, and emerging industries.



Innovation Investing via the Angel Tax Credit - \$20 million

The Angel Tax Credit is Minnesota's primary economic development tool for assisting and attracting early-stage businesses. It has already resulted in over \$500 million in private investment for Minnesota startups focused on new technologies or services in specified fields. Expanding the tax credit will incentivize investment in companies with founders who are women, veterans, people of color, Native people, and those headquartered in Greater Minnesota.



Empowering Entrepreneurs at Launch Minnesota - \$5 million

DEED's Launch Minnesota supports innovation and entrepreneurship by increasing access to capital, creating a connected and collaborative culture, and expanding entrepreneurial talent and expertise. Investing in Launch Minnesota will connect more start-ups to funding, expand entrepreneurial expertise, jumpstart commercialization, and cultivate collaboration with business leaders.



Connecting Minnesota to the World through Border-to-Border Broadband - \$276 million

The Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant Program is helping connect every home and business in the Minnesota to high-speed broadband, allowing companies to compete globally wherever they're headquartered. Since 2014, the Border-to-Border Broadband Grant Program has provided nearly \$230 million to connect 90,000 Minnesota homes and businesses to high-speed internet. \$276 million in new funding will supercharge this vital program.

BUILDING OUR WORKFORCE



Matching Talent to Needs through the Drive for 5 Workforce Fund - \$30 million

Facing an historically tight labor market, Minnesota is investing in the most in-demand jobs out there. The new Drive for 5 Workforce Fund will prepare new workers to enter five of the state's most critical occupational categories with high-growth jobs and family-sustaining wages: technology, caring professions, education, manufacturing, and trades.



Investing in Equity and Supporting New Americans - \$61.5 million

Minnesota's economy works best only when every Minnesotan can succeed. The budget invests \$60 million in employment services and training to bring workers who have been overlooked for employment, particularly people of color, into the workforce. It utilizes \$1.5 million to create an Office of New Americans to support immigrant and refugee integration, reduce barriers to employment, and improve connections between employers and job seekers.



Helping Young Minnesotans Prepare for Jobs - \$20 million

Expanding Minnesota's results-driven Youth at Work, Minnesota Youth Program, and YouthBuild programs will create a worker pipeline and prepare more Minnesota young people to enter the workforce focused and work-ready. This new investment in youth workforce development will help more than 38,000 young people get ready to work.

MAKING MINNESOTA THE BEST PLACE TO WORK



Guaranteeing Great Benefits with Paid Family and Medical Leave

As states compete nationally for talented employees, a generous benefits package can tip the scales for workers considering new opportunities. Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan will create a paid family and medical leave insurance program to support businesses, ensure more equitable economic opportunities for all Minnesotans, keep more women in the labor force, positively impact the lives of children, and make Minnesota a more attractive state at a time of historic workforce challenges.



Expanding Child Care Access for Working Families

Leading the nation in accessible, affordable child care will attract more working families to Minnesota. The budget will invest \$15 million to support child care economic development in Greater Minnesota, which will assist child care providers, create much-needed new child care slots, and increase the capacity and quality of child care across the state. Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan also propose expanding the Child and Dependent Care Credit, the Child Care Assistance Program, and Early Learning Scholarships to reduce the cost of childcare for Minnesota families.



Creating the Best Schools for Minnesota's Children

Minnesota's high-quality public education system is one of our advantages over other states. A sure-fire way to make Minnesota the best state to relocate and raise a family is by investing in public education. Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan propose a transformational increase in school funding, universal free meals for learners, more rigorous coursework for college-ready students, and expanded Career and Technical Education pathways across the state.