

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1276

Page 1, line 1, after "Act" insert "to create and enact a new section to chapter 4.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the agriculture infrastructure grant program;"

Page 1, after line 5, insert:

**"SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 4.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Agriculture infrastructure grant program.**

The agriculture commissioner shall develop policies to administer the agriculture infrastructure grant program to include a grant application process and eligibility criteria. A grant provided to a political subdivision, under this section, is limited to one million two hundred-fifty thousand dollars per project and may not exceed eighty percent of the infrastructure project cost. A grant provided to an individual or organization, under this section, is limited to three hundred-fifty thousand dollars per project and may not exceed eighty percent of the capital improvement project costs. Eligible uses of grant funding include road and bridge improvements, water and sewer line improvements, and electrical and gas supply improvements. Grant funding may not be used for routine maintenance or operating costs. For purposes of grant eligibility, value-added agriculture businesses includes the same businesses as provided under section 4.1-01.1-07. The agriculture commissioner shall distribute all funds related to the agriculture infrastructure grant program."

Page 1, line 18, after "loans" insert ", interest rate buydowns."

Page 1, line 22, replace "subsection 5" with "section 1 of this Act"

Page 2, line 6, after "loans" insert "and interest rate buydowns"

Page 2, remove lines 22 through 31

Page 3, remove lines 1 through 3

Page 3, line 9, after "for" insert "agriculture infrastructure"

Re-number accordingly