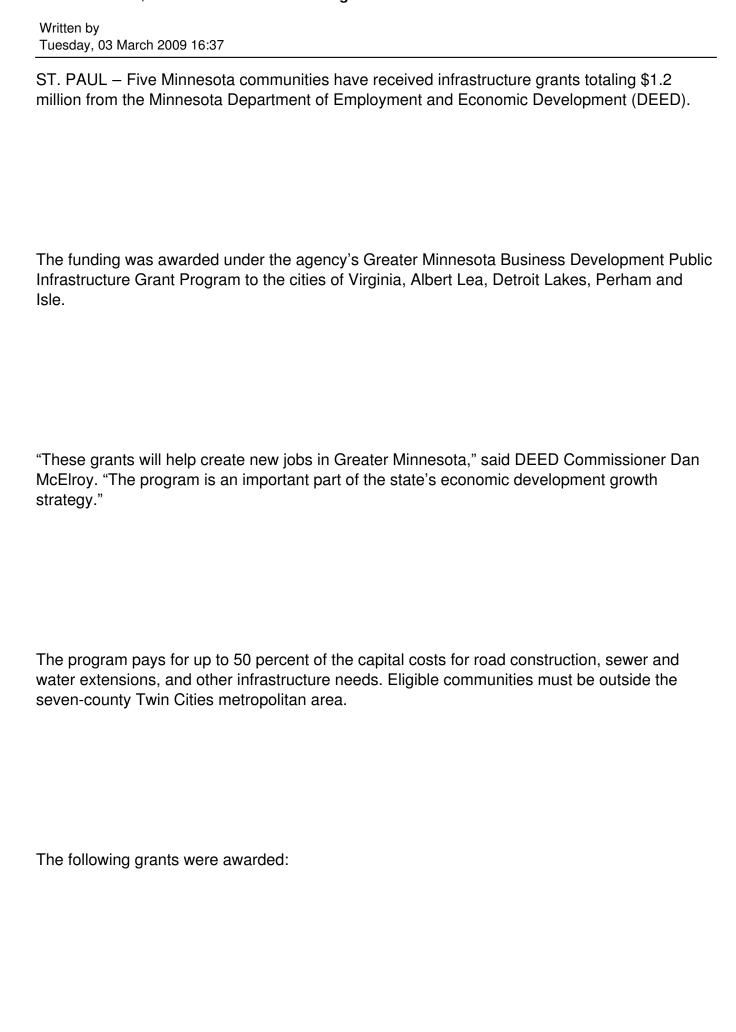
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- **Virginia**, **\$200,000**, for developing an old mine dump site for P&H MinePro Services, a company that refurbishes mining equipment and sells its products worldwide. The company cannot expand at its current sites in Mountain Iron, Buhl and Hibbing . P&H anticipates creating at least 16 full-time positions, with wages between \$16 and \$45 an hour. DEED allocated funding for this project in 2006, but additional support was needed because of cost increases (from \$1.5 million to \$3.7 million).
- **Albert Lea**, **\$250,000**, for building an 80-acre industrial park at a cost of \$1.5 million. Pro Trucking Inc. has committed to move to the site, bringing an existing workforce of 80 employees and hiring another 15 to 17 employees once the relocation is completed.
- **Detroit Lakes**, **\$250,000**, for a 39-acre expansion of an existing industrial park. The \$1 million expansion is expected to result in 120 new jobs and to increase the city's tax base by \$4.3 million.
- **Perham**, **\$250,000**, for infrastructure at the site of the new Perham Memorial Hospital. The total cost of the street/utilities project is \$3.1 million. The hospital plans to add 25 jobs with an average wage of \$19.50 per hour.
- **Isle**, **\$250,000**, to extend utilities to a new 75-acre industrial park. Initially, 19 jobs are expected to be created. The new park will also help retain Merit Enterprises, a 27-employee firm whose building was destroyed by a fire in November 2008. The total cost for developing the industrial park is \$2 million. The DEED award is contingent upon financing being awarded by the Federal Economic Development Administration by March 31, 2009.