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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4996

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Legacy Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to arts and cultural heritage; appropriating money to celebrate 50 years of
1.3 Hmong and Southeast Asian communities in Minnesota.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; COMMUNITY GRANTS CELEBRATING 50 YEARS
1.6 OF SOUTHEAST ASIANS IN MINNESOTA.

1.7 (a) \$300,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the arts and cultural heritage fund
1.8 to the governing board of the Minnesota Historical Society for statewide historic and cultural
1.9 grants to cultural community organizations, historical organizations, and veterans
1.10 organizations for activities to commemorate 50 years of Southeast Asians in Minnesota.
1.11 Money under this paragraph must be distributed through a competitive grant process. The
1.12 Minnesota Historical Society must administer the grants using established grant mechanisms
1.13 with assistance from the advisory committee created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article
1.14 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), item (ii). This appropriation is available until
1.15 June 30, 2026.

1.16 (b) \$200,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the arts and cultural heritage fund
1.17 to the governing board of the Minnesota Historical Society for activities to prepare and
1.18 coordinate community commemoration programs celebrating 50 years of Hmong Americans
1.19 in Minnesota and the arrival of the first Hmong family in Minnesota in October 1975. This
1.20 appropriation is available until June 30, 2026.