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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1737

02/27/2017 Authored by Thissen, Moran, Omar, Lee and Dehn, R., The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Legacy Funding Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to arts and cultural heritage; appropriating money for community identity
1.3 and cultural heritage grants program.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; COMMUNITY IDENTITY AND CULTURAL
1.6 HERITAGE GRANTS.

1.7 \$1,000,000 in 2018 and \$1,000,000 in 2019 are appropriated from the arts and cultural
1.8 heritage fund to the board of directors of the Minnesota Humanities Center for a competitive
1.9 grants program to award funds to local communities and organizations to preserve, reinforce,
1.10 educate about, and expand the identity of the community or neighborhood and empower
1.11 people to shape their community's future. The Minnesota Humanities Center shall award
1.12 grants to towns, statutory or home rule charter cities of the third or fourth class, or nonprofit
1.13 organizations in urban neighborhoods that have proposals that allow the local community
1.14 or neighborhood to preserve, educate, and expand the cultural and historical identity of the
1.15 neighborhood or community and that allow the local community to help shape their
1.16 community's future. The Minnesota Humanities Center may develop additional preferences
1.17 and eligibility criteria for grantees, but must allow funding to be used for capacity building,
1.18 rent or building costs, and program development and implementation.