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

- 1.1A bill for an act
- 1.2relating to arts and cultural heritage; appropriating money for community festival
- 1.3grant program.
- 1.4BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS; COMMUNITY FESTIVAL GRANT PROGRAM.**
- 1.6\$1,250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,250,000 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated from
- 1.7the arts and cultural heritage fund to the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Humanities
- 1.8Center for grants to community-based organizations, cities, and counties to support cultural
- 1.9festivals and events throughout the state of Minnesota. The funding may support event
- 1.10programming, staffing, community outreach, transportation, facilities and equipment rentals,
- 1.11and signage. Up to \$200,000 of this amount may be set aside for public safety expense
- 1.12reimbursement to county sheriff departments to support the festivals and events. The
- 1.13Minnesota Humanities Center must give priority funding to the Somali Museum Annual
- 1.14Celebration, Twin Cities Jazz Fest, Selby Avenue Jazz Fest, the Hmong Festival, Cinco de
- 1.15Mayo festival, and Rondo Days in St. Paul; the Hiddo Soor International Somali Cultural
- 1.16Festival in Plymouth; and Safe Summer Nights and Somali Independence Day in St. Paul.