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2.1 This appropriation is from the outdoor heritage
2.2 fund. The amounts that may be spent for each
2.3 purpose are specified in the following
2.4 subdivisions.

2.5 Subd. 2. **Prairies** 33,432,000 -0-

2.6 **(a) Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition,**
2.7 **Phase 9**

2.8 \$1,332,000 the first year is to the
2.9 commissioner of natural resources for
2.10 agreements to acquire land in fee and restore
2.11 and enhance strategic prairie grassland,
2.12 wetland, and other wildlife habitat in Martin
2.13 County for wildlife management area purposes
2.14 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
2.15 subdivision 8, as follows: \$970,000 to Fox
2.16 Lake Conservation League, Inc., \$327,000 to
2.17 Ducks Unlimited, and \$35,000 to the
2.18 Conservation Fund.

2.19 **(b) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the**
2.20 **Southern Red River Valley, Phase 11**

2.21 \$3,607,000 the first year is to the
2.22 commissioner of natural resources for an
2.23 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in
2.24 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie
2.25 Chicken Society, to acquire land in fee and
2.26 restore and enhance lands in the southern Red
2.27 River Valley for wildlife management
2.28 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
2.29 86A.05, subdivision 8, or to be designated and
2.30 managed as waterfowl production areas in
2.31 Minnesota, in cooperation with the United
2.32 States Fish and Wildlife Service. Subject to
2.33 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part
2.34 6136.0900, priority must be given to
2.35 acquisitions of lands that are eligible for the

3.1 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,
3.2 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected
3.3 native prairie.

3.4 **(c) RIM Grasslands Reserve, Phase 6**

3.5 \$3,375,000 the first year is to the Board of
3.6 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
3.7 permanent conservation easements and to
3.8 restore and enhance grassland habitat under
3.9 Minnesota Statutes, sections 103F.501 to
3.10 103F.531. Of this amount, up to \$70,000 is to
3.11 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
3.12 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
3.13 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
3.14 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,
3.15 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.
3.16 A list of permanent conservation easements
3.17 must be provided as part of the final report.

3.18 **(d) RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water, Phase**
3.19 **11**

3.20 \$4,000,000 the first year is to the Board of
3.21 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
3.22 permanent conservation easements and restore
3.23 habitat under Minnesota Statutes, section
3.24 103F.515, to protect, restore, and enhance
3.25 habitat by expanding the riparian buffer
3.26 program under the clean water fund for
3.27 additional wildlife benefits from buffers on
3.28 private land. Of this amount, up to \$60,000 is
3.29 to establish a monitoring and enforcement
3.30 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
3.31 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
3.32 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,
3.33 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.
3.34 A list of permanent conservation easements
3.35 must be provided as part of the final report.

4.1 **(e) Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area**
4.2 **Program, Phase 17**

4.3 \$4,863,000 the first year is to the
4.4 commissioner of natural resources for an
4.5 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire
4.6 in fee and restore and enhance lands for
4.7 wildlife management area purposes under
4.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
4.9 subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation criteria
4.10 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
4.11 must be given to acquisition of lands that are
4.12 eligible for the native prairie bank under
4.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
4.14 adjacent to protected native prairie.

4.15 **(f) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Program, Phase**
4.16 **14**

4.17 \$2,433,000 the first year is to the
4.18 commissioner of natural resources for an
4.19 agreement with The Nature Conservancy to
4.20 acquire land in fee and restore and enhance
4.21 native prairie, grasslands, wetlands, and
4.22 savanna. Subject to evaluation criteria in
4.23 Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
4.24 must be given to acquiring lands that are
4.25 eligible for the native prairie bank under
4.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
4.27 adjacent to protected native prairie. Annual
4.28 income statements and balance sheets for
4.29 income and expenses from land acquired with
4.30 this appropriation must be submitted to the
4.31 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council no
4.32 later than 180 days following the close of The
4.33 Nature Conservancy's fiscal year. A list of
4.34 proposed land acquisitions, restorations, and
4.35 enhancements must be provided as part of the
4.36 required accomplishment plan and must be

5.1 consistent with the priorities identified in
5.2 Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

5.3 **(g) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife**
5.4 **Refuge, Phase 15**

5.5 \$3,658,000 the first year is to the
5.6 commissioner of natural resources for an
5.7 agreement with The Nature Conservancy, in
5.8 cooperation with the United States Fish and
5.9 Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee or
5.10 permanent conservation easements and to
5.11 restore and enhance lands in the Northern
5.12 Tallgrass Prairie Habitat Preservation Area in
5.13 western Minnesota for addition to the Northern
5.14 Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge.
5.15 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota
5.16 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given
5.17 to acquiring lands that are eligible for the
5.18 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,
5.19 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected
5.20 native prairie.

5.21 **(h) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**
5.22 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition, Phase**
5.23 **17**

5.24 \$1,916,000 the first year is to the
5.25 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
5.26 in fee and restore and enhance lands for
5.27 wildlife management purposes under
5.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
5.29 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee for
5.30 scientific and natural area purposes under
5.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
5.32 subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria
5.33 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
5.34 must be given to acquisition of lands that are
5.35 eligible for the native prairie bank under

6.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
6.2 adjacent to protected native prairie.

6.3 **(i) Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands, Phase**
6.4 **8**

6.5 \$3,440,000 the first year is to the
6.6 commissioner of natural resources for an
6.7 agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance
6.8 and restore grassland and wetland habitat on
6.9 public lands in the forest prairie transition,
6.10 metro urban, and prairie ecoregions of
6.11 Minnesota.

6.12 **(j) Accelerating the USFWS Habitat**
6.13 **Conservation Easement Program, Phase 5**

6.14 \$4,808,000 the first year is to the
6.15 commissioner of natural resources for
6.16 agreements to restore and enhance wetland
6.17 and prairie habitat on habitat easements of the
6.18 United States Fish and Wildlife Service as
6.19 follows: \$3,100,000 to Ducks Unlimited and
6.20 \$1,708,000 to Pheasants Forever.

6.21 **Subd. 3. Forests**

19,958,000

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6.22 **(a) Minnesota Forest Recovery Project, Phase**
6.23 **3**

6.24 \$3,464,000 the first year is to the
6.25 commissioner of natural resources for an
6.26 agreement with The Nature Conservancy in
6.27 cooperation with the Department of Natural
6.28 Resources and Minnesota Land Trust to
6.29 acquire permanent conservation easements
6.30 and to restore and enhance degraded forests
6.31 in Beltrami, Cass, Cook, Itasca, Lake,
6.32 Koochiching, and St. Louis Counties. Of this
6.33 amount, up to \$84,000 is to the easement
6.34 holder to establish a monitoring and
6.35 enforcement fund as approved in the

7.1 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
7.2 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

7.3 **(b) Itasca County Memorial Forest Project**

7.4 \$2,720,000 the first year is to the
7.5 commissioner of natural resources for an
7.6 agreement with Itasca County to acquire
7.7 priority forest habitat lands in fee as county
7.8 forests.

7.9 **(c) Hardwood Hills Habitat Conservation**
7.10 **Program, Phase 2**

7.11 \$1,803,000 the first year is to the
7.12 commissioner of natural resources for
7.13 agreements to acquire permanent conservation
7.14 easements and to restore and enhance forest
7.15 habitats in the hardwood hills ecological
7.16 section of west-central Minnesota as follows:
7.17 \$100,000 to St. John's University and
7.18 \$1,703,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Of the
7.19 amount to Minnesota Land Trust, \$196,000 is
7.20 to establish a monitoring and enforcement
7.21 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
7.22 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
7.23 97A.056, subdivision 17.

7.24 **(d) Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape Protection**
7.25 **Program ACUB, Phase 13**

7.26 \$2,183,000 the first year is to the Board of
7.27 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with
7.28 the Morrison County Soil and Water
7.29 Conservation District, to acquire permanent
7.30 conservation easements and to restore and
7.31 enhance forest wildlife habitat within the
7.32 boundaries of the Minnesota National Guard
7.33 Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape and Army
7.34 Compatible Use Buffer. Of this amount, up to
7.35 \$110,000 is to establish a monitoring and

8.1 enforcement fund as approved in the
8.2 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
8.3 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.
8.4 Subdivision 8, paragraph (b), does not apply
8.5 to this project. A list of permanent
8.6 conservation easements must be provided as
8.7 part of the final report.

8.8 **(e) Minnesota Forests for the Future, Phase 5**

8.9 \$5,241,000 the first year is to the
8.10 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
8.11 lands in conservation easements and to restore
8.12 and enhance forests, wetlands, and shoreline
8.13 habitat through working forest permanent
8.14 conservation easements under the Minnesota
8.15 forests for the future program according to
8.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.66. A
8.17 conservation easement acquired with money
8.18 appropriated under this paragraph must
8.19 comply with Minnesota Statutes, section
8.20 97A.056, subdivision 13. The accomplishment
8.21 plan must include an easement monitoring and
8.22 enforcement plan. Of this amount, up to
8.23 \$400,000 is to establish a monitoring and
8.24 enforcement fund as approved in the
8.25 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
8.26 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

8.27 **(f) DNR Forest Habitat Enhancement, Phase 5**

8.28 \$2,543,000 the first year is to the
8.29 commissioner of natural resources to restore
8.30 and enhance forest wildlife habitats on public
8.31 lands throughout Minnesota.

8.32 **(g) Moose Habitat Collaborative - Northeast**
8.33 **Minnesota Forest Habitat Enhancement, Phase**
8.34 **5**

9.1 \$2,004,000 the first year is to the
9.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
9.3 agreement with the Ruffed Grouse Society to
9.4 restore and enhance public forest lands in the
9.5 northern forest region for moose habitat
9.6 purposes.

9.7 **Subd. 4. Wetlands**

29,032,000

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9.8 **(a) Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration**
9.9 **Program, Phase 10**

9.10 \$2,853,000 the first year is to the
9.11 commissioner of natural resources for an
9.12 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
9.13 acquire permanent conservation easements
9.14 and to restore and enhance prairie, wetland,
9.15 and other habitats on permanently protected
9.16 conservation easements in high-priority
9.17 wetland habitat complexes in the prairie,
9.18 forest/prairie transition, and forest ecoregions.
9.19 Of this amount, up to \$168,000 is to establish
9.20 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
9.21 approved in the accomplishment plan and
9.22 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
9.23 97A.056, subdivision 17.

9.24 **(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection and**
9.25 **Restoration Program, Phase 14**

9.26 \$5,673,000 the first year is to the
9.27 commissioner of natural resources for an
9.28 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire
9.29 land in fee for wildlife management purposes
9.30 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
9.31 subdivision 8, or to be designated and
9.32 managed as waterfowl production areas or
9.33 national wildlife refuges in Minnesota, in
9.34 cooperation with the United States Fish and
9.35 Wildlife Service, and to restore and enhance

10.1 prairie lands, wetlands, and land-buffering

10.2 shallow lakes.

10.3 **(c) RIM Wetlands - Restoring the Most**
10.4 **Productive Habitat in Minnesota, Phase 14**

10.5 \$4,291,000 the first year is to the Board of

10.6 Water and Soil Resources to acquire

10.7 permanent conservation easements and to

10.8 restore wetlands and native grassland habitat

10.9 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515.

10.10 Of this amount, up to \$70,000 is for

10.11 establishing a monitoring and enforcement

10.12 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan

10.13 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section

10.14 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,

10.15 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.

10.16 A list of permanent conservation easements

10.17 must be provided as part of the final report.

10.18 **(d) Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area**
10.19 **Acquisition Program, Phase 17**

10.20 \$5,121,000 the first year is to the

10.21 commissioner of natural resources for an

10.22 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in

10.23 cooperation with the United States Fish and

10.24 Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee and to

10.25 restore and enhance wetlands and grasslands

10.26 to be designated and managed as waterfowl

10.27 production areas in Minnesota.

10.28 **(e) Nelson Slough - East Park Wildlife**
10.29 **Management Area, Phase 2**

10.30 \$1,543,000 the first year is to the

10.31 commissioner of natural resources for an

10.32 agreement with the Middle-Snake-Tamarac

10.33 Rivers Watershed District to restore and

10.34 enhance wetland and upland wildlife habitat

- 11.1 in Nelson Slough and the East Park Wildlife
11.2 Management Area in Marshall County.
- 11.3 **(f) Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**
11.4 **Enhancement and Restoration Initiative, Phase**
11.5 **11**
- 11.6 \$5,601,000 the first year is to the
11.7 commissioner of natural resources for an
11.8 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to restore
11.9 and enhance shallow lakes and wetlands on
11.10 public lands and wetlands under permanent
11.11 conservation easement for wildlife
11.12 management.
- 11.13 **(g) Big Swamp North**
- 11.14 \$1,442,000 the first year is to the
11.15 commissioner of natural resources for an
11.16 agreement with the Roseau River Watershed
11.17 District to restore and enhance wetland,
11.18 stream, and other related wildlife habitat on
11.19 public lands in the Big Swamp area in Roseau
11.20 County.
- 11.21 **(h) DNR Accelerated Shallow Lakes and**
11.22 **Wetland Enhancement, Phase 17**
- 11.23 \$2,508,000 the first year is to the
11.24 commissioner of natural resources to enhance
11.25 and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat
11.26 statewide.
- 11.27 **Subd. 5. Habitats**
- 11.28 **(a) Cannon River Watershed Habitat**
11.29 **Restoration and Protection Program, Phase 14**
- 11.30 \$2,663,000 the first year is to the
11.31 commissioner of natural resources for
11.32 agreements to acquire land in fee and to
11.33 restore and enhance wildlife habitat in the
11.34 Cannon River Watershed as follows: \$62,000
11.35 to Clean River Partners; \$1,198,000 to Great

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- 12.1 River Greening; and \$1,403,000 to the Trust
12.2 for Public Land.
- 12.3 **(b) Spring Road Conservation Project**
- 12.4 \$1,982,000 the first year is to the
12.5 commissioner of natural resources for an
12.6 agreement with the Riley Purgatory Bluff
12.7 Creek Watershed District to acquire priority
12.8 wildlife habitat lands in fee in Hennepin
12.9 County.
- 12.10 **(c) Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation,**
12.11 **Phase 10**
- 12.12 \$3,518,000 the first year is to the
12.13 commissioner of natural resources for
12.14 agreements to acquire permanent conservation
12.15 easements and to restore and enhance wildlife
12.16 habitat on public lands and easements in the
12.17 Anoka Sand Plain ecoregion and intersecting
12.18 minor watersheds as follows: \$553,000 to
12.19 Anoka Conservation District; \$1,385,000 to
12.20 Great River Greening; \$300,000 to The Nature
12.21 Conservancy; and \$1,280,000 to Minnesota
12.22 Land Trust. Up to \$112,000 to Minnesota
12.23 Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and
12.24 enforcement fund as approved in the
12.25 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
12.26 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.
- 12.27 **(d) Integrating Habitat and Clean Water, Phase**
12.28 **3**
- 12.29 \$2,691,000 the first year is to the Board of
12.30 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
12.31 permanent conservation easements and restore
12.32 and enhance wildlife habitat identified in One
12.33 Watershed, One Plan for stacked benefit to
12.34 wildlife and clean water. Of this amount, up
12.35 to \$80,000 is for establishing a monitoring and

13.1 enforcement fund as approved in the
13.2 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
13.3 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.
13.4 Subdivision 8, paragraph (b), does not apply
13.5 to this project. A list of permanent
13.6 conservation easements must be provided as
13.7 part of the final report.

13.8 **(e) St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and**
13.9 **Restoration, Phase 6**

13.10 \$3,184,000 the first year is to the
13.11 commissioner of natural resources for
13.12 agreements to acquire land in fee and
13.13 permanent conservation easements and to
13.14 restore and enhance natural habitat systems in
13.15 the St. Croix River Watershed as follows:
13.16 \$1,199,000 to the Trust for Public Land;
13.17 \$121,000 to Wild Rivers Conservancy; and
13.18 \$1,864,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to
13.19 \$168,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to
13.20 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
13.21 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
13.22 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
13.23 97A.056, subdivision 17.

13.24 **(f) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor**
13.25 **Project, Phase 9**

13.26 \$2,769,000 the first year is to acquire lands in
13.27 fee and permanent conservation easements
13.28 and to restore wildlife habitat in the
13.29 Mississippi headwaters. Of this amount: (1)
13.30 \$1,769,000 is to the commissioner of natural
13.31 resources for agreements as follows: \$60,000
13.32 to the Mississippi Headwaters Board and
13.33 \$1,709,000 to the Trust for Public Land; and
13.34 (2) \$1,000,000 is to the Board of Water and
13.35 Soil Resources, of which up to \$50,000 is to
13.36 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund

14.1 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
14.2 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
14.3 97A.056, subdivision 17.

14.4 **(g) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**
14.5 **Restoration, Phase 13**

14.6 \$2,334,000 the first year is to the
14.7 commissioner of natural resources for an
14.8 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
14.9 acquire permanent conservation easements
14.10 and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat on
14.11 public lands and permanent conservation
14.12 easements in southeast Minnesota. Of this
14.13 amount, up to \$140,000 is to establish a
14.14 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
14.15 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
14.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
14.17 subdivision 17.

14.18 **(h) Protecting Coldwater Fisheries on**
14.19 **Minnesota's North Shore, Phase 3**

14.20 \$2,187,000 the first year is to the
14.21 commissioner of natural resources for an
14.22 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
14.23 acquire permanent conservation easements
14.24 and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat in
14.25 priority coldwater tributaries to Lake Superior.
14.26 Of this amount, up to \$196,000 is to establish
14.27 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
14.28 approved in the accomplishment plan and
14.29 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
14.30 97A.056, subdivision 17.

14.31 **(i) Metro Big Rivers, Phase 15**

14.32 \$6,793,000 the first year is to the
14.33 commissioner of natural resources for
14.34 agreements to acquire land in fee and
14.35 permanent conservation easements and to

15.1 restore and enhance natural habitat systems
15.2 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
15.3 and St. Croix Rivers and their tributaries in
15.4 the metropolitan area as follows: \$1,000,000
15.5 to Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge
15.6 Trust, Inc.; \$488,000 to Friends of the
15.7 Mississippi River; \$975,000 to Great River
15.8 Greening; \$2,151,000 to the Trust for Public
15.9 Land; and \$2,179,000 to Minnesota Land
15.10 Trust. Up to \$168,000 to Minnesota Land
15.11 Trust is to establish a monitoring and
15.12 enforcement fund as approved in the
15.13 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
15.14 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

15.15 **(j) Minnesota River Watershed Habitat**
15.16 **Conservation Program**

15.17 \$3,078,000 the first year is to the
15.18 commissioner of natural resources for
15.19 agreements to acquire land in fee and
15.20 permanent conservation easements and to
15.21 restore and enhance priority habitat in the
15.22 Minnesota River watershed as follows:
15.23 \$1,364,000 to Great River Greening and
15.24 \$1,714,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to
15.25 \$168,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to
15.26 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
15.27 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
15.28 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
15.29 97A.056, subdivision 17.

15.30 **(k) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**
15.31 **Restoration Program, Phase 14**

15.32 \$2,141,000 the first year is to the
15.33 commissioner of natural resources for an
15.34 agreement with the Shell Rock River
15.35 Watershed District to acquire land in fee and

16.1 to restore and enhance habitat in the Shell

16.2 Rock River watershed.

16.3 **(l) Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding**
16.4 **Biological Significance, Phase 4**

16.5 \$3,137,000 the first year is to the

16.6 commissioner of natural resources for

16.7 agreements to acquire land in fee and

16.8 permanent conservation easements and to

16.9 restore and enhance lakes of outstanding

16.10 biological significance in northeast and

16.11 north-central Minnesota. Of this amount,

16.12 \$1,494,000 is to the Northern Waters Land

16.13 Trust and \$1,643,000 is to Minnesota Land

16.14 Trust. Up to \$168,000 to Minnesota Land

16.15 Trust is for establishing a monitoring and

16.16 enforcement fund as approved in the

16.17 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota

16.18 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

16.19 **(m) Shakopee Creek: Headwaters Restored,**
16.20 **Species and Land Protected**

16.21 \$2,359,000 the first year is to the

16.22 commissioner of natural resources for an

16.23 agreement with the Kandiyohi Soil and Water

16.24 Conservation District to restore and enhance

16.25 wildlife habitat in the headwaters area of

16.26 Shakopee Creek in Kandiyohi County.

16.27 **(n) DNR Trout Stream Conservation Easements,**
16.28 **Phase 4**

16.29 \$973,000 the first year is to the commissioner

16.30 of natural resources to acquire land in

16.31 permanent conservation easements to protect

16.32 trout-stream aquatic habitat. Of this amount,

16.33 up to \$120,000 is for establishing a monitoring

16.34 and enforcement fund as approved in the

17.1 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota

17.2 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

17.3 **(o) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic**

17.4 **North-Central Minnesota Lakes, Phase 11**

17.5 \$2,878,000 the first year is to the

17.6 commissioner of natural resources for

17.7 agreements to acquire land in fee and

17.8 permanent conservation easements and to

17.9 restore and enhance wildlife habitat to sustain

17.10 healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes in

17.11 Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard

17.12 Counties as follows: \$1,259,000 to Northern

17.13 Waters Land Trust and \$1,619,000 to

17.14 Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$168,000 to

17.15 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a

17.16 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved

17.17 in the accomplishment plan and subject to

17.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,

17.19 subdivision 17.

17.20 **(p) Minnesota Statewide Trout Habitat**

17.21 **Enhancement, Phase 2**

17.22 \$2,124,000 the first year is to the

17.23 commissioner of natural resources for an

17.24 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited

17.25 to restore and enhance habitat for trout and

17.26 other species in and along coldwater rivers,

17.27 lakes, and streams throughout Minnesota.

17.28 **(q) Restoring and Enhancing Minnesota's**

17.29 **Important Bird Areas, Phase 4**

17.30 \$2,003,000 the first year is to the

17.31 commissioner of natural resources for an

17.32 agreement with Audubon Minnesota to restore

17.33 and enhance wildlife habitat in important bird

17.34 areas or Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan

17.35 Priority areas of northwestern Minnesota.

18.1 **(r) Fall River Restoration**

18.2 \$1,318,000 the first year is to the
18.3 commissioner of natural resources for an
18.4 agreement with Cook County to restore and
18.5 enhance coldwater stream habitat in the Fall
18.6 River in Cook County.

18.7 **(s) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and**
18.8 **Enhancement, Phase 8**

18.9 \$3,800,000 the first year is to the
18.10 commissioner of natural resources to restore
18.11 and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded
18.12 streams and aquatic management areas and to
18.13 facilitate fish passage throughout Minnesota.

18.14 **(t) Rum River Corridor Fish and Wildlife**
18.15 **Habitat Enhancement, Phase 3**

18.16 \$1,356,000 the first year is to the
18.17 commissioner of natural resources for an
18.18 agreement with the Anoka County Soil and
18.19 Water Conservation District to restore and
18.20 enhance upland and riverine habitat in the
18.21 Rum River corridor.

18.22 **(u) DNR Roving Crew, Phase 3**

18.23 \$12,642,000 the first year is to the
18.24 commissioner of natural resources to restore
18.25 and enhance fish and wildlife habitat on
18.26 permanently protected lands throughout
18.27 Minnesota using the roving crew program of
18.28 the Department of Natural Resources.

18.29 **(v) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**
18.30 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat, Phase**
18.31 **17**

18.32 \$11,716,000 the first year is to the
18.33 commissioner of natural resources for a
18.34 program to provide competitive matching
18.35 grants of up to \$500,000 to local, regional,

19.1 state, and national organizations for enhancing,
19.2 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,
19.3 prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife
19.4 in Minnesota. Of this amount, unless not
19.5 enough eligible grant applications are
19.6 received, at least \$3,000,000 is for grants in
19.7 the seven-county metropolitan area and cities
19.8 with a population of 50,000 or more and at
19.9 least \$2,620,000 is for grants to applicants that
19.10 have not previously applied for money from
19.11 the outdoor heritage fund. Grants must not be
19.12 made for activities required to fulfill the duties
19.13 of owners of lands subject to conservation
19.14 easements. Grants must not be made from the
19.15 appropriation in this paragraph for projects
19.16 that have a total project cost exceeding
19.17 \$1,000,000. Of the total appropriation,
19.18 \$600,000 may be spent for personnel costs,
19.19 outreach, and support to first-time applicants
19.20 and other direct and necessary administrative
19.21 costs. Grantees may acquire land or interests
19.22 in land. Easements must be permanent. Grants
19.23 may not be used to establish easement
19.24 stewardship accounts. The program must
19.25 require a match of at least ten percent from
19.26 nonstate sources for all grants. The match may
19.27 be cash or in-kind. For grant applications of
19.28 \$25,000 or less, the commissioner must
19.29 provide a separate, simplified application
19.30 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the
19.31 commissioner of natural resources must, when
19.32 evaluating projects of equal value, give
19.33 priority to organizations that have a history of
19.34 receiving, or a charter to receive, private
19.35 contributions for local conservation or habitat
19.36 projects. All restoration or enhancement

20.1 projects must be on land permanently
20.2 protected by a permanent covenant ensuring
20.3 perpetual maintenance and protection of
20.4 restored and enhanced habitat, by a
20.5 conservation easement, or by public ownership
20.6 or in public waters as defined in Minnesota
20.7 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 15.
20.8 Priority must be given to restoration and
20.9 enhancement projects on public lands.
20.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
20.11 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded
20.12 under this paragraph. This appropriation is
20.13 available until June 30, 2028. No less than five
20.14 percent of the amount of each grant must be
20.15 held back from reimbursement until the grant
20.16 recipient completes a grant accomplishment
20.17 report by the deadline and in the form
20.18 prescribed by and satisfactory to the
20.19 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The
20.20 commissioner must provide notice of the grant
20.21 program in the summary of game and fish law
20.22 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section
20.23 97A.051, subdivision 2.

20.24 Subd. 6. **Administration**

2,043,000

775,000

20.25 **(a) Contract Management**

20.26 \$410,000 the first year is to the commissioner
20.27 of natural resources for contract management
20.28 duties assigned in this section. The
20.29 commissioner must provide an
20.30 accomplishment plan in the form specified by
20.31 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
20.32 on expending this appropriation. The
20.33 accomplishment plan must include a copy of
20.34 the grant contract template and reimbursement
20.35 manual. No money may be expended before

21.1 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
21.2 approves the accomplishment plan. Money
21.3 appropriated in this paragraph is available until
21.4 June 30, 2027.

21.5 **(b) Legislative Coordinating Commission**
21.6 \$732,000 the first year and \$772,000 the
21.7 second year are to the Legislative
21.8 Coordinating Commission for administrative
21.9 expenses of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
21.10 Heritage Council and for compensating and
21.11 reimbursing expenses of council members.
21.12 This appropriation is available until June 30,
21.13 2027. Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.281,
21.14 applies to this appropriation.

21.15 **(c) Technical Evaluation Panel**
21.16 \$157,000 the first year is to the commissioner
21.17 of natural resources for a technical evaluation
21.18 panel to conduct up to 20 restoration and
21.19 enhancement evaluations under Minnesota
21.20 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 10.
21.21 Money appropriated in this paragraph is
21.22 available until June 30, 2027.

21.23 **(d) Core Functions in Partner-Led OHF Land**
21.24 **Acquisitions**
21.25 \$740,000 the first year is to the commissioner
21.26 of natural resources for administering the
21.27 initial development, restoration, and
21.28 enhancement of land acquired in fee with
21.29 money appropriated from the outdoor heritage
21.30 fund. This appropriation may be used for land
21.31 acquisition costs incurred by the department
21.32 as part of conveyance of parcels to the
21.33 Department of Natural Resources and initial
21.34 development activities on fee title acquisitions.

22.1 Money appropriated in this paragraph is
22.2 available until June 30, 2033.

22.3 **(e) Legacy Website**

22.4 \$4,000 the first year and \$3,000 the second
22.5 year are to the Legislative Coordinating
22.6 Commission for the website required under
22.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision
22.8 10.

22.9 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**

22.10 (a) Money appropriated in this section may
22.11 not be spent on activities unless they are
22.12 directly related to and necessary for a specific
22.13 appropriation and are specified in the
22.14 accomplishment plan approved by the
22.15 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
22.16 Money appropriated in this section must not
22.17 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional
22.18 overhead charges that are not directly related
22.19 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.
22.20 Money appropriated for fee title acquisition
22.21 of land may be used to restore, enhance, and
22.22 provide for public use of the land acquired
22.23 with the appropriation. Public-use facilities
22.24 must have a minimal impact on habitat in
22.25 acquired lands.

22.26 (b) Money appropriated in this section is
22.27 available as follows:

22.28 (1) money appropriated for acquiring real
22.29 property is available until June 30, 2029;

22.30 (2) money appropriated for restoring and
22.31 enhancing land acquired with an appropriation
22.32 in this article is available for four years after
22.33 the acquisition date with a maximum end date
22.34 of June 30, 2033;

23.1 (3) money appropriated for restoring and
23.2 enhancing other land is available until June
23.3 30, 2030;

23.4 (4) notwithstanding clauses (1) to (3), money
23.5 appropriated for a project that receives at least
23.6 15 percent of its funding from federal funds
23.7 is available until a date sufficient to match the
23.8 availability of federal funding to a maximum
23.9 of six years if the federal funding was
23.10 confirmed and included in the original
23.11 approved draft accomplishment plan; and

23.12 (5) money appropriated for other projects is
23.13 available until the end of the fiscal year in
23.14 which it is appropriated.

23.15 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**
23.16 **Equipment Expenditures**

23.17 (a) All agreements referred to in this section
23.18 must be administered on a reimbursement
23.19 basis unless otherwise provided in this section.

23.20 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
23.21 16A.41, expenditures directly related to each
23.22 appropriation's purpose made on or after July
23.23 1, 2025, or the date of accomplishment plan
23.24 approval, whichever is later, are eligible for
23.25 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in
23.26 this section. For the purposes of administering
23.27 appropriations and legislatively authorized
23.28 agreements paid out of the outdoor heritage
23.29 fund, an expense must be considered
23.30 reimbursable by the administering agency
23.31 when the recipient presents the agency with
23.32 an invoice or binding agreement with the
23.33 landowner and the recipient attests that the
23.34 goods have been received or the landowner
23.35 agreement is binding. Periodic reimbursement

24.1 must be made upon receiving documentation
24.2 that the items articulated in the
24.3 accomplishment plan approved by the
24.4 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council have
24.5 been achieved, including partial achievements
24.6 as evidenced by progress reports approved by
24.7 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
24.8 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to
24.9 projects to accommodate cash flow needs,
24.10 support future management of acquired lands,
24.11 or match a federal share. The advances must
24.12 be approved as part of the accomplishment
24.13 plan. Capital equipment expenditures for
24.14 specific items in excess of \$10,000 must be
24.15 itemized in and approved as part of the
24.16 accomplishment plan.

24.17 (b) Unless otherwise provided, no money
24.18 appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund
24.19 in this article may be used to acquire, restore,
24.20 or enhance any real property unless the
24.21 specific acquisition, restoration, or
24.22 enhancement is approved as part of the
24.23 accomplishment plan on the parcel list.

24.24 **Subd. 9. Mapping**

24.25 Each direct recipient of money appropriated
24.26 in this section, as well as each recipient of a
24.27 grant awarded under this section, must provide
24.28 geographic information to the Lessard-Sams
24.29 Outdoor Heritage Council for mapping of any
24.30 lands acquired in fee with funds appropriated
24.31 in this section and open to the public taking
24.32 of fish and game. The commissioner of natural
24.33 resources must include the lands acquired in
24.34 fee with money appropriated in this section
24.35 on maps showing public recreation

25.1 opportunities. Maps must include information
25.2 on and acknowledgment of the outdoor
25.3 heritage fund, including a notation of any
25.4 restrictions.

25.5 **Subd. 10. Carryforward**

25.6 (a) The availability of the appropriation for
25.7 Laws 2020, chapter 104, article 1, section 2,
25.8 subdivision 5, paragraph (b), Metro Big Rivers
25.9 - Phase X, is extended to June 30, 2026.

25.10 (b) The availability of the appropriation for
25.11 Laws 2020, chapter 104, article 1, section 2,
25.12 subdivision 5, paragraph (k), St. Louis River
25.13 Restoration Initiative - Phase VII, is extended
25.14 to June 30, 2026.

25.15 (c) The availability of the appropriation for
25.16 Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 1, section 2,
25.17 subdivision 6, paragraph (d), Core Functions
25.18 in Partner-Led OHF Land Acquisitions, is
25.19 extended to June 30, 2031.

25.20 **Subd. 11. Cancellation**

25.21 \$120,000 of the outdoor heritage fund
25.22 appropriation in Laws 2020, chapter 104,
25.23 article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, paragraph
25.24 (i), is canceled no later than June 29, 2025.

25.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Subdivisions 10 and 11 are effective the day following final
25.26 enactment.

25.27 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision to
25.28 read:

25.29 **Subd. 25. Federal grant fund requirements.** An interest in real property acquired with
25.30 money appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund may be used to leverage federal grant
25.31 funds for related conservation programs, such as Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration,
25.32 United States Code, title 16, section 669 et seq.; Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration,
25.33 United States Code, title 16, section 777 et seq.; and the North American Wetlands

Conservation Act, United States Code, title 16, section 4401. These grant programs may place conditions on land use that require the continued use of the land for conservation purposes. Placement of conditions on land use under these programs does not require prior review and approval of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council or its successor under subdivision 15, paragraph (b).

ARTICLE 2
CLEAN WATER FUND

Section 1. CLEAN WATER FUND APPROPRIATIONS.

The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the clean water fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for allowable activities under the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15. The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and 2027. These are onetime appropriations.

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
<u>Available for the Year</u>	
<u>Ending June 30</u>	
<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>

Sec. 2. CLEAN WATER FUND

<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>144,625,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>159,301,000</u>
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This appropriation is from the clean water fund. The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following sections.

Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation

Money appropriated in this article may not be spent on activities unless they are directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation. Money appropriated in this article must be spent in accordance with Minnesota Management and Budget MMB Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund

27.1 Expenditure. Notwithstanding Minnesota
27.2 Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless otherwise
27.3 specified in this article, fiscal year 2026
27.4 appropriations are available until June 30,
27.5 2027, and fiscal year 2027 appropriations are
27.6 available until June 30, 2028. If a project
27.7 receives federal funds, the period of the
27.8 appropriation is extended to equal the
27.9 availability of federal funding.

27.10 **Subd. 3. Disability Access**

27.11 Where appropriate, grant recipients of clean
27.12 water funds, in consultation with the Council
27.13 on Disability and other appropriate
27.14 governor-appointed disability councils, boards,
27.15 committees, and commissions, should make
27.16 progress toward providing people with
27.17 disabilities greater access to programs, print
27.18 publications, and digital media related to the
27.19 programs the recipient funds using
27.20 appropriations made in this article.

27.21 **Subd. 4. Increasing Diversity in Environmental**
27.22 **Careers**

27.23 Agencies should work to provide opportunities
27.24 that encourage a diversity of students to pursue
27.25 careers in environment and natural resources
27.26 when implementing appropriations in this
27.27 article.

27.28 **Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE** **\$** **16,075,000** **\$** **17,275,000**

27.29 (a) \$370,000 the first year and \$370,000 the
27.30 second year are to increase monitoring for
27.31 pesticides and pesticide degradates in surface
27.32 water and groundwater and to use data
27.33 collected to assess pesticide use practices.

28.1 (b) \$3,100,000 the first year and \$3,100,000
28.2 the second year are for monitoring and
28.3 evaluating trends in the concentration of
28.4 nitrate in groundwater; promoting, developing,
28.5 and evaluating regional and crop-specific
28.6 nutrient best management practices, cover
28.7 crops, and other vegetative cover; assessing
28.8 adoption of best management practices and
28.9 other recommended practices; education and
28.10 technical support from University of
28.11 Minnesota Extension; grants to support
28.12 agricultural demonstration and implementation
28.13 activities, including research activities at the
28.14 Rosholt Research Farm; and other actions to
28.15 protect groundwater from degradation from
28.16 nitrate.

28.17 (c) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
28.18 the second year are for the agriculture best
28.19 management practices loan program. Any
28.20 unencumbered balance at the end of the second
28.21 year must be added to the corpus of the loan
28.22 fund.

28.23 (d) \$1,600,000 the first year and \$1,600,000
28.24 the second year are for technical assistance;
28.25 research, demonstration, and promotion
28.26 projects on properly implementing best
28.27 management practices and vegetative cover;
28.28 and more-precise information on nonpoint
28.29 contributions to impaired waters and for grants
28.30 to support on-farm demonstration of
28.31 agricultural practices.

28.32 (e) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
28.33 second year are for maintenance of the
28.34 Minnesota Water Research Digital Library.
28.35 Costs for information technology development

- 29.1 or support for the digital library may be paid
29.2 to Minnesota IT Services.
- 29.3 (f) \$3,500,000 the first year and \$3,500,000
29.4 the second year are to implement the
29.5 Minnesota agricultural water quality
29.6 certification program statewide.
- 29.7 (g) \$155,000 the first year and \$155,000 the
29.8 second year are for a regional irrigation water
29.9 quality specialist through University of
29.10 Minnesota Extension.
- 29.11 (h) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$3,000,000
29.12 the second year are for grants to the Board of
29.13 Regents of the University of Minnesota to
29.14 fund the Forever Green initiative and to protect
29.15 the state's natural resources while increasing
29.16 the efficiency, profitability, and productivity
29.17 of Minnesota farmers by incorporating
29.18 perennial and winter-annual crops into existing
29.19 agricultural practices.
- 29.20 (i) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
29.21 second year are for testing drinking-water
29.22 wells for pesticides.
- 29.23 (j) \$1,750,000 the first year and \$1,750,000
29.24 the second year are for conservation
29.25 equipment assistance grants to purchase
29.26 equipment or items to retrofit existing
29.27 equipment that has climate and water quality
29.28 benefits.
- 29.29 (k) \$1,050,000 the first year and \$1,250,000
29.30 the second year are for expanding the existing
29.31 state weather station and soil temperature
29.32 network to provide accurate and timely
29.33 weather data to optimize the timing of
29.34 irrigation, fertilizer, pesticide, and manure

30.1 applications and support land management
30.2 decisions.

30.3 (l) Unless otherwise specified, the
30.4 appropriations in this section are available
30.5 until June 30, 2030.

30.6 **Sec. 4. POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY \$ 24,501,000 \$ 24,702,000**

30.7 (a) \$9,450,000 the first year and \$9,450,000
30.8 the second year are for completing needed
30.9 statewide assessments of surface water quality
30.10 and trends according to Minnesota Statutes,
30.11 chapter 114D.

30.12 (b) \$7,250,000 the first year and \$7,250,000
30.13 the second year are to support public
30.14 participation in the watershed approach and
30.15 to update watershed restoration and protection
30.16 strategies, which include total maximum daily
30.17 load (TMDL) and other supporting studies
30.18 according to Minnesota Statutes, chapter
30.19 114D, for waters on the impaired waters list
30.20 approved by the United States Environmental
30.21 Protection Agency.

30.22 (c) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
30.23 the second year are for groundwater
30.24 assessment, including enhancing the ambient
30.25 monitoring network, modeling, and evaluating
30.26 trends.

30.27 (d) \$1,600,000 the first year and \$1,600,000
30.28 the second year are for national pollutant
30.29 discharge elimination system wastewater and
30.30 stormwater TMDL implementation efforts.

30.31 (e) \$3,340,000 the first year and \$3,541,000
30.32 the second year are for enhancing the
30.33 county-level delivery systems for subsurface
30.34 sewage treatment system (SSTS) activities

31.1 necessary to implement Minnesota Statutes,
31.2 sections 115.55 and 115.56, for protecting
31.3 groundwater. This appropriation includes base
31.4 grants for all counties with SSTS programs.
31.5 Counties that receive base grants must report
31.6 the number of properties with noncompliant
31.7 systems upgraded through an SSTS
31.8 replacement, connection to a centralized sewer
31.9 system, or other means, including property
31.10 abandonment or buyout. Counties also must
31.11 report the number of existing SSTS
31.12 compliance inspections conducted in areas
31.13 under county jurisdiction. The required reports
31.14 must be part of the established annual
31.15 reporting for SSTS programs. Of this amount,
31.16 at least \$900,000 each year is available to
31.17 counties for grants to low-income landowners
31.18 to address systems that pose an imminent
31.19 threat to public health or safety or fail to
31.20 protect groundwater. A county receiving a
31.21 grant under this paragraph must submit a
31.22 report to the agency listing the projects funded,
31.23 including an account of the expenditures.

31.24 (f) \$650,000 the first year and \$650,000 the
31.25 second year are for activities and grants that
31.26 reduce chloride pollution.

31.27 (g) \$461,000 the first year and \$461,000 the
31.28 second year are to support activities of the
31.29 Clean Water Council according to Minnesota
31.30 Statutes, section 114D.30, subdivision 1.

31.31 (h) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
31.32 second year are for a grant program for
31.33 sanitary sewer projects that are included in the
31.34 draft or any updated Voyageurs National Park
31.35 Clean Water Project Comprehensive Plan to

32.1 restore the water quality of waters in
32.2 Voyageurs National Park. Grants must be
32.3 awarded to local government units for projects
32.4 approved by the Voyageurs National Park
32.5 Clean Water Joint Powers Board and must be
32.6 matched by at least 25 percent from sources
32.7 other than the clean water fund.

32.8 (i) Any unencumbered grant balances in the
32.9 first year do not cancel but are available for
32.10 grants in the second year. Notwithstanding
32.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the
32.12 appropriations in this section are available
32.13 until June 30, 2030.

32.14 **Sec. 5. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**
32.15 **RESOURCES**

\$ 14,150,000 \$ 14,650,000

32.16 (a) \$2,825,000 the first year and \$2,825,000
32.17 the second year are for stream flow
32.18 monitoring.

32.19 (b) \$1,525,000 the first year and \$1,525,000
32.20 the second year are for lake Index of
32.21 Biological Integrity (IBI) assessments.

32.22 (c) \$550,000 the first year and \$550,000 the
32.23 second year are for assessing mercury and
32.24 other fish contaminants, including PFAS
32.25 compounds, and monitoring to track the status
32.26 of impaired waters over time.

32.27 (d) \$2,250,000 the first year and \$2,500,000
32.28 the second year are for developing targeted,
32.29 science-based watershed restoration and
32.30 protection strategies and for technical
32.31 assistance for local governments.

32.32 (e) \$2,350,000 the first year and \$2,350,000
32.33 the second year are for water-supply planning,

33.1 aquifer protection, and monitoring activities
33.2 and analysis.

33.3 (f) \$2,100,000 the first year and \$2,250,000
33.4 the second year are for technical assistance to
33.5 support local implementation of nonpoint
33.6 source restoration and protection activities and
33.7 targeted forest stewardship for water quality.

33.8 (g) \$700,000 the first year and \$700,000 the
33.9 second year are for tool development and
33.10 evaluation, including maintaining and updating
33.11 spatial data for watershed boundaries, streams,
33.12 and water bodies and integrating
33.13 high-resolution digital elevation data and for
33.14 assessing the effectiveness of forestry best
33.15 management practices for water quality.

33.16 (h) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
33.17 second year are for accelerating completion
33.18 of or updates to county geologic atlases and
33.19 supplementing water chemistry or chemical
33.20 movement studies.

33.21 (i) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
33.22 second year are for increasing native
33.23 freshwater mussel production capacity and
33.24 restoring and monitoring freshwater mussel
33.25 restoration efforts.

33.26 (j) \$1,400,000 the first year and \$1,500,000
33.27 the second year are for providing technical
33.28 and financial assistance for county and local
33.29 governments to replace failing or ineffective
33.30 culverts using modern designs that restore
33.31 floodplain connectivity, biological
33.32 connectivity, and channel stability. This
33.33 appropriation is available for up to two
33.34 additional years.

34.1 **Sec. 6. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL**
34.2 **RESOURCES** \$ 64,332,000 \$ 75,004,000

34.3 (a) \$39,962,000 the first year and \$48,138,000
34.4 the second year are for agreements to
34.5 implement state-approved watershed-based
34.6 plans. The agreements may be used to
34.7 implement projects or programs that protect,
34.8 enhance, and restore surface water quality in
34.9 lakes, rivers, and streams; protect groundwater
34.10 from degradation; and protect drinking water
34.11 sources. Activities must be identified in a
34.12 comprehensive watershed plan developed
34.13 under the One Watershed, One Plan program
34.14 and seven-county metropolitan groundwater
34.15 or surface water management frameworks as
34.16 provided for in Minnesota Statutes, chapters
34.17 103B, 103C, 103D, and 114D. Other legacy
34.18 funds may be used to supplement projects
34.19 funded under this paragraph. This
34.20 appropriation may be used for:

34.21 (1) implementing state-approved plans,
34.22 including within the following watershed
34.23 planning areas: Big Fork River, Blue Earth
34.24 River, Bois de Sioux - Mustinka, Buffalo-Red
34.25 River, Cannon River, Cedar - Wapsipinicon,
34.26 Chippewa River, Clearwater River,
34.27 Cottonwood-Middle Minnesota, Crow Wing
34.28 River, Des Moines River, Greater Zumbro
34.29 River, Hawk Creek - Middle Minnesota, Kettle
34.30 and Upper St. Croix, Lac qui Parle-Yellow
34.31 Bank, Lake of the Woods, Lake Superior
34.32 North, Le Sueur River, Leech Lake River,
34.33 Little Fork River, Long Prairie River, Lower
34.34 Minnesota River East, Lower Minnesota River
34.35 West, Lower St. Croix River,
34.36 Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers, Minnesota

- 35.1 River-Mankato, Mississippi River Brainerd,
35.2 Mississippi River Headwaters, Mississippi
35.3 River St. Cloud, Mississippi River-Sartell,
35.4 Mississippi River Winona/La Crescent,
35.5 Missouri River Basin, Nemadji River, North
35.6 Fork Crow River, Otter Tail, Pine River,
35.7 Pomme de Terre River, Rainy-Rapid River,
35.8 Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion, Rainy
35.9 River-Rainy Lake, Red Lake River, Redeye
35.10 River, Redwood River, Root River, Roseau
35.11 River, Rum River, Sand Hill River, Sauk
35.12 River, Shell Rock and Winnebago River,
35.13 Snake River, South Fork of the Crow River,
35.14 St. Louis River, Thief River, Two Rivers Plus,
35.15 Upper and Lower Red Lake, Upper Minnesota
35.16 River, Upper Mississippi - Grand Rapids,
35.17 Watonwan River, Wild Rice - Marsh, and
35.18 Yellow Medicine River;
- 35.19 (2) implementing seven-county metropolitan
35.20 groundwater or surface water management
35.21 frameworks; and
- 35.22 (3) implementing other comprehensive
35.23 watershed management plan planning areas
35.24 that have a board-approved and
35.25 local-government-adopted plan as authorized
35.26 in Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.801.
- 35.27 The board must establish eligibility criteria
35.28 and determine whether a planning area is ready
35.29 to proceed.
- 35.30 (b) \$2,935,000 the first year and \$3,065,000
35.31 the second year are for agreements with local
35.32 government units to protect and restore surface
35.33 water and drinking water; to keep water on
35.34 the land; to protect, enhance, and restore water
35.35 quality in lakes, rivers, and streams; and to

36.1 protect groundwater and drinking water,
36.2 including feedlot water quality and subsurface
36.3 sewage treatment system projects and stream
36.4 bank, stream channel, shoreline restoration,
36.5 and ravine stabilization projects. The projects
36.6 must use practices demonstrated to be
36.7 effective, be of long-lasting public benefit,
36.8 include a match, and be consistent with total
36.9 maximum daily load (TMDL) implementation
36.10 plans, watershed restoration and protection
36.11 strategies (WRAPS), groundwater restoration
36.12 and protection strategies (GRAPS), or local
36.13 water management plans or their equivalents.
36.14 Up to 50 percent of this appropriation is
36.15 available for land-treatment projects and
36.16 practices that benefit drinking water.

36.17 (c) \$4,350,000 the first year and \$4,350,000
36.18 the second year are for accelerated
36.19 implementation, local resource protection,
36.20 statewide analytical targeting or technology
36.21 tools that fill an identified gap, program
36.22 enhancements for technical assistance, citizen
36.23 and community outreach, compliance, and
36.24 training and certification.

36.25 (d) \$1,250,000 the first year and \$1,250,000
36.26 the second year are:

36.27 (1) to provide state oversight and
36.28 accountability, evaluate and communicate
36.29 results, provide implementation tools, and
36.30 measure the value of conservation program
36.31 implementation by local governments; and

36.32 (2) to submit to the legislature by December
36.33 15 each even-numbered year a biennial report
36.34 detailing the recipients and projects funded

37.1 and the results accomplished under this
37.2 section.

37.3 (e) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
37.4 the second year are to provide assistance,
37.5 oversight, and support for local governments
37.6 in implementing and complying with riparian
37.7 protection and excessive soil loss
37.8 requirements.

37.9 (f) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
37.10 the second year are for a working lands
37.11 floodplain program and to purchase, restore,
37.12 or preserve riparian land and floodplains
37.13 adjacent to lakes, wetlands, rivers, streams,
37.14 and tributaries, by conservation easements or
37.15 other agreements to keep water on the land,
37.16 to decrease sediment, pollutant, and nutrient
37.17 transport; reduce hydrologic impacts to surface
37.18 waters; and increase protection and recharge
37.19 for groundwater. Up to \$60,000 is for deposit
37.20 in a conservation easement stewardship
37.21 account established according to Minnesota
37.22 Statutes, section 103B.103.

37.23 (g) \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000
37.24 the second year are for conservation easements
37.25 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.501
37.26 to 103F.535, or for agreements with local units
37.27 of government or Tribal governments for
37.28 long-term protection of groundwater supply
37.29 sources. Priority must be placed on drinking
37.30 water supply management areas where the
37.31 vulnerability of the drinking water supply is
37.32 designated as high or very high by the
37.33 commissioner of health, that are mitigation
37.34 level 1 or 2 under the groundwater protection
37.35 rule, where drinking water protection plans

38.1 developed by Tribal governments have
38.2 identified high vulnerability, or where drinking
38.3 water protection plans have identified specific
38.4 activities that will achieve long-term
38.5 protection. Up to \$200,000 is for deposit in a
38.6 conservation easement stewardship account
38.7 established according to Minnesota Statutes,
38.8 section 103B.103.

38.9 (h) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
38.10 second year are for a technical evaluation
38.11 panel to conduct restoration evaluations under
38.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 114D.50,
38.13 subdivision 6.

38.14 (i) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
38.15 second year are for assistance to, oversight of,
38.16 and agreements with local governments to
38.17 enhance and update comprehensive watershed
38.18 management plans developed under Minnesota
38.19 Statutes, section 103B.801.

38.20 (j) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
38.21 the second year are for technical and financial
38.22 assistance for the conservation drainage
38.23 program, in consultation with the Drainage
38.24 Work Group, coordinated under Minnesota
38.25 Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision 13,
38.26 and including projects to improve
38.27 multipurpose water management under
38.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 103E.015.

38.29 (k) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
38.30 second year are to purchase permanent
38.31 conservation easements to protect lands
38.32 adjacent to public waters that have good water
38.33 quality but that are threatened with
38.34 degradation. Up to \$60,000 is for deposit in a
38.35 conservation easement stewardship account

39.1 established according to Minnesota Statutes,
39.2 section 103B.103.

39.3 (l) \$425,000 the first year and \$425,000 the
39.4 second year are to systematically collect data
39.5 and produce county, watershed, and statewide
39.6 estimates of soil erosion caused by water and
39.7 wind, and track adoption of conservation
39.8 measures, including cover crops, to address
39.9 erosion. This appropriation may be used for
39.10 agreements with the University of Minnesota
39.11 to complete this work.

39.12 (m) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
39.13 second year are for implementing a water
39.14 legacy program to expand partnerships for
39.15 clean water.

39.16 (n) \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000
39.17 the second year are for permanent
39.18 conservation easements to protect and restore
39.19 wetlands and associated uplands. Up to
39.20 \$100,000 is for deposit in a conservation
39.21 easement stewardship account established
39.22 according to Minnesota Statutes, section
39.23 103B.103.

39.24 (o) \$3,560,000 the first year and \$5,926,000
39.25 the second year are for financial and technical
39.26 assistance to enhance adoption of cover crops
39.27 and other soil health practices to achieve water
39.28 quality or drinking water benefits. The board
39.29 may use agreements with local governments,
39.30 the United States Department of Agriculture,
39.31 AgCentric at Minnesota State Center for
39.32 Excellence, and other practitioners and
39.33 partners to accomplish this work. Up to
39.34 \$450,000 is for an agreement with the
39.35 University of Minnesota Office for Soil Health

40.1 for applied research and education on
40.2 Minnesota's agroecosystems and soil health
40.3 management systems. This appropriation may
40.4 be extended to leverage available federal
40.5 funds.

40.6 (p) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
40.7 second year are to contract for delivery of
40.8 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota
40.9 and Iowa for restoration, maintenance,
40.10 training, and other activities consistent with
40.11 this section.

40.12 (q) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
40.13 second year are to provide support to soil and
40.14 water conservation districts and other local
40.15 governments and partner organizations in the
40.16 Lake Superior basin to leverage Great Lakes
40.17 Restoration Initiative or other federal funding
40.18 to implement prioritized activities.

40.19 (r) The board may shift funds in this section
40.20 and may adjust the technical and
40.21 administrative assistance portion of the funds
40.22 to leverage federal or other nonstate funds, to
40.23 facilitate oversight responsibilities, or to
40.24 address high-priority activities identified by
40.25 the board consistent with local water
40.26 management plans.

40.27 (s) The board must require grantees to specify
40.28 the outcomes that will be achieved by the
40.29 grants.

40.30 (t) The appropriations in this section are
40.31 available until June 30, 2030, except grant or
40.32 easement funds are available for five years
40.33 after the date a grant or other agreement is

41.1 executed. Returned funds must be repurposed
41.2 consistent with the purposes of this section.

41.3 Sec. 7. **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH** \$ 14,295,000 \$ 15,845,000

41.4 (a) \$5,925,000 the first year and \$5,925,000
41.5 the second year are to develop health risk
41.6 limits and other health-based guidance and
41.7 conduct outreach activities for contaminants
41.8 found or anticipated to be found in Minnesota
41.9 drinking water; to accredit private laboratories
41.10 to conduct analyses for these contaminants;
41.11 and to increase the capacity of the
41.12 department's laboratory to analyze for these
41.13 contaminants.

41.14 (b) \$2,300,000 the first year and \$3,700,000
41.15 the second year are for ensuring safe drinking
41.16 water for private well users in southeast
41.17 Minnesota and statewide by designing and
41.18 implementing voluntary interventions to
41.19 reduce health risks to private well users,
41.20 including identifying private well locations,
41.21 studying the occurrence and magnitude of
41.22 contaminants in private wells, developing
41.23 guidance and conducting outreach and
41.24 education about well testing and mitigation,
41.25 awarding grants to local governments, and
41.26 offering well testing.

41.27 (c) \$3,770,000 the first year and \$3,920,000
41.28 the second year are for protecting sources of
41.29 drinking water, including planning,
41.30 implementation, and monitoring activities and
41.31 grants to local governments and public water
41.32 systems.

41.33 (d) \$1,750,000 the first year and \$1,750,000
41.34 the second year are to develop and deliver

42.1 groundwater restoration and protection
42.2 strategies on a watershed scale for use in local
42.3 comprehensive water planning efforts, to
42.4 provide resources to local governments for
42.5 activities that sustain groundwater and protect
42.6 sources of drinking water, and to enhance
42.7 approaches that improve the capacity of local
42.8 governmental units to protect and restore
42.9 groundwater resources.

42.10 (e) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
42.11 second year are to develop public health
42.12 policies and approaches to address threats to
42.13 safe drinking water, including implementation
42.14 of a statewide action plan for protecting
42.15 drinking water.

42.16 (f) \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
42.17 second year are for optimizing the statewide
42.18 recreational water portal that includes an
42.19 inventory of public beaches and information
42.20 about local monitoring results and closures
42.21 and that provides information about preventing
42.22 illness and recreational water stewardship.

42.23 (g) Unless otherwise specified, the
42.24 appropriations in this section are available
42.25 until June 30, 2029.

42.26	Sec. 8. <u>METROPOLITAN COUNCIL</u>	\$	<u>2,025,000</u>	\$	<u>2,125,000</u>
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42.27 (a) \$1,375,000 the first year and \$1,375,000
42.28 the second year are to support communities
42.29 implementing projects that address emerging
42.30 drinking water supply threats and overall water
42.31 sustainability, provide cost-effective regional
42.32 solutions, leverage interjurisdictional
42.33 coordination, support local implementation of
42.34 wellhead protection plans, and prevent

43.1 degradation of groundwater and surface water
 43.2 resources. These activities will provide
 43.3 communities with:
 43.4 (1) potential solutions to better connect land
 43.5 use impacts on water supply and overall water
 43.6 sustainability;
 43.7 (2) ways to balance regional water use by
 43.8 using surface water, stormwater, wastewater,
 43.9 and groundwater;
 43.10 (3) an analysis of infrastructure requirements
 43.11 needed to maintain and strengthen the
 43.12 reliability of water systems;
 43.13 (4) development of planning-level cost
 43.14 estimates, including capital costs and operating
 43.15 costs;
 43.16 (5) funding mechanisms and an equitable
 43.17 cost-sharing structure for regionally beneficial
 43.18 water supply development projects;
 43.19 (6) information and tools to use to address
 43.20 climate change impacts on overall water
 43.21 supply systems and overall water
 43.22 sustainability; and
 43.23 (7) ways to reduce impacts on the groundwater
 43.24 system through stormwater reuse grants to
 43.25 assist communities in reducing water use.
 43.26 (b) \$650,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
 43.27 second year are for grants that implement
 43.28 water demand reduction measures. The grants
 43.29 are to assist municipalities in the metropolitan
 43.30 area with implementing water demand
 43.31 reduction measures to ensure the reliability
 43.32 and protection of drinking water supplies.

43.33	Sec. 9. <u>UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,400,000</u>
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44.1 (a) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the
44.2 second year are for developing Part A of
44.3 county geologic atlases. This appropriation is
44.4 available until June 30, 2030.

44.5 (b) \$600,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the
44.6 second year are for a program to evaluate
44.7 performance and technology transfer for
44.8 stormwater best management practices, to
44.9 evaluate best management performance and
44.10 effectiveness to support meeting total
44.11 maximum daily loads, to develop standards
44.12 and incorporate state-of-the-art guidance using
44.13 minimal impact design standards as the model,
44.14 and to implement a system to transfer
44.15 knowledge and technology across the local
44.16 government, industry, and regulatory sectors.
44.17 This appropriation is available until June 30,
44.18 2032.

44.19 Sec. 10. **PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY** \$ **8,240,000** \$ **8,300,000**

44.20 (a) \$8,190,000 the first year and \$8,250,000
44.21 the second year are for the point source
44.22 implementation grants program under
44.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.073. This
44.24 appropriation is available until June 30, 2032.

44.25 (b) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
44.26 second year are for small community
44.27 wastewater treatment grants and loans under
44.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.075. This
44.29 appropriation is available until June 30, 2032.

44.30 (c) If there is any uncommitted money at the
44.31 end of each fiscal year under paragraph (a) or
44.32 (b), the Public Facilities Authority may
44.33 transfer the remaining funds to eligible
44.34 projects under any of the programs listed in

45.1 this section according to a project's priority
45.2 rank on the Pollution Control Agency's project
45.3 priority list.

45.4	Sec. 11. <u>LEGISLATURE</u>	\$	<u>7,000</u>	\$	<u>-0-</u>
45.5	<u>\$7,000 the first year is for the Legislative</u>				
45.6	<u>Coordinating Commission for the website</u>				
45.7	<u>required under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>				
45.8	<u>3.303, subdivision 10.</u>				

45.9 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 114D.30, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

45.10 Subd. 7. **Reports to legislature.** By January 15 each odd-numbered year, the council
45.11 must submit a report to the legislature that includes:

45.12 (1) a summary of the activities for which money has been or will be spent in the current
45.13 biennium;

45.14 (2) the recommendations required under subdivision 6 for how money in the clean water
45.15 fund should be spent in the next biennium, broken out by fiscal year and including
45.16 recommended legislative bill language; and

45.17 (3) the impact on economic development of the implementation of efforts to protect and
45.18 restore groundwater and the impaired waters program.

45.19 **Sec. 13. ASH RIVER SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT**
45.20 **SYSTEM APPROPRIATION EXTENSION.**

45.21 The portion of the appropriation in Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 2, article
45.22 2, section 5, paragraph (h), as amended by Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1,
45.23 article 2, section 18, for the Ash River Sanitary Sewer Collection and Treatment System is
45.24 available until June 30, 2026.

45.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

45.26 **ARTICLE 3**

45.27 **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND**

45.28 **Section 1. PARKS AND TRAILS FUND APPROPRIATIONS.**

45.29 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
45.30 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the parks and
45.31 trails fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figures

"2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and 2027. These are onetime appropriations.

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>			
<u>Available for the Year</u>			
<u>Ending June 30</u>			
		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>

Sec. 2. PARKS AND TRAILS FUND

<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>61,434,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>68,733,000</u>
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The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following sections.

Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation

Money appropriated in this article may not be spent on activities unless they are directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation. Money appropriated in this article must be spent in accordance with Minnesota Management and Budget MMB Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund Expenditure. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless otherwise specified in this article, fiscal year 2026 appropriations are available until June 30, 2028, and fiscal year 2027 appropriations are available until June 30, 2029. If a project receives federal funds, the period of the appropriation is extended to equal the availability of federal funding.

Subd. 3. Disability Access

Where appropriate, grant recipients of parks and trails funds, in consultation with the Council on Disability and other appropriate governor-appointed disability councils, boards,

47.1 committees, and commissions, should make
 47.2 progress toward providing people with
 47.3 disabilities greater access to programs, print
 47.4 publications, and digital media related to the
 47.5 programs the recipient funds using
 47.6 appropriations made in this article.

47.7 **Subd. 4. Energy and Water Conservation**

47.8 Grant recipients of parks and trails funds
 47.9 should prioritize water and energy
 47.10 conservation technology and the use of
 47.11 renewable energy for construction and
 47.12 building projects funded with an appropriation
 47.13 made in this article.

47.14 **Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**
 47.15 **RESOURCES**

\$ 37,120,000 \$ 41,511,000

47.16 (a) \$24,310,000 the first year and \$27,222,000
 47.17 the second year are for state parks, recreation
 47.18 areas, and trails to:

47.19 (1) connect people to the outdoors;
 47.20 (2) acquire land and create opportunities;
 47.21 (3) maintain existing holdings; and
 47.22 (4) improve cooperation by coordinating with
 47.23 partners to implement the 25-year long-range
 47.24 parks and trails legacy plan.

47.25 (b) The commissioner may spend money
 47.26 appropriated under paragraph (a) on I Can!
 47.27 programs, including but not limited to
 47.28 programs designed to provide underserved
 47.29 youth the opportunity to experience the
 47.30 outdoors with similar peers.

47.31 (c) \$12,196,000 the first year and \$13,611,000
 47.32 the second year are for grants for parks and
 47.33 trails of regional significance outside the

48.1 seven-county metropolitan area under
48.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.535. The grants
48.3 awarded under this paragraph must be based
48.4 on the lists of recommended projects
48.5 submitted to the legislative committees under
48.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536,
48.7 subdivision 10, from the Greater Minnesota
48.8 Regional Parks and Trails Commission
48.9 established under Minnesota Statutes, section
48.10 85.536. Grants funded under this paragraph
48.11 must support parks and trails of regional or
48.12 statewide significance that meet the applicable
48.13 definitions and criteria for regional parks and
48.14 trails contained in the Greater Minnesota
48.15 Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan
48.16 adopted by the Greater Minnesota Regional
48.17 Parks and Trails Commission on April 22,
48.18 2015. Grant recipients identified under this
48.19 paragraph must submit a grant application to
48.20 the commissioner of natural resources.
48.21 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
48.22 16B.98, subdivision 14, up to 2.5 percent of
48.23 the appropriation may be used by the
48.24 commissioner for the actual cost of issuing
48.25 and monitoring the grants for the commission.
48.26 Of the amount appropriated, \$500,000 the first
48.27 year and \$500,000 the second year are for the
48.28 Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
48.29 Commission to carry out its duties under
48.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536, including
48.31 the continued development of a statewide
48.32 system plan for regional parks and trails
48.33 outside the seven-county metropolitan area.

48.34 (d) By January 15, 2026, the Greater
48.35 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
48.36 Commission must submit a list of projects that

49.1 contains the commission's recommendations
49.2 for funding from the parks and trails fund for
49.3 fiscal year 2027 to the chairs and ranking
49.4 minority members of the legislative
49.5 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
49.6 over environment and natural resources and
49.7 the parks and trails fund.

49.8 (e) By January 15, 2026, the Greater
49.9 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
49.10 Commission must submit a report that contains
49.11 the commission's criteria for funding from the
49.12 parks and trails fund, including the criteria
49.13 used to determine if a park or trail is of
49.14 regional significance, to the chairs and ranking
49.15 minority members of the legislative
49.16 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
49.17 over environment and natural resources and
49.18 the parks and trails fund.

49.19 (f) \$614,000 the first year and \$678,000 the
49.20 second year are for coordination and projects
49.21 between the department, the Metropolitan
49.22 Council, and the Greater Minnesota Regional
49.23 Parks and Trails Commission; enhanced
49.24 web-based information for park and trail users;
49.25 and support of activities of the Parks and
49.26 Trails Legacy Advisory Committee.

49.27 (g) The commissioner must contract for
49.28 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota
49.29 and Iowa for restoration, maintenance, and
49.30 other activities under this section for at least
49.31 \$850,000 the first year and \$850,000 the
49.32 second year.

49.33 (h) Grant recipients of an appropriation under
49.34 this section must give consideration to
49.35 contracting with Conservation Corps

50.1 Minnesota and Iowa for restoration,
50.2 maintenance, and other activities.

50.3 (i) In addition to the requirements under
50.4 paragraph (g), the commissioner should work
50.5 to provide other opportunities that encourage
50.6 a diversity of students to pursue careers in
50.7 environment and natural resources when
50.8 implementing appropriations in this section.

50.9 Sec. 4. **METROPOLITAN COUNCIL** **\$** **24,310,000** **\$** **27,222,000**

50.10 (a) \$24,310,000 the first year and \$27,222,000
50.11 the second year are for distribution according
50.12 to Minnesota Statutes, section 85.53,
50.13 subdivision 3.

50.14 (b) Money appropriated under this section and
50.15 distributed to implementing agencies must be
50.16 used only to fund the list of projects approved
50.17 by the elected representatives of each of the
50.18 metropolitan parks implementing agencies.
50.19 Projects funded by the money appropriated
50.20 under this section must be substantially
50.21 consistent with the project descriptions and
50.22 dollar amounts approved by each elected body.

50.23 Any money remaining after completing the
50.24 listed projects may be spent by the
50.25 implementing agencies on projects to support
50.26 parks and trails.

50.27 (c) Grant agreements entered into by the
50.28 Metropolitan Council and recipients of money
50.29 appropriated under this section must ensure
50.30 that the money is used to supplement and not
50.31 substitute for traditional sources of funding.

50.32 (d) The implementing agencies receiving
50.33 appropriations under this section must give
50.34 consideration to contracting with Conservation

51.1 Corps Minnesota and Iowa for restoration,
51.2 maintenance, and other activities.

51.3 Sec. 5. **LEGISLATURE** \$ **4,000** \$ **-0-**

51.4 \$4,000 the first year is for the Legislative
51.5 Coordinating Commission for the website
51.6 required under Minnesota Statutes, section
51.7 3.303, subdivision 10.

51.8 Sec. 6. **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND**
51.9 **APPROPRIATION EXTENSIONS**

51.10 The availability of the grant to Goodhue
51.11 County for the Cannon Valley Trail project
51.12 from the parks and trails fund fiscal year 2023
51.13 appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special
51.14 Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3,
51.15 paragraph (b), is extended to June 30, 2027.

51.16 The availability of the grant to Stearns County
51.17 for the Beaver Island Trail project from the
51.18 parks and trails fund fiscal year 2023
51.19 appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special
51.20 Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3,
51.21 paragraph (b), is extended to June 30, 2027.

51.22 The availability of the grant to the city of
51.23 Winona for the Bluffs Traverse Trail project
51.24 from the parks and trails fund fiscal year 2023
51.25 appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special
51.26 Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3,
51.27 paragraph (b), is extended to June 30, 2027.

51.28 The availability of the grant to the city of
51.29 Austin for the Jay C. Hormel Nature Center
51.30 project from the parks and trails fund fiscal
51.31 year 2024 appropriation under Laws 2023,
51.32 chapter 40, article 3, section 3, paragraph (c),
51.33 is extended to June 30, 2027.

52.1 The availability of the grant to the city of
52.2 Duluth for the Spirit Mountain Recreation
52.3 Area project from the parks and trails fund
52.4 fiscal year 2023 appropriation under Laws
52.5 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article
52.6 3, section 3, paragraph (b), is extended to June
52.7 30, 2027.

52.8 The availability of the grant to the city of
52.9 Duluth for the Waabizheshikana/Marten Trail
52.10 project from the parks and trails fund fiscal
52.11 year 2024 appropriation under Laws 2023,
52.12 chapter 40, article 3, section 3, paragraph (c),
52.13 is extended to June 30, 2027.

52.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

52.15 **Sec. 7. CANCELLATIONS**

52.16 (a) The unobligated balance from the parks
52.17 and trails fund appropriation under Laws 2019,
52.18 First Special Session, chapter 2, article 3,
52.19 section 3, paragraph (b), for grants estimated
52.20 to be \$10,000 is canceled to the parks and
52.21 trails fund no later than June 30, 2025.

52.22 (b) The unobligated balance from the parks
52.23 and trails fund appropriation under Laws 2021,
52.24 First Special Session, chapter 1, article 3,
52.25 section 3, paragraph (b), for grants estimated
52.26 to be \$31,000 is canceled to the parks and
52.27 trails fund no later than June 30, 2025.

52.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

52.29 **ARTICLE 4**

52.30 **ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND**

52.31 **Section 1. ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND APPROPRIATIONS.**

52.32 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the entities
52.33 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the arts and cultural

53.1 heritage fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for allowable activities under
53.2 the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15, except that any unencumbered balance
53.3 remaining under this article from the first year does not cancel but is available in the second
53.4 year. The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed
53.5 under the figure are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and June 30, 2027,
53.6 respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The
53.7 biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and 2027. All appropriations in this article are onetime.

53.8	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>		
53.9	<u>Available for the Year</u>		
53.10	<u>Ending June 30</u>		
53.11		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>

53.12 **Sec. 2. ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE**

53.13	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$ 85,293,000</u>	<u>\$ 94,618,000</u>
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53.14 The amounts that may be spent for each
53.15 purpose are specified in the following
53.16 subdivisions.

53.17 **Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation**

53.18 Money appropriated in this article must not
53.19 be spent on activities unless they are directly
53.20 related to and necessary for a specific
53.21 appropriation. Money appropriated in this
53.22 article must not be spent on institutional
53.23 overhead charges that are not directly related
53.24 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.

53.25 Money appropriated in this article must be
53.26 spent in accordance with Minnesota
53.27 Management and Budget MMB Guidance to
53.28 Agencies on Legacy Fund Expenditure.
53.29 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
53.30 16A.28, and unless otherwise specified in this
53.31 article, fiscal year 2026 appropriations are
53.32 available until June 30, 2027, and fiscal year
53.33 2027 appropriations are available until June
53.34 30, 2028. Water and energy conservation

54.1 technology and the use of renewable energy
54.2 should be priorities for construction and
54.3 building projects funded through this
54.4 appropriation. If a project receives federal
54.5 funds, the period of the appropriation is
54.6 extended to equal the availability of federal
54.7 funding.

54.8 **Sec. 3. MINNESOTA STATE ARTS BOARD**

54.9	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$ 37,686,000</u>	<u>\$ 46,872,000</u>
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54.10 The amounts that may be spent for each
54.11 purpose are specified in the following
54.12 subdivisions.

54.13 Subd. 2. Grant Agreements

54.14 The amounts in this section are appropriated
54.15 to the Minnesota State Arts Board for arts, arts
54.16 education, arts preservation, and arts access.

54.17 Grant agreements entered into by the
54.18 Minnesota State Arts Board and other
54.19 recipients of appropriations in this section
54.20 must ensure that the money is used to
54.21 supplement and not substitute for traditional
54.22 sources of funding. Each grant program
54.23 established in this appropriation must be
54.24 separately administered from other state
54.25 appropriations for program planning and
54.26 outcome measurements, but may take into
54.27 consideration other state resources awarded
54.28 in the selection of applicants and grant award
54.29 size.

54.30	Subd. 3. Arts and Arts Access Initiatives	29,669,000	37,978,000
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54.31 \$29,669,000 the first year and \$37,978,000
54.32 the second year are to support Minnesota
54.33 artists and arts organizations in creating,
54.34 producing, and presenting high-quality arts

55.1 activities; to preserve, maintain, and interpret
55.2 art forms and works of art so that they are
55.3 accessible to Minnesota audiences; to
55.4 overcome barriers to accessing high-quality
55.5 arts activities; and to instill the arts into the
55.6 community and public life in this state. Grants
55.7 provided under this subdivision must prioritize
55.8 artists and arts organizations that plan to
55.9 present art from communities that have been
55.10 historically underrepresented in the arts or that
55.11 improve access to the programs and projects
55.12 for groups, including youth and historically
55.13 underserved communities, that have struggled
55.14 to access arts programming in the past.

55.15 **Subd. 4. Arts Education**

6,013,000

6,670,000

55.16 \$6,013,000 the first year and \$6,670,000 the
55.17 second year are for high-quality,
55.18 age-appropriate arts education for Minnesotans
55.19 of all ages to develop knowledge, skills, and
55.20 understanding of the arts. Priority in the award
55.21 of grants under this subdivision must be given
55.22 to providing educational opportunities to
55.23 underserved communities with grants for
55.24 organizations or entities providing
55.25 opportunities to K-12 students throughout the
55.26 state for arts education, including access to
55.27 arts instruction, arts programming, museums,
55.28 and arts presentations.

55.29 **Subd. 5. Arts and Cultural Heritage**

2,004,000

2,224,000

55.30 \$2,004,000 the first year and \$2,224,000 the
55.31 second year are for events and activities that
55.32 represent, preserve, and maintain the diverse
55.33 cultural arts traditions, including folk and
55.34 traditional artists and art organizations,
55.35 represented in this state.

56.1 Subd. 6. **Administrative Costs**

56.2 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
56.3 16B.98, subdivision 14, up to five percent of
56.4 the totals in subdivisions 3 to 5 each year is
56.5 for administering grant programs, delivering
56.6 technical services, providing fiscal oversight
56.7 for the statewide system, and ensuring
56.8 accountability in fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

56.9 Subd. 7. **Regional Arts Councils**

56.10 Thirty percent of the remaining total
56.11 appropriation to each of the categories listed
56.12 in subdivisions 3 to 5 is for grants to the
56.13 regional arts councils. Notwithstanding any
56.14 other provision of law, regional arts council
56.15 grants or other arts council grants for touring
56.16 programs, projects, or exhibits must ensure
56.17 the programs, projects, or exhibits are able to
56.18 tour in their own region as well as all other
56.19 regions of the state.

56.20 Sec. 4. **MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

56.21	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>17,618,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>18,768,000</u>
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56.22 The amounts that may be spent for each
56.23 purpose are specified in the following
56.24 subdivisions.

56.25 Subd. 2. **Grant Agreements**

56.26 (a) The amounts in this section are
56.27 appropriated to the governing board of the
56.28 Minnesota Historical Society to preserve and
56.29 enhance access to Minnesota's history and its
56.30 cultural and historical resources. Grant
56.31 agreements entered into by the Minnesota
56.32 Historical Society and other recipients of
56.33 appropriations in this section must ensure that
56.34 the money is used to supplement and not

57.1 substitute for traditional sources of funding.
57.2 Money directly appropriated to the Minnesota
57.3 Historical Society must be used to supplement
57.4 and not substitute for traditional sources of
57.5 funding. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
57.6 section 16A.28, for historic preservation
57.7 projects that improve historic structures, the
57.8 amounts are available until June 30, 2029. The
57.9 Minnesota Historical Society or grant
57.10 recipients of the Minnesota Historical Society
57.11 using money from the arts and cultural
57.12 heritage fund under this section must give
57.13 consideration to Conservation Corps
57.14 Minnesota and Iowa and Northern Bedrock
57.15 Historic Preservation Corps, or an organization
57.16 carrying out similar work, for projects with
57.17 the potential to need historic preservation
57.18 services.

57.19 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
57.20 section 16B.98, subdivision 14, up to five
57.21 percent of the totals in subdivisions 3 and 4
57.22 each year is for administering grants and grant
57.23 programs, delivering technical services,
57.24 providing fiscal oversight, and ensuring
57.25 accountability in fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

57.26	<u>Subd. 3. Historical Grants and Programs</u>	<u>16,493,000</u>	<u>17,643,000</u>
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57.27 (a) **Statewide Historic and Cultural Grants**
57.28 \$6,093,000 the first year and \$6,858,000 the
57.29 second year are for statewide historic and
57.30 cultural grants to local, county, regional, or
57.31 other historical or cultural organizations or for
57.32 activities to preserve significant historic and
57.33 cultural resources. Money must be distributed
57.34 through a competitive grant process. The
57.35 Minnesota Historical Society must administer

58.1 the money using established grant mechanisms
58.2 with assistance from the advisory committee
58.3 created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article
58.4 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), item
58.5 (ii).

58.6 **(b) Statewide History Programs**

58.7 \$6,775,000 the first year and \$7,160,000 the
58.8 second year are for historic and cultural
58.9 programs and purposes related to the heritage
58.10 of the state.

58.11 **(c) History Partnerships**

58.12 \$2,875,000 the first year and \$2,875,000 the
58.13 second year are for history partnerships
58.14 involving multiple organizations, which may
58.15 include the Minnesota Historical Society, to
58.16 preserve and enhance access to Minnesota's
58.17 history and cultural heritage in all regions of
58.18 the state.

58.19 **(d) Statewide Survey of Historical and**
58.20 **Archaeological Sites**

58.21 \$375,000 the first year and \$375,000 the
58.22 second year are for one or more contracts to
58.23 be competitively awarded to conduct statewide
58.24 surveys or investigations of Minnesota's sites
58.25 of historical, archeological, and cultural
58.26 significance. Results of the surveys or
58.27 investigations must be published in a
58.28 searchable form and available to the public
58.29 cost-free. The Minnesota Historical Society,
58.30 the Office of the State Archeologist, the Indian
58.31 Affairs Council, and the State Historic
58.32 Preservation Office must each appoint a
58.33 representative to an oversight board to select
58.34 contractors and direct the conduct of the
58.35 surveys or investigations. The oversight board

59.1 must consult with the Departments of
59.2 Transportation and Natural Resources.

59.3 **(c) Digital Library**

59.4 \$375,000 the first year and \$375,000 the
59.5 second year are for a digital library project to
59.6 preserve, digitize, and share Minnesota
59.7 images, documents, and historical materials.
59.8 The Minnesota Historical Society must
59.9 cooperate with the Minitex interlibrary loan
59.10 system and must jointly share this
59.11 appropriation for these purposes.

59.12	<u>Subd. 4. Grants</u>	<u>1,125,000</u>	<u>1,125,000</u>
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59.13 (a) \$1,000,000 each year is for grants to
59.14 community-based organizations and local units
59.15 of government for statues and memorials
59.16 commemorating the historical significance
59.17 and cultural contributions of Minnesotans and
59.18 for buildings or structures that are considered
59.19 historically significant to their local
59.20 communities to improve access to the
59.21 buildings or structures, to preserve the
59.22 buildings or structures, or to enhance the use
59.23 of the buildings or structures, including
59.24 improving access to museums, music halls,
59.25 opera houses, libraries, and sites celebrating
59.26 diverse cultures and heritages throughout the
59.27 state. Grant money not encumbered in the first
59.28 year is available for statewide history
59.29 programs in the second year. The Minnesota
59.30 Historical Society must give priority
59.31 consideration for funding under this paragraph
59.32 to the city of St. Paul to design and construct
59.33 a mural and statue honoring Tou Ger Xiong
59.34 at Lake Phalen's Tou Ger Xiong Island in St.
59.35 Paul, the city of Marshall to replace the

60.1 historic bandshell at Liberty Park, the George
60.2 Stoppel Farmstead, the Serbian Home in South
60.3 St. Paul, the Forest Lake Veterans Memorial
60.4 Committee to construct a memorial to veterans
60.5 of the United States armed forces at Lakeside
60.6 Memorial Park in the city of Forest Lake, the
60.7 Fairmont Opera House for structural beam
60.8 repair, and the Litchfield Opera House for
60.9 expanding and installing balcony seating.

60.10 (b) \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
60.11 second year are for a grant to Special Guerrilla
60.12 Units Veterans and Families of USA, Inc. to
60.13 collect, document, archive, and preserve the
60.14 oral histories of Hmong veterans of the United
60.15 States-sponsored Secret War in Laos and to
60.16 create programming and educational resources
60.17 to teach the public and future generations
60.18 about the history, legacy, and cultural heritage
60.19 of the Hmong in Minnesota.

60.20 **Sec. 5. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION** **\$** **2,700,000** **\$** **2,700,000**

60.21 \$2,700,000 the first year and \$2,700,000 the
60.22 second year are appropriated to the
60.23 commissioner of education for grants to the
60.24 12 Minnesota regional library systems to
60.25 provide educational opportunities in the arts,
60.26 history, literary arts, and cultural heritage of
60.27 Minnesota. When possible, funding under this
60.28 section should be used to promote and share
60.29 the work of Minnesota authors, including
60.30 authors from diverse backgrounds. This money
60.31 must be allocated using the formulas in
60.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 134.355,
60.33 subdivisions 3 to 5, with the remaining 25
60.34 percent to be distributed to all qualifying
60.35 systems in an amount proportionate to the

61.1 number of qualifying system entities in each
61.2 system. For purposes of this section,
61.3 "qualifying system entity" means a public
61.4 library, a regional library system, a regional
61.5 library system headquarters, a county, or an
61.6 outreach service program. This money may
61.7 be used to sponsor programs provided by
61.8 regional libraries or to provide grants to local
61.9 arts and cultural heritage programs for
61.10 programs in partnership with regional libraries.
61.11 This money must be distributed in ten equal
61.12 payments per year. Notwithstanding
61.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the
61.14 appropriations encumbered on or before June
61.15 30, 2027, as grants or contracts in this section
61.16 are available until June 30, 2029.
61.17 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
61.18 16B.98, subdivision 14, up to two percent of
61.19 the amount in this section is for administering
61.20 the grants in this section.

61.21 **Sec. 6. DEPARTMENT OF**
61.22 **ADMINISTRATION**

61.23 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** **\$ 9,105,000 \$ 10,505,000**

61.24 The amounts that may be spent for each
61.25 purpose are specified in the following
61.26 subdivisions.

61.27 **Subd. 2. Grant Agreements**

61.28 (a) The amounts in this section are
61.29 appropriated to the commissioner of
61.30 administration for grants to the named
61.31 organizations for the purposes specified in this
61.32 section.

61.33 (b) Grant agreements entered into by the
61.34 commissioner and recipients of appropriations
61.35 under this section must ensure that money

62.1 appropriated in this section is used to

62.2 supplement and not substitute for traditional

62.3 sources of funding.

62.4 (c) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,

62.5 section 16B.98, subdivision 14, up to five

62.6 percent of the amounts in subdivision 3 are

62.7 for administering the grants, providing fiscal

62.8 oversight, and ensuring accountability in fiscal

62.9 years 2026 and 2027.

62.10 Subd. 3. **Grants**

9,105,000

10,505,000

62.11 (a) **Minnesota Public Radio**

62.12 \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the

62.13 second year are for Minnesota Public Radio.

62.14 This appropriation must be used only to create

62.15 and share programming on Minnesota's arts

62.16 and cultural heritage and history.

62.17 (b) **Association of Minnesota Public Educational**
62.18 **Radio Stations**

62.19 \$1,557,000 the first year and \$2,057,000 the

62.20 second year are to the Association of

62.21 Minnesota Public Educational Radio Stations

62.22 for production and acquisition grants in

62.23 accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section

62.24 129D.19.

62.25 (c) **Public Television**

62.26 \$3,686,000 the first year and \$4,686,000 the

62.27 second year are to the Minnesota Public

62.28 Television Association for production and

62.29 acquisition grants according to Minnesota

62.30 Statutes, section 129D.18.

62.31 (d) **Como Park Zoo**

62.32 \$1,520,000 the first year and \$1,520,000 the

62.33 second year are to the Como Park Zoo and

63.1 Conservatory for program development that
63.2 features educational programs and habitat
63.3 enhancement, special exhibits, music
63.4 appreciation programs, and historical garden
63.5 access and preservation.

63.6 **(e) Great Lakes Aquarium**

63.7 \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the
63.8 second year are to the Great Lakes Aquarium
63.9 for a lake sturgeon project, including an
63.10 exhibit and public education on lake sturgeon,
63.11 in cooperation with the commissioner of
63.12 natural resources, Fond du Lac Band of Lake
63.13 Superior Chippewa, and United States Fish
63.14 and Wildlife Services.

63.15 **(f) The Bakken Museum**

63.16 \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the second
63.17 year are for a grant to The Bakken Museum
63.18 for interactive exhibits and outreach programs
63.19 on arts and cultural heritage.

63.20 **(g) Wilderness Inquiry**

63.21 \$485,000 the first year and \$485,000 the
63.22 second year are to Wilderness Inquiry to
63.23 preserve Minnesota's outdoor history, culture,
63.24 and heritage by connecting Minnesota youth
63.25 and families to natural resources.

63.26 **(h) Science Museum of Minnesota**

63.27 \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
63.28 second year are to the Science Museum of
63.29 Minnesota for arts, arts education, and arts
63.30 access and to preserve Minnesota's history and
63.31 cultural heritage, including student and teacher
63.32 outreach, statewide educational initiatives, and
63.33 community-based exhibits that preserve
63.34 Minnesota's history and cultural heritage.

64.1 **(i) Lake Superior Zoo**

64.2 \$132,000 the first year and \$132,000 the
64.3 second year are to the Lake Superior Zoo to
64.4 develop educational exhibits and programs.

64.5 **(j) Minnesota African American Heritage**
64.6 **Museum and Gallery**

64.7 \$100,000 the first year is for a grant to the
64.8 Minnesota African American Heritage
64.9 Museum and Gallery for cultural
64.10 programming.

64.11 Sec. 7. **MINNESOTA ZOO** \$ 1,700,000 \$ 1,700,000

64.12 The amounts in this section are appropriated
64.13 to the Minnesota Zoological Board for
64.14 programs at and development of the Minnesota
64.15 Zoological Garden and to provide access and
64.16 education related to programs on the cultural
64.17 heritage of Minnesota.

64.18 Sec. 8. **MINNESOTA HUMANITIES CENTER**

64.19 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** \$ 14,424,000 \$ 12,018,000

64.20 The amounts that may be spent for each
64.21 purpose are specified in the following
64.22 subdivisions.

64.23 **Subd. 2. Grant Agreements**

64.24 (a) The amounts in this section are
64.25 appropriated to the Board of Directors of the
64.26 Minnesota Humanities Center for the purposes
64.27 specified in this section. Notwithstanding
64.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.98,
64.29 subdivision 14, the Minnesota Humanities
64.30 Center may use up to 5.5 percent of the
64.31 appropriations for the administration of these
64.32 funds and to cover the cost of administering,
64.33 planning, evaluating, and reporting these

65.1 grants. The Minnesota Humanities Center
65.2 must develop a written plan to issue the grants
65.3 under this section and must submit the plan
65.4 for review and approval by the commissioner
65.5 of administration. The written plan must
65.6 require the Minnesota Humanities Center to
65.7 create and adhere to grant policies that are
65.8 similar to those established according to
65.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.97,
65.10 subdivision 4, paragraph (a), clause (1).

65.11 (b) No grants awarded under this section may
65.12 be used for travel outside the state of
65.13 Minnesota. The grant agreement must specify
65.14 the repercussions for failing to comply with
65.15 the grant agreement.

65.16 **Subd. 3. Programs**

2,525,000

2,500,000

65.17 (a) \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000
65.18 the second year are for statewide humanities
65.19 programs and to support and expand outreach,
65.20 partnerships, and humanities programming
65.21 with organizations and individuals throughout
65.22 the state, including but not limited to
65.23 programming related to veterans and the
65.24 military experience, professional development
65.25 opportunities for educators, and programming
65.26 celebrating, representing, and reflecting upon
65.27 the heritage of diverse Minnesota communities
65.28 that have been historically underserved.

65.29 (b) \$25,000 the first year is for outreach and
65.30 education on the humanities center grant
65.31 program with a focus on reaching underserved
65.32 community organizations and providing
65.33 assistance with grant opportunities,
65.34 qualifications, and reporting requirements, and
65.35 specifically providing technical assistance and

66.1 a nontraditional application process to improve
 66.2 access to grant funding.

66.3 Subd. 4. **Children's Museum Grants** 1,250,000 1,250,000

66.4 (a) \$1,250,000 the first year and \$1,250,000
 66.5 the second year are for arts and cultural
 66.6 heritage grants to children's museums for arts
 66.7 and cultural exhibits and related educational
 66.8 outreach programs. The Minnesota Humanities
 66.9 Center must administer this money using
 66.10 established grant mechanisms.

66.11 (b) Of the amount in paragraph (a), \$500,000
 66.12 each year is for the Minnesota Children's
 66.13 Museum, St. Paul.

66.14 (c) Of the amount in paragraph (a), \$750,000
 66.15 each year is for competitive grants. The
 66.16 Minnesota Humanities Center must give
 66.17 priority consideration for the grants to The
 66.18 Works, Bloomington; WonderTrek Children's
 66.19 Museum, Brainerd-Baxter; Children's
 66.20 Discovery Center, Breckenridge; Duluth
 66.21 Children's Museum, Duluth; Otter Cove
 66.22 Children's Museum, Fergus Falls; Children's
 66.23 Discovery Museum, Grand Rapids; Wheel and
 66.24 Cog Children's Museum, Hutchinson;
 66.25 Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota,
 66.26 Mankato; Great River Children's Museum, St.
 66.27 Cloud; The Village Children's Museum,
 66.28 Willmar; Mini Sota Ag Museum, Benson; and
 66.29 SPARK Children's Museum, Rochester.

66.30 Subd. 5. **Community Identity and Heritage**
 66.31 **Competitive Grant Program** 8,799,000 7,368,000

66.32 (a) \$8,799,000 the first year and \$7,368,000
 66.33 the second year are for a competitive grant
 66.34 program to provide funding to organizations
 66.35 or individuals working to create, celebrate,

67.1 and teach the art, culture, and heritage of the
67.2 many diverse cultural groups that make up
67.3 Minnesota, including but not limited to
67.4 Indigenous organizations, communities whose
67.5 culture and heritage have been historically
67.6 underrepresented, recent immigrant
67.7 communities, and veterans. An individual or
67.8 organization that receives a grant under this
67.9 subdivision must do at least one of the
67.10 following:

67.11 (1) preserve and honor the cultural heritage of
67.12 Minnesota;

67.13 (2) provide education and student outreach on
67.14 cultural diversity;

67.15 (3) support the development of culturally
67.16 diverse humanities programming, including
67.17 arts programming, by individuals and
67.18 organizations; or

67.19 (4) empower communities in building identity
67.20 and culture, including preserving and honoring
67.21 communities whose Indigenous cultures are
67.22 endangered or disappearing.

67.23 (b) The Minnesota Humanities Center must
67.24 give priority consideration for grants to Art
67.25 from the Inside, arts programs in the
67.26 Moorhead and Maplewood cultural malls, the
67.27 Asian Economic Development Association,
67.28 Capri Theater, the Minnesota State Band,
67.29 Fight for Your Dreams, HIRPHA International
67.30 for Oromo youth programs, the Hmong
67.31 Cultural Center, Midnimo, MN Zej Zog,
67.32 People in Action, the Phyllis Wheatley
67.33 Community Center, Safe Summer Nights,

68.1 Siengkane Lao MN, the Stairstep Foundation,
68.2 and the Walker West Music Academy.

68.3 (c) At least 75 percent of the amount in
68.4 paragraphs (d) to (f) must be for grants of less
68.5 than \$200,000. A grant awarded to an entity
68.6 receiving priority consideration under
68.7 paragraphs (d) to (f) must not exceed
68.8 \$200,000.

68.9 (d) Of the amount in paragraph (a), \$1,500,000
68.10 each year is for grants to community-based
68.11 organizations and local governments to
68.12 support cultural festivals and events
68.13 throughout the state. The funding may support
68.14 arts and cultural programming, staffing,
68.15 community outreach, transportation, facilities
68.16 and equipment rentals, signage, and public
68.17 safety expense reimbursements. The
68.18 Minnesota Humanities Center must give
68.19 priority consideration for funding under this
68.20 paragraph to the Somali Museum Annual
68.21 Celebration, Twin Cities Jazz Fest, Selby
68.22 Avenue Jazz Fest, the International Hmong
68.23 Freedom Festival, Cinco de Mayo festival,
68.24 and Rondo Days in St. Paul; the Hiddo Soor
68.25 International Somali Cultural Festival in
68.26 Plymouth; Somali Independence Day in St.
68.27 Paul; sesquicentennial celebrations in Osseo
68.28 and Delano; Taste of Minnesota; and IgboFest
68.29 Minnesota.

68.30 (e) Of the amount in paragraph (a), \$750,000
68.31 the first year and \$750,000 the second year
68.32 are for grants to community-based
68.33 organizations and local governments for
68.34 museums, exhibits, and collections.

69.1 (f) Of the amount in paragraph (a), \$250,000
69.2 the first year and \$250,000 the second year
69.3 are for grants to provide funding to ethnic
69.4 media organizations creating video content in
69.5 a language other than English.

69.6	<u>Subd. 6. Minnesota Musicians</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
69.7	<u>\$200,000 each year is for a competitive grant</u>		
69.8	<u>program to award grants to Minnesota</u>		
69.9	<u>musicians to create, produce, and perform</u>		
69.10	<u>music throughout the state.</u>		

69.11	<u>Subd. 7. Youth Literary Grants</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
69.12	<u>\$250,000 each year is for competitive grants</u>		
69.13	<u>to individual authors and organizations</u>		
69.14	<u>creating and producing books. The grants</u>		
69.15	<u>under this subdivision must be used for the</u>		
69.16	<u>creation and distribution of books for youth</u>		
69.17	<u>that celebrate cultural expression with a focus</u>		
69.18	<u>on excellent creative work and educational</u>		
69.19	<u>value.</u>		

69.20	<u>Subd. 8. Youth Poet Laureate</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
69.21	<u>\$100,000 the first year is for a grant to a</u>		
69.22	<u>nonprofit to operate a statewide youth poet</u>		
69.23	<u>laureate program in coordination with the</u>		
69.24	<u>Minnesota Humanities Center. The program</u>		
69.25	<u>may provide creative writing outreach,</u>		
69.26	<u>programming, and events related to creative</u>		
69.27	<u>writing and must award a young person who</u>		
69.28	<u>is 13 to 19 years of age, through a competitive</u>		
69.29	<u>process similar to the National Youth Poet</u>		
69.30	<u>Laureate program, to be the Minnesota Youth</u>		
69.31	<u>Poet Laureate and provide opportunities to</u>		
69.32	<u>celebrate, mentor, and highlight the work of</u>		
69.33	<u>the Youth Poet Laureate and young writers in</u>		
69.34	<u>Minnesota.</u>		

70.1	<u>Subd. 9. Grants</u>	<u>350,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>
70.2	<u>(a) (Neo)Muralismos de Mexico</u>		
70.3	<u>\$100,000 the first year is for a grant to</u>		
70.4	<u>(Neo)Muralismos de Mexico to expand arts</u>		
70.5	<u>programming that celebrates Latino cultural</u>		
70.6	<u>heritage through workshops and support to</u>		
70.7	<u>local artists through capacity building,</u>		
70.8	<u>professional development, networking, and</u>		
70.9	<u>presentation opportunities on Latino arts and</u>		
70.10	<u>culture.</u>		
70.11	<u>(b) Lundstrum Center for the Performing Arts</u>		
70.12	<u>\$100,000 the first year is for a grant to the</u>		
70.13	<u>Lundstrum Center for the Performing Arts for</u>		
70.14	<u>after-school educational programming that</u>		
70.15	<u>includes instruction in dance, voice, and</u>		
70.16	<u>drama.</u>		
70.17	<u>(c) United Hmong Family</u>		
70.18	<u>\$150,000 each year is for a grant to the United</u>		
70.19	<u>Hmong Family to provide dance and other arts</u>		
70.20	<u>and cultural programming.</u>		
70.21	<u>Subd. 10. Community Identity and Heritage</u>		
70.22	<u>Emergency Grants</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>
70.23	<u>\$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the</u>		
70.24	<u>second year are for emergency grants to</u>		
70.25	<u>organizations otherwise qualified to receive</u>		
70.26	<u>grants under subdivision 5 and must be</u>		
70.27	<u>awarded on a rolling basis based on emerging</u>		
70.28	<u>needs to assist communities responding to</u>		
70.29	<u>major events and to facilitate the process of</u>		
70.30	<u>grieving, encourage healing, create memorials,</u>		
70.31	<u>or assist in recovery of the community. Any</u>		
70.32	<u>amount described in the preceding sentence</u>		
70.33	<u>that is not expended by October 15 of the</u>		
70.34	<u>second year may be used for general</u>		

71.1 programming costs or grants under subdivision

71.2 5.

71.3 **Subd. 11. Underrepresented Groups Cultural**
71.4 **Studies Materials**

400,000

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71.5 \$400,000 the first year is for competitive

71.6 grants to develop high-quality academic,

71.7 cultural, and ethnic studies materials for

71.8 communities that do not have adequate

71.9 cultural and ethnic studies materials or who

71.10 are underrepresented in those materials,

71.11 including but not limited to the Hmong, Karen,

71.12 Somali, and Oromo cultures and cultures

71.13 without a formal writing system that are

71.14 largely oral-based. In developing these

71.15 materials, a recipient of a grant under this

71.16 subdivision must work with school districts

71.17 that intend to use the materials.

71.18 **Subd. 12. Gordon Parks Commemoration**

250,000

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71.19 \$250,000 the first year is for a grant to create

71.20 an art installation and programming to

71.21 celebrate the incredible life and rich legacy of

71.22 Gordon Parks.

71.23 **Sec. 9. INDIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL**

\$

1,305,000

\$

1,305,000

71.24 (a) \$650,000 each year is to provide grants to

71.25 Minnesota Tribal Nations to preserve Dakota

71.26 and Ojibwe Indian language and to foster

71.27 education programs and services for Dakota

71.28 and Ojibwe language.

71.29 (b) \$525,000 each year is to provide grants to

71.30 preserve the Dakota and Ojibwe Indian

71.31 language through support of projects and

71.32 services and to support educational programs

71.33 and immersion efforts in Dakota and Ojibwe

71.34 language.

73.1 distribution of the grants. Money not used in
73.2 the first year may be used in the second year.

73.3 Subd. 3. **Minnesota FFA** 250,000 250,000

73.4 (a) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
73.5 second year are for grants to the Minnesota
73.6 FFA to provide new and expanded access for
73.7 Minnesota FFA members involved in art- and
73.8 history-related FFA activities. Of this amount:

73.9 (1) up to \$100,000 each year may be used to
73.10 document and commemorate 100 years of
73.11 fostering leadership, agricultural education,
73.12 and community service across the state by
73.13 creating a history book, video storytelling
73.14 series, and an in-person arts-focused event;
73.15 and

73.16 (2) any amount not spent for the purposes
73.17 described in clause (1) may be used for other
73.18 activities that provide new and expanded
73.19 access for Minnesota FFA members involved
73.20 in art- and history-related FFA activities,
73.21 including activities related to national and state
73.22 FFA band and choir, state and national FFA
73.23 talent competitions, FFA floriculture, and FFA
73.24 state fair landscape booths.

73.25 (b) The commissioner of agriculture must
73.26 develop grant-making criteria and guidance
73.27 for grants under this subdivision to provide
73.28 funding for projects and events and must seek
73.29 input from the Minnesota FFA and Minnesota
73.30 FFA Foundation. Notwithstanding Minnesota
73.31 Statutes, section 16B.98, subdivision 14, the
73.32 commissioner may use up to five percent of
73.33 the amounts in this subdivision to cover the

74.1 costs of administering, planning, evaluating,
 74.2 and reporting these grants.

74.3 **Sec. 11. LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING**
 74.4 **COMMISSION**

\$ 5,000 \$ -0-

74.5 The amount in this section is appropriated to
 74.6 the Legislative Coordinating Commission to
 74.7 maintain the website required under Minnesota
 74.8 Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision 10.

74.9 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 129D.17, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

74.10 Subd. 2. **Expenditures; accountability.** (a) Funding from the arts and cultural heritage
 74.11 fund may be spent only for arts, arts education, and arts access, and to preserve Minnesota's
 74.12 history and cultural heritage. A project or program receiving funding from the arts and
 74.13 cultural heritage fund must include measurable outcomes, and a plan for measuring and
 74.14 evaluating the results. A project or program must be consistent with current scholarship, or
 74.15 best practices, when appropriate and must incorporate state-of-the-art technology when
 74.16 appropriate.

74.17 (b) Funding from the arts and cultural heritage fund may be granted for an entire project
 74.18 or for part of a project so long as the recipient provides a description and cost for the entire
 74.19 project and can demonstrate that it has adequate resources to ensure that the entire project
 74.20 will be completed.

74.21 (c) Money from the arts and cultural heritage fund shall be expended for benefits across
 74.22 all regions and residents of the state.

74.23 (d) A state agency or other recipient of a direct appropriation from the arts and cultural
 74.24 heritage fund must compile and submit all information for funded projects or programs,
 74.25 including the proposed measurable outcomes and all other items required under section
 74.26 3.303, subdivision 10, to the Legislative Coordinating Commission as soon as practicable
 74.27 or by January 15 of the applicable fiscal year, whichever comes first. The Legislative
 74.28 Coordinating Commission must post submitted information on the website required under
 74.29 section 3.303, subdivision 10, as soon as it becomes available.

74.30 (e) Grants funded by the arts and cultural heritage fund must be implemented according
 74.31 to section 16B.98 and must account for all expenditures of funds. Priority for grant proposals
 74.32 must be given to proposals involving grants that will be competitively awarded.

75.1 (f) All money from the arts and cultural heritage fund must be for projects located in
75.2 Minnesota.

75.3 (g) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the arts and cultural
75.4 heritage fund shall prominently display on the recipient's website home page the legacy
75.5 logo required under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws
75.6 2010, chapter 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more
75.7 information." When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the website must direct the
75.8 person to a web page that includes both the contact information that a person may use to
75.9 obtain additional information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating Commission
75.10 website required under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

75.11 (h) Future eligibility for money from the arts and cultural heritage fund is contingent
75.12 upon a state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section,
75.13 as well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of
75.14 the Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a
75.15 recipient of money from the arts and cultural heritage fund has not complied with the laws,
75.16 rules, or regulations in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient
75.17 must be listed in an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the
75.18 legacy funds. The list must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a
75.19 recipient from the list upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient
75.20 on the list is not eligible for future funding from the arts and cultural heritage fund until the
75.21 recipient demonstrates compliance to the legislative auditor.

75.22 (i) Any state agency or organization requesting a direct appropriation from the arts and
75.23 cultural heritage fund must inform the house of representatives and senate committees
75.24 having jurisdiction over the arts and cultural heritage fund, at the time the request for funding
75.25 is made, whether the request is supplanting or is a substitution for any previous funding that
75.26 was not from a legacy fund and was used for the same purpose and provide a copy of the
75.27 most recent year's Internal Revenue Service Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt
75.28 From Income Tax.

75.29 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 129D.17, is amended by adding a subdivision
75.30 to read:

75.31 Subd. 7. **Construction costs.** Money from the arts and cultural heritage fund must not
75.32 be appropriated to fund new construction or for capital construction projects, including
75.33 major renovations or long-term building projects, with the exception of preservation of
75.34 historic structures or sites. This prohibition does not apply to:

- 76.1 (1) accessibility accommodations;
76.2 (2) the creation of exhibits or installations; and
76.3 (3) renovations to provide care for collections or facilitate exhibits, installations, or other
76.4 projects funded with arts and cultural heritage fund appropriations.

76.5 Sec. 14. Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 4, section 2, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

76.6	Subd. 5. Department of Education	3,000,000	2,750,000
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76.7 (a) \$2,750,000 each year is appropriated to
76.8 the commissioner of education for grants to
76.9 the 12 Minnesota regional library systems to
76.10 provide educational opportunities in the arts,
76.11 history, literary arts, and cultural heritage of
76.12 Minnesota. When possible, funding under this
76.13 subdivision should be used to promote and
76.14 share the work of Minnesota authors,
76.15 including authors from diverse backgrounds.
76.16 This money must be allocated using the
76.17 formulas in Minnesota Statutes, section
76.18 134.355, subdivisions 3 to 5, with the
76.19 remaining 25 percent to be distributed to all
76.20 qualifying systems in an amount proportionate
76.21 to the number of qualifying system entities in
76.22 each system. For purposes of this subdivision,
76.23 "qualifying system entity" means a public
76.24 library, a regional library system, a regional
76.25 library system headquarters, a county, or an
76.26 outreach service program. This money may
76.27 be used to sponsor programs provided by
76.28 regional libraries or to provide grants to local
76.29 arts and cultural heritage programs for
76.30 programs in partnership with regional libraries.
76.31 This money must be distributed in ten equal
76.32 payments per year. Notwithstanding
76.33 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the
76.34 appropriations encumbered on or before June

77.1 30, ~~2025~~ 2026, as grants or contracts in this
 77.2 subdivision are available until June 30, ~~2026~~
 77.3 2027.

77.4 (b) \$250,000 the first year is appropriated to
 77.5 the commissioner of education for a water
 77.6 safety grant program. The commissioner of
 77.7 education must allocate grants to eligible
 77.8 applicants. Eligible applicants include
 77.9 nonprofit organizations and city and county
 77.10 parks and recreation programs providing
 77.11 swimming lessons to youth. Eligible applicants
 77.12 are not required to partner with other entities.
 77.13 Grant funds must primarily be used to provide
 77.14 scholarships to low-income and at-risk
 77.15 children for swimming lessons. Up to 15
 77.16 percent of the grant funds may also be used
 77.17 to hire water safety instructors or lifeguards
 77.18 or train water safety instructors or lifeguards
 77.19 in nationally recognized water safety practices
 77.20 and instruction.

77.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

77.22 Sec. 15. Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 4, section 2, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

77.23	Subd. 6. Department of Administration	17,040,000	14,105,000
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77.24 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are
 77.25 appropriated to the commissioner of
 77.26 administration for grants to the named
 77.27 organizations for the purposes specified in this
 77.28 subdivision. The commissioner of
 77.29 administration may use a portion of this
 77.30 appropriation for costs that are directly related
 77.31 to and necessary for the administration of
 77.32 grants in this subdivision.

77.33 (b) Grant agreements entered into by the
 77.34 commissioner and recipients of appropriations

78.1 under this subdivision must ensure that money
78.2 appropriated in this subdivision is used to
78.3 supplement and not substitute for traditional
78.4 sources of funding.

78.5 **(c) Minnesota Public Radio**

78.6 \$2,050,000 each year is for Minnesota Public
78.7 Radio to create programming and expand news
78.8 service on Minnesota's cultural heritage and
78.9 history.

78.10 **(d) Association of Minnesota Public Educational**
78.11 **Radio Stations**

78.12 \$2,050,000 the first year and \$2,050,000 the
78.13 second year are to the Association of
78.14 Minnesota Public Educational Radio Stations
78.15 for production and acquisition grants in
78.16 accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section
78.17 129D.19.

78.18 **(e) Public Television**

78.19 \$5,000,000 the first year and \$4,500,000 the
78.20 second year are to the Minnesota Public
78.21 Television Association for production and
78.22 acquisition grants according to Minnesota
78.23 Statutes, section 129D.18. Of the amount in
78.24 the first year, \$1,000,000 is for producing
78.25 Minnesota military and veterans' history
78.26 stories and unique immigrant stories from
78.27 around the state.

78.28 **(f) Wilderness Inquiry**

78.29 \$500,000 the first year and \$600,000 the
78.30 second year are to Wilderness Inquiry to
78.31 preserve Minnesota's outdoor history, culture,
78.32 and heritage by connecting Minnesota youth
78.33 and families to natural resources.

78.34 **(g) Como Park Zoo**

79.1 \$1,725,000 each year is to the Como Park Zoo
79.2 and Conservatory for program development
79.3 that features educational programs and habitat
79.4 enhancement, special exhibits, music
79.5 appreciation programs, and historical garden
79.6 access and preservation.

79.7 **(h) Science Museum of Minnesota**

79.8 \$825,000 each year is to the Science Museum
79.9 of Minnesota for arts, arts education, and arts
79.10 access and to preserve Minnesota's history and
79.11 cultural heritage, including student and teacher
79.12 outreach, statewide educational initiatives, and
79.13 community-based exhibits that preserve
79.14 Minnesota's history and cultural heritage.

79.15 **(i) Appetite for Change**

79.16 \$200,000 the first year is to the nonprofit
79.17 Appetite for Change for the Community Cooks
79.18 programming, which will preserve the cultural
79.19 heritage of growing and cooking food in
79.20 Minnesota.

79.21 **(j) Lake Superior Zoo**

79.22 \$150,000 each year is to the Lake Superior
79.23 Zoo to develop educational exhibits and
79.24 programs.

79.25 **(k) Great Lakes Aquarium**

79.26 \$250,000 each year is to the Lake Superior
79.27 Center Authority to prepare, fabricate, and
79.28 install a hands-on exhibit with interactive
79.29 learning components to educate Minnesotans
79.30 on the history of the natural landscape of the
79.31 state.

79.32 **(l) State Band**

80.1 \$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 the second
80.2 year are to the Minnesota state band to provide
80.3 free concerts throughout the state.

80.4 **(m) Veterans Memorial Park in Wyoming**

80.5 \$100,000 the first year is for a grant to the city
80.6 of Wyoming to build the Veterans Memorial
80.7 Plaza and related interpretive walk in Railroad
80.8 Park.

80.9 **(n) Great Northern Festival**

80.10 \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the second
80.11 year are for a grant to support the Great
80.12 Northern Festival, which connects attendees
80.13 to parks, outdoor spaces, and cultural venues
80.14 through a festival.

80.15 **(o) Governor's Council on Developmental**
80.16 **Disabilities**

80.17 \$50,000 the first year is to the Minnesota
80.18 Governor's Council on Developmental
80.19 Disabilities to continue to preserve and raise
80.20 awareness of the history of Minnesotans with
80.21 developmental disabilities.

80.22 **(p) Minnesota Council on Disability**

80.23 \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
80.24 second year are to the Minnesota Council on
80.25 Disability to provide educational opportunities
80.26 in the arts, history, and cultural heritage of
80.27 Minnesotans with disabilities in conjunction
80.28 with the 50th anniversary of the Minnesota
80.29 Council on Disability. This appropriation is
80.30 available until June 30, 2027.

80.31 **(q) Keller Regional Park**

80.32 \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to Ramsey
80.33 County to preserve Minnesota's cultural

81.1 heritage by enhancing the tuj lub courts at
81.2 Keller Regional Park.

81.3 **(r) Vietnam War Anniversary**

81.4 \$250,000 the first year is for a grant to the
81.5 commissioner of veterans affairs to prepare
81.6 and host a commemoration program for the
81.7 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

81.8 **(s) St. Paul Cultural Art Installation**

81.9 \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to ~~the city~~
81.10 ~~of St. Paul~~ Forecast Public Art for an art
81.11 installation celebrating Olympic gold medalist
81.12 Suni Lee. The project funded by this paragraph
81.13 must be located in St. Paul at the Conway
81.14 Recreation Center or, if that site is not
81.15 practicable, at Lake Phalen at the platform
81.16 containing the bust of Suni Lee. This
81.17 appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.

81.18 **(t) One Heartland Center**

81.19 \$50,000 each year is for a grant to One
81.20 Heartland Center for programming and
81.21 outdoor activities for families and youth in
81.22 Minnesota.

81.23 **(u) Forest Lake Veterans Memorial**

81.24 \$100,000 the first year is for a grant to the
81.25 Forest Lake Veterans Memorial Committee
81.26 to construct a memorial to veterans of the
81.27 United States armed forces at Lakeside
81.28 Memorial Park in the city of Forest Lake. This
81.29 appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.

81.30 **(v) Hmong Plaza**

81.31 \$450,000 the first year is for a grant to the city
81.32 of St. Paul to construct the Hmong Plaza at
81.33 Phalen Lake.

82.1 **(w) Camille Gage Artist Fellowship**

82.2 \$55,000 the first year and \$55,000 the second
82.3 year are for a grant to YWCA Minneapolis to
82.4 fund an annual fellowship to be known as the
82.5 Camille J. Gage Artist Fellowship. Of this
82.6 amount, up to \$5,000 each year may be used
82.7 for administrative expenses. YWCA
82.8 Minneapolis must select a person for the
82.9 Camille J. Gage Artist Fellowship after an
82.10 application process that allows both
82.11 applications by interested persons and
82.12 nominations of persons by third parties. By
82.13 October 1, 2026, YWCA Minneapolis must
82.14 report to the chairs and ranking minority
82.15 members of the legislative committees and
82.16 divisions with jurisdiction over legacy on the
82.17 use of money appropriated under this
82.18 paragraph and on the activities of the person
82.19 selected for the Camille J. Gage Artist
82.20 Fellowship under this paragraph. This
82.21 appropriation is available until June 30, 2026.

82.22 **(x) Minnesota African American Heritage**
82.23 **Museum and Gallery**

82.24 \$235,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
82.25 second year are for arts and cultural heritage
82.26 programming celebrating African American
82.27 and Black communities in Minnesota. Of the
82.28 amount in the first year, \$110,000 is for C.
82.29 Caldwell Fine Arts for an outdoor mural
82.30 project in North Minneapolis to work with
82.31 young people to develop skills while using art
82.32 as the impetus.

82.33 **(y) Tibetan American Foundation of Minnesota**

82.34 \$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 the second
82.35 year are for a grant to the Tibetan American

83.1 Foundation of Minnesota to celebrate and
83.2 teach the art, culture, and heritage of Tibetan
83.3 Americans in Minnesota.

83.4 **(z) Hong De Wu Guan**

83.5 \$25,000 the first year is for a grant to Hong
83.6 De Wu Guan to create cultural arts projects
83.7 like Lion Dance for after-school programs for
83.8 youth.

83.9 **(aa) Sepak Takraw of USA**

83.10 \$50,000 the first year is for a grant to the
83.11 Sepak Takraw of USA to work with youth and
83.12 after-school programs in the community to
83.13 teach the cultural games of tuj lub and sepak
83.14 takraw. This appropriation may not be used
83.15 to hold events.

83.16 **(bb) 30,000 Feet**

83.17 \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the second
83.18 year are for a grant to 30,000 Feet, a nonprofit
83.19 organization, to help youth and community
83.20 artists further develop their artistic skills, to
83.21 create community art and artistic
83.22 performances, and to promote and share
83.23 African American history and culture through
83.24 the arts.

83.25 **(cc) Siengkane Lao Minnesota**

83.26 \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the second
83.27 year are for a grant to Siengkane Lao MN to
83.28 create cultural arts projects and to preserve
83.29 traditional performances.

83.30 **(dd) Hmong Cultural Center**

83.31 \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
83.32 second year are for a grant to the Hmong
83.33 Cultural Center of Minnesota for

84.1 museum-related programming and educational
84.2 outreach activities to teach the public about
84.3 the historical, cultural, and folk arts heritage
84.4 of Hmong Minnesotans.

84.5 **(ee) Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio**

84.6 \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
84.7 second year are for a grant to Comunidades
84.8 Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES) to
84.9 expand arts programming to celebrate Latino
84.10 cultural heritage; support local artists; and
84.11 provide professional development, networking,
84.12 and presentation opportunities.

84.13 **(ff) Hmong RPA Writing System**

84.14 \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
84.15 second year are for grants to recipients who
84.16 have demonstrated knowledge and interest in
84.17 preserving Hmong culture to preserve Hmong
84.18 Minnesotans' heritage, history, language, and
84.19 culture. Grants must be used in conjunction
84.20 with Minnesota universities to improve and
84.21 develop a unified and standardized Latin
84.22 alphabet form of the Hmong RPA writing
84.23 system. No portion of this appropriation may
84.24 be used to encourage religious membership
84.25 or to conduct personal ceremonies or events.
84.26 This appropriation is available until June 30,
84.27 2028.

84.28 **(gg) Somali Museum of Minnesota**

84.29 \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
84.30 second year are for a grant to the Somali
84.31 Museum of Minnesota for heritage arts and
84.32 cultural vitality programs to provide classes,
84.33 exhibits, presentations, and outreach about the
84.34 Somali community and heritage in Minnesota.

85.1 **(hh) Minnesota Museum of American Art**

85.2 \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the
85.3 second year are for a grant to the Minnesota
85.4 Museum of American Art for exhibit
85.5 programming and for a Native American
85.6 Fellowship at the museum.

85.7 **(ii) Fanka Programs**

85.8 \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
85.9 second year are for a grant to Ka Joog
85.10 statewide Somali-based collaborative
85.11 programs for arts and cultural heritage. The
85.12 funding must be used for Fanka programs to
85.13 provide arts education and workshops, mentor
85.14 programs, and community presentations and
85.15 community engagement events throughout
85.16 Minnesota.

85.17 **(jj) The Bakken Museum**

85.18 \$150,000 the first year is for a grant to The
85.19 Bakken Museum for interactive exhibits and
85.20 outreach programs on arts and cultural
85.21 heritage.

85.22 **(kk) 4-H Shooting Sports**

85.23 \$50,000 the first year is to the University of
85.24 Minnesota Extension Office to provide grants
85.25 to Minnesota 4-H chapters that have members
85.26 participating in state and national
85.27 4-H-sanctioned shooting sports events.
85.28 Eligible costs for grant money include
85.29 shooting sports equipment and supplies and
85.30 event fees associated with participating in state
85.31 shooting sports events.

85.32 **(ll) Public Art Saint Paul**

86.1 \$75,000 each year is for a grant to Public Art
 86.2 Saint Paul for art programming at the Wakpa
 86.3 Triennial Art Festival to showcase new art
 86.4 across the Twin Cities by Minnesota artists in
 86.5 outdoor and indoor settings and to encourage
 86.6 visitors to experience the arts and culture
 86.7 produced by local arts and culture
 86.8 organizations.

86.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

86.10 Sec. 16. Laws 2024, chapter 106, article 4, section 2, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

86.11	Subd. 6. Minnesota Historical Society	-0-	1,201,000
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86.12 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are
 86.13 appropriated to the governing board of the
 86.14 Minnesota Historical Society to preserve and
 86.15 enhance access to Minnesota's history and its
 86.16 cultural and historical resources. Grant
 86.17 agreements entered into by the Minnesota
 86.18 Historical Society and other recipients of
 86.19 appropriations in this subdivision must ensure
 86.20 that these funds are used to supplement and
 86.21 not substitute for traditional sources of
 86.22 funding. Funds directly appropriated to the
 86.23 Minnesota Historical Society must be used to
 86.24 supplement and not substitute for traditional
 86.25 sources of funding. The appropriations in this
 86.26 subdivision are onetime.

86.27 **(b) Grants**

86.28 (1) \$100,000 the second year is to facilitate
 86.29 negotiations for the purchase by the state of
 86.30 the Wizard of Oz ruby slippers through a
 86.31 combination of available state funds and
 86.32 nonstate sources of funding. Any remaining
 86.33 amount not used to facilitate the purchase of
 86.34 the slippers by the state may be used as a grant

87.1 to the Judy Garland Children's Discovery
87.2 Museum to create an exhibit highlighting the
87.3 history and cultural relevance of the slippers;
87.4 (2) \$400,000 the second year is for statewide
87.5 historic and cultural grants to cultural
87.6 community organizations, historical
87.7 organizations, and veterans organizations for
87.8 activities to commemorate 50 years of
87.9 Southeast Asians in Minnesota. Money under
87.10 this paragraph must be distributed through a
87.11 competitive grant process. The Minnesota
87.12 Historical Society must administer the grants
87.13 using established grant mechanisms with
87.14 assistance from the advisory committee
87.15 created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article
87.16 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), item
87.17 (ii).
87.18 (3) \$200,000 the second year is for activities
87.19 to prepare and coordinate community
87.20 commemoration programs celebrating 50 years
87.21 of Hmong Americans in Minnesota. The
87.22 Minnesota Historical Society must form an
87.23 advisory task force consisting of members of
87.24 the Hmong community to advise the society
87.25 on the design and implementation of these
87.26 activities and programs;
87.27 (4) \$200,000 the second year is for planning
87.28 and outreach, in collaboration with the
87.29 Minnesota Humanities Center, for Minnesota's
87.30 commemoration of the 250th anniversary of
87.31 the signing of the Declaration of
87.32 Independence. The Minnesota Historical
87.33 Society and Minnesota Humanities Center
87.34 must enter into an agreement between the
87.35 organizations on how best to maximize the

88.1 impact of this grant and of collaboration with
88.2 statewide partners;

88.3 (5) \$50,000 the second year is for a grant to
88.4 the Greater Litchfield Opera House
88.5 Association to repair and update the Litchfield
88.6 Opera House; and

88.7 (6) \$251,000 the second year is for a grant to
88.8 the Dakota County Historical Society to design
88.9 and build exhibits at the Lawshe Memorial
88.10 Museum.

88.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

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