

A bill for an act

relating to state government; appropriating money from outdoor heritage, clean water, parks and trails, and arts and cultural heritage funds; modifying and extending prior appropriations; providing for leveraging federal grant money; modifying reporting requirements; modifying accountability provisions; imposing certain conditions for distributing and accepting money; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 97A.056, subdivision 12, by adding a subdivision; 114D.50, by adding a subdivision; 129D.17, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision; Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 4, section 2, subdivisions 5, 6; Laws 2024, chapter 106, article 4, section 2, subdivision 6.

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

ARTICLE 1

OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

Section 1. 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 outdoor heritage fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under them 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. The appropriations in this article 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. OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

2.1	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>162,111,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>775,000</u>
2.2	<u>This appropriation is from the outdoor heritage</u>				
2.3	<u>fund. The amounts that may be spent for each</u>				
2.4	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>				
2.5	<u>subdivisions.</u>				
2.6	<u>Subd. 2. Prairies</u>		<u>33,432,000</u>		<u>-0-</u>
2.7	<u>(a) Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition,</u>				
2.8	<u>Phase 9</u>				
2.9	<u>\$1,332,000 the first year is to the</u>				
2.10	<u>commissioner of natural resources for</u>				
2.11	<u>agreements to acquire land in fee and restore</u>				
2.12	<u>and enhance strategic prairie grassland,</u>				
2.13	<u>wetland, and other wildlife habitat in Martin</u>				
2.14	<u>County for wildlife management area purposes</u>				
2.15	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,</u>				
2.16	<u>subdivision 8, as follows: \$970,000 to Fox</u>				
2.17	<u>Lake Conservation League, Inc., \$327,000 to</u>				
2.18	<u>Ducks Unlimited, and \$35,000 to the</u>				
2.19	<u>Conservation Fund.</u>				
2.20	<u>(b) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the</u>				
2.21	<u>Southern Red River Valley, Phase 11</u>				
2.22	<u>\$3,607,000 the first year is to the</u>				
2.23	<u>commissioner of natural resources for an</u>				
2.24	<u>agreement with Pheasants Forever, in</u>				
2.25	<u>cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie</u>				
2.26	<u>Chicken Society, to acquire land in fee and</u>				
2.27	<u>restore and enhance lands in the southern Red</u>				
2.28	<u>River Valley for wildlife management</u>				
2.29	<u>purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>				
2.30	<u>86A.05, subdivision 8, or to be designated and</u>				
2.31	<u>managed as waterfowl production areas in</u>				
2.32	<u>Minnesota, in cooperation with the United</u>				
2.33	<u>States Fish and Wildlife Service. Subject to</u>				
2.34	<u>evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part</u>				
2.35	<u>6136.0900, priority must be given to</u>				

3.1 acquisitions of lands that are eligible for the
3.2 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,
3.3 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected
3.4 native prairie.

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

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

3.19 **(d) RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water, Phase**
3.20 **11**

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

4.1 A list of permanent conservation easements
4.2 must be provided as part of the final report.

4.3 **(e) Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area**
4.4 **Program, Phase 17**

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

4.17 **(f) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Program, Phase**
4.18 **14**

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

5.1 enhancements must be provided as part of the
5.2 required accomplishment plan and must be
5.3 consistent with the priorities identified in
5.4 Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

5.5 **(g) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife**
5.6 **Refuge, Phase 15**

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

5.23 **(h) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**
5.24 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition, Phase**
5.25 **17**

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

6.1 eligible for the native prairie bank under
6.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
6.3 adjacent to protected native prairie.

6.4 **(i) Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands, Phase**
6.5 **8**

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

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

6.15 \$4,808,000 the first year is to the
6.16 commissioner of natural resources for
6.17 agreements to restore and enhance wetland
6.18 and prairie habitat on habitat easements of the
6.19 United States Fish and Wildlife Service as
6.20 follows: \$3,100,000 to Ducks Unlimited and
6.21 \$1,708,000 to Pheasants Forever.

6.22 **Subd. 3. Forests** 19,958,000 -0-

6.23 **(a) Minnesota Forest Recovery Project, Phase**
6.24 **3**

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

7.1 enforcement fund as approved in the
7.2 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
7.3 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

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

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

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

7.12 \$1,803,000 the first year is to the
7.13 commissioner of natural resources for
7.14 agreements to acquire permanent conservation
7.15 easements and to restore and enhance forest
7.16 habitats in the hardwood hills ecological
7.17 section of west-central Minnesota as follows:
7.18 \$100,000 to St. John's University and
7.19 \$1,703,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Of the
7.20 amount to Minnesota Land Trust, \$196,000 is
7.21 to establish a monitoring and enforcement
7.22 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
7.23 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
7.24 97A.056, subdivision 17.

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

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

8.1 \$110,000 is to establish a monitoring and
8.2 enforcement fund as approved in the
8.3 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
8.4 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.
8.5 Subdivision 8, paragraph (b), does not apply
8.6 to this project. A list of permanent
8.7 conservation easements must be provided as
8.8 part of the final report.

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

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

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

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

8.33 **(g) Moose Habitat Collaborative - Northeast**
8.34 **Minnesota Forest Habitat Enhancement, Phase**
8.35 **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 -0-

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

77,646,000

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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.** Subdivision 11 is effective the day following final enactment.

25.26 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.056, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

25.27 **Subd. 12. Accomplishment plans.** (a) It is a condition of acceptance of money
25.28 appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund that the agency or entity using the appropriation
25.29 submits an accomplishment plan and periodic accomplishment reports to the Lessard-Sams
25.30 Outdoor Heritage Council in the form determined by the council. The accomplishment plan
25.31 must identify the project manager responsible for expending the appropriation and the final
25.32 product. The accomplishment plan must account for the use of the appropriation and
25.33 outcomes of the expenditure in measures of wetlands, prairies, forests, and fish, game, and

wildlife habitat restored, protected, and enhanced. The plan must include an evaluation of results. If lands are acquired by fee with money from the outdoor heritage fund, the accomplishment plan must include a hunting and fishing management plan for the lands acquired by fee. No money appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund may be expended unless the council has approved the pertinent accomplishment plan.

(b) If an appropriation from the outdoor heritage fund will result in or contribute to restoration or enhancement habitat work on land, it is a condition of acceptance of the money that the recipient include the following in the accomplishment plan:

(1) an agreement that the recipient of the appropriation will notify all adjacent property owners by certified mail of the work to be performed. The notice must include the name, phone number, and email of the project manager or local contact so that adjacent property owners can contact the person with questions about the project. A copy of the notification letter must be attached to the accomplishment plan; and

(2) an explanation of how the recipient will seek approval from adjacent property owners if access to adjacent land is required to perform the work.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2025, and applies to appropriations from the outdoor heritage fund on or after that date.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

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

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

27.9	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>			
27.10	<u>Available for the Year</u>			
27.11	<u>Ending June 30</u>			
27.12		<u>2026</u>		<u>2027</u>

27.13 **Sec. 2. CLEAN WATER FUND**

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

27.18 **Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation**

27.19 Money appropriated in this article may not be
27.20 spent on activities unless they are directly
27.21 related to and necessary for a specific
27.22 appropriation. Money appropriated in this
27.23 article must be spent in accordance with
27.24 Minnesota Management and Budget MMB
27.25 Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund
27.26 Expenditure. Notwithstanding Minnesota
27.27 Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless otherwise
27.28 specified in this article, fiscal year 2026
27.29 appropriations are available until June 30,
27.30 2027, and fiscal year 2027 appropriations are
27.31 available until June 30, 2028. If a project
27.32 receives federal funds, the period of the
27.33 appropriation is extended to equal the
27.34 availability of federal funding.

28.1 Subd. 3. **Disability Access**

28.2 Where appropriate, grant recipients of clean
28.3 water funds, in consultation with the Council
28.4 on Disability and other appropriate
28.5 governor-appointed disability councils, boards,
28.6 committees, and commissions, should make
28.7 progress toward providing people with
28.8 disabilities greater access to programs, print
28.9 publications, and digital media related to the
28.10 programs the recipient funds using
28.11 appropriations made in this article.

28.12 Subd. 4. **Increasing Diversity in Environmental**
28.13 **Careers**

28.14 Agencies should work to provide opportunities
28.15 that encourage a diversity of students to pursue
28.16 careers in environment and natural resources
28.17 when implementing appropriations in this
28.18 article.

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

28.20 (a) \$370,000 the first year and \$370,000 the
28.21 second year are to increase monitoring for
28.22 pesticides and pesticide degradates in surface
28.23 water and groundwater and to use data
28.24 collected to assess pesticide use practices.

28.25 (b) \$3,100,000 the first year and \$3,100,000
28.26 the second year are for monitoring and
28.27 evaluating trends in the concentration of
28.28 nitrate in groundwater; promoting, developing,
28.29 and evaluating regional and crop-specific
28.30 nutrient best management practices, cover
28.31 crops, and other vegetative cover; assessing
28.32 adoption of best management practices and
28.33 other recommended practices; education and
28.34 technical support from University of
28.35 Minnesota Extension; grants to support

- 29.1 agricultural demonstration and implementation
- 29.2 activities, including research activities at the
- 29.3 Rosholt Research Farm; and other actions to
- 29.4 protect groundwater from degradation from
- 29.5 nitrate.
- 29.6 (c) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
- 29.7 the second year are for the agriculture best
- 29.8 management practices loan program. Any
- 29.9 unencumbered balance at the end of the second
- 29.10 year must be added to the corpus of the loan
- 29.11 fund.
- 29.12 (d) \$1,600,000 the first year and \$1,600,000
- 29.13 the second year are for technical assistance;
- 29.14 research, demonstration, and promotion
- 29.15 projects on properly implementing best
- 29.16 management practices and vegetative cover;
- 29.17 and more-precise information on nonpoint
- 29.18 contributions to impaired waters and for grants
- 29.19 to support on-farm demonstration of
- 29.20 agricultural practices.
- 29.21 (e) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
- 29.22 second year are for maintenance of the
- 29.23 Minnesota Water Research Digital Library.
- 29.24 Costs for information technology development
- 29.25 or support for the digital library may be paid
- 29.26 to Minnesota IT Services.
- 29.27 (f) \$3,500,000 the first year and \$3,500,000
- 29.28 the second year are to implement the
- 29.29 Minnesota agricultural water quality
- 29.30 certification program statewide.
- 29.31 (g) \$155,000 the first year and \$155,000 the
- 29.32 second year are for a regional irrigation water
- 29.33 quality specialist through University of
- 29.34 Minnesota Extension.

30.1 (h) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$3,000,000
30.2 the second year are for grants to the Board of
30.3 Regents of the University of Minnesota to
30.4 fund the Forever Green initiative and to protect
30.5 the state's natural resources while increasing
30.6 the efficiency, profitability, and productivity
30.7 of Minnesota farmers by incorporating
30.8 perennial and winter-annual crops into existing
30.9 agricultural practices.

30.10 (i) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
30.11 second year are for testing drinking-water
30.12 wells for pesticides.

30.13 (j) \$1,750,000 the first year and \$1,750,000
30.14 the second year are for conservation
30.15 equipment assistance grants to purchase
30.16 equipment or items to retrofit existing
30.17 equipment that has climate and water quality
30.18 benefits.

30.19 (k) \$1,050,000 the first year and \$1,250,000
30.20 the second year are for expanding the existing
30.21 state weather station and soil temperature
30.22 network to provide accurate and timely
30.23 weather data to optimize the timing of
30.24 irrigation, fertilizer, pesticide, and manure
30.25 applications and support land management
30.26 decisions.

30.27 (l) Unless otherwise specified, the
30.28 appropriations in this section are available
30.29 until June 30, 2030.

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

30.31 (a) \$9,450,000 the first year and \$9,450,000
30.32 the second year are for completing needed
30.33 statewide assessments of surface water quality
30.34 and trends according to Minnesota Statutes,

- 31.1 chapter 114D. Of this amount, \$170,000 the
 31.2 first year and \$170,000 the second year are
 31.3 for grants to the Red River Watershed
 31.4 Management Board to enhance and expand
 31.5 the existing water quality and watershed
 31.6 monitoring river watch activities in schools in
 31.7 the Red River of the North Watershed. By
 31.8 February 15, 2028, the Red River Watershed
 31.9 Management Board must provide a report to
 31.10 the commissioner and the legislative
 31.11 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
 31.12 over environment and natural resources
 31.13 finance and policy and the clean water fund
 31.14 on the expenditure of this appropriation.
- 31.15 (b) \$7,250,000 the first year and \$7,250,000
 31.16 the second year are to support public
 31.17 participation in the watershed approach and
 31.18 to update watershed restoration and protection
 31.19 strategies, which include total maximum daily
 31.20 load (TMDL) and other supporting studies
 31.21 according to Minnesota Statutes, chapter
 31.22 114D, for waters on the impaired waters list
 31.23 approved by the United States Environmental
 31.24 Protection Agency.
- 31.25 (c) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
 31.26 the second year are for groundwater
 31.27 assessment, including enhancing the ambient
 31.28 monitoring network, modeling, and evaluating
 31.29 trends.
- 31.30 (d) \$1,600,000 the first year and \$1,600,000
 31.31 the second year are for national pollutant
 31.32 discharge elimination system wastewater and
 31.33 stormwater TMDL implementation efforts.
- 31.34 (e) \$3,340,000 the first year and \$3,541,000
 31.35 the second year are for enhancing the

32.1 county-level delivery systems for subsurface
 32.2 sewage treatment system (SSTS) activities
 32.3 necessary to implement Minnesota Statutes,
 32.4 sections 115.55 and 115.56, for protecting
 32.5 groundwater. This appropriation includes base
 32.6 grants for all counties with SSTS programs.
 32.7 Counties that receive base grants must report
 32.8 the number of properties with noncompliant
 32.9 systems upgraded through an SSTS
 32.10 replacement, connection to a centralized sewer
 32.11 system, or other means, including property
 32.12 abandonment or buyout. Counties also must
 32.13 report the number of existing SSTS
 32.14 compliance inspections conducted in areas
 32.15 under county jurisdiction. The required reports
 32.16 must be part of the established annual
 32.17 reporting for SSTS programs. Of this amount,
 32.18 at least \$900,000 each year is available to
 32.19 counties for grants to low-income landowners
 32.20 to address systems that pose an imminent
 32.21 threat to public health or safety or fail to
 32.22 protect groundwater. A county receiving a
 32.23 grant under this paragraph must submit a
 32.24 report to the agency listing the projects funded,
 32.25 including an account of the expenditures.
 32.26 (f) \$650,000 the first year and \$650,000 the
 32.27 second year are for activities and grants that
 32.28 reduce chloride pollution.
 32.29 (g) \$461,000 the first year and \$461,000 the
 32.30 second year are to support activities of the
 32.31 Clean Water Council according to Minnesota
 32.32 Statutes, section 114D.30, subdivision 1.
 32.33 (h) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
 32.34 second year are for a grant program for
 32.35 sanitary sewer projects that are included in the

33.1 draft or any updated Voyageurs National Park
33.2 Clean Water Project Comprehensive Plan to
33.3 restore the water quality of waters in
33.4 Voyageurs National Park. Grants must be
33.5 awarded to local government units for projects
33.6 approved by the Voyageurs National Park
33.7 Clean Water Joint Powers Board and must be
33.8 matched by at least 25 percent from sources
33.9 other than the clean water fund.

33.10 (i) Any unencumbered grant balances in the
33.11 first year do not cancel but are available for
33.12 grants in the second year. Notwithstanding
33.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the
33.14 appropriations in this section are available
33.15 until June 30, 2030.

33.16 **Sec. 5. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**
33.17 **RESOURCES**

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

33.18 (a) \$2,825,000 the first year and \$2,825,000
33.19 the second year are for stream flow
33.20 monitoring.

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

33.24 (c) \$550,000 the first year and \$550,000 the
33.25 second year are for assessing mercury and
33.26 other fish contaminants, including PFAS
33.27 compounds, and monitoring to track the status
33.28 of impaired waters over time.

33.29 (d) \$2,250,000 the first year and \$2,500,000
33.30 the second year are for developing targeted,
33.31 science-based watershed restoration and
33.32 protection strategies and for technical
33.33 assistance for local governments.

- 34.1 (e) \$2,350,000 the first year and \$2,350,000
 34.2 the second year are for water-supply planning,
 34.3 aquifer protection, and monitoring activities
 34.4 and analysis.
- 34.5 (f) \$2,100,000 the first year and \$2,250,000
 34.6 the second year are for technical assistance to
 34.7 support local implementation of nonpoint
 34.8 source restoration and protection activities and
 34.9 targeted forest stewardship for water quality.
- 34.10 (g) \$700,000 the first year and \$700,000 the
 34.11 second year are for tool development and
 34.12 evaluation, including maintaining and updating
 34.13 spatial data for watershed boundaries, streams,
 34.14 and water bodies and integrating
 34.15 high-resolution digital elevation data and for
 34.16 assessing the effectiveness of forestry best
 34.17 management practices for water quality.
- 34.18 (h) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
 34.19 second year are for accelerating completion
 34.20 of or updates to county geologic atlases and
 34.21 supplementing water chemistry or chemical
 34.22 movement studies.
- 34.23 (i) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
 34.24 second year are for increasing native
 34.25 freshwater mussel production capacity and
 34.26 restoring and monitoring freshwater mussel
 34.27 restoration efforts.
- 34.28 (j) \$1,400,000 the first year and \$1,500,000
 34.29 the second year are for providing technical
 34.30 and financial assistance for county and local
 34.31 governments to replace failing or ineffective
 34.32 culverts using modern designs that restore
 34.33 floodplain connectivity, biological
 34.34 connectivity, and channel stability. This

35.1 appropriation is available for up to two
35.2 additional years.

35.3 **Sec. 6. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL**
35.4 **RESOURCES**

\$ 64,332,000 \$ 75,004,000

35.5 (a) \$39,962,000 the first year and \$48,138,000
35.6 the second year are for agreements to
35.7 implement state-approved watershed-based
35.8 plans. The agreements may be used to
35.9 implement projects or programs that protect,
35.10 enhance, and restore surface water quality in
35.11 lakes, rivers, and streams; protect groundwater
35.12 from degradation; and protect drinking water
35.13 sources. Activities must be identified in a
35.14 comprehensive watershed plan developed
35.15 under the One Watershed, One Plan program
35.16 and seven-county metropolitan groundwater
35.17 or surface water management frameworks as
35.18 provided for in Minnesota Statutes, chapters
35.19 103B, 103C, 103D, and 114D. Other legacy
35.20 funds may be used to supplement projects
35.21 funded under this paragraph. This
35.22 appropriation may be used for:

35.23 (1) implementing state-approved plans,
35.24 including within the following watershed
35.25 planning areas: Big Fork River, Blue Earth
35.26 River, Bois de Sioux - Mustinka, Buffalo-Red
35.27 River, Cannon River, Cedar - Wapsipinicon,
35.28 Chippewa River, Clearwater River,
35.29 Cottonwood-Middle Minnesota, Crow Wing
35.30 River, Des Moines River, Greater Zumbro
35.31 River, Hawk Creek - Middle Minnesota, Kettle
35.32 and Upper St. Croix, Lac qui Parle-Yellow
35.33 Bank, Lake of the Woods, Lake Superior
35.34 North, Le Sueur River, Leech Lake River,
35.35 Little Fork River, Long Prairie River, Lower

- 36.1 Minnesota River East, Lower Minnesota River
- 36.2 West, Lower St. Croix River,
- 36.3 Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers, Minnesota
- 36.4 River-Mankato, Mississippi River Brainerd,
- 36.5 Mississippi River Headwaters, Mississippi
- 36.6 River St. Cloud, Mississippi River-Sartell,
- 36.7 Mississippi River Winona/La Crescent,
- 36.8 Missouri River Basin, Nemadji River, North
- 36.9 Fork Crow River, Otter Tail, Pine River,
- 36.10 Pomme de Terre River, Rainy-Rapid River,
- 36.11 Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion, Rainy
- 36.12 River-Rainy Lake, Red Lake River, Redeye
- 36.13 River, Redwood River, Root River, Roseau
- 36.14 River, Rum River, Sand Hill River, Sauk
- 36.15 River, Shell Rock and Winnebago River,
- 36.16 Snake River, South Fork of the Crow River,
- 36.17 St. Louis River, Thief River, Two Rivers Plus,
- 36.18 Upper and Lower Red Lake, Upper Minnesota
- 36.19 River, Upper Mississippi - Grand Rapids,
- 36.20 Watonwan River, Wild Rice - Marsh, and
- 36.21 Yellow Medicine River;
- 36.22 (2) implementing seven-county metropolitan
- 36.23 groundwater or surface water management
- 36.24 frameworks; and
- 36.25 (3) implementing other comprehensive
- 36.26 watershed management plan planning areas
- 36.27 that have a board-approved and
- 36.28 local-government-adopted plan as authorized
- 36.29 in Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.801.
- 36.30 The board must establish eligibility criteria
- 36.31 and determine whether a planning area is ready
- 36.32 to proceed.
- 36.33 (b) \$2,935,000 the first year and \$3,065,000
- 36.34 the second year are for agreements with local
- 36.35 government units to protect and restore surface

37.1 water and drinking water; to keep water on
 37.2 the land; to protect, enhance, and restore water
 37.3 quality in lakes, rivers, and streams; and to
 37.4 protect groundwater and drinking water,
 37.5 including feedlot water quality and subsurface
 37.6 sewage treatment system projects and stream
 37.7 bank, stream channel, shoreline restoration,
 37.8 and ravine stabilization projects. The projects
 37.9 must use practices demonstrated to be
 37.10 effective, be of long-lasting public benefit,
 37.11 include a match, and be consistent with total
 37.12 maximum daily load (TMDL) implementation
 37.13 plans, watershed restoration and protection
 37.14 strategies (WRAPS), groundwater restoration
 37.15 and protection strategies (GRAPS), or local
 37.16 water management plans or their equivalents.
 37.17 Up to 50 percent of this appropriation is
 37.18 available for land-treatment projects and
 37.19 practices that benefit drinking water.
 37.20 (c) \$4,350,000 the first year and \$4,350,000
 37.21 the second year are for accelerated
 37.22 implementation, local resource protection,
 37.23 statewide analytical targeting or technology
 37.24 tools that fill an identified gap, program
 37.25 enhancements for technical assistance, citizen
 37.26 and community outreach, compliance, and
 37.27 training and certification.
 37.28 (d) \$1,250,000 the first year and \$1,250,000
 37.29 the second year are:
 37.30 (1) to provide state oversight and
 37.31 accountability, evaluate and communicate
 37.32 results, provide implementation tools, and
 37.33 measure the value of conservation program
 37.34 implementation by local governments; and

- 38.1 (2) to submit to the legislature by December
 38.2 15 each even-numbered year a biennial report
 38.3 detailing the recipients and projects funded
 38.4 and the results accomplished under this
 38.5 section.
- 38.6 (e) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
 38.7 the second year are to provide assistance,
 38.8 oversight, and support for local governments
 38.9 in implementing and complying with riparian
 38.10 protection and excessive soil loss
 38.11 requirements.
- 38.12 (f) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
 38.13 the second year are for a working lands
 38.14 floodplain program and to purchase, restore,
 38.15 or preserve riparian land and floodplains
 38.16 adjacent to lakes, wetlands, rivers, streams,
 38.17 and tributaries, by conservation easements or
 38.18 other agreements to keep water on the land,
 38.19 to decrease sediment, pollutant, and nutrient
 38.20 transport; reduce hydrologic impacts to surface
 38.21 waters; and increase protection and recharge
 38.22 for groundwater. Up to \$60,000 is for deposit
 38.23 in a conservation easement stewardship
 38.24 account established according to Minnesota
 38.25 Statutes, section 103B.103.
- 38.26 (g) \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000
 38.27 the second year are for conservation easements
 38.28 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.501
 38.29 to 103F.535, or for agreements with local units
 38.30 of government or Tribal governments for
 38.31 long-term protection of groundwater supply
 38.32 sources. Priority must be placed on drinking
 38.33 water supply management areas where the
 38.34 vulnerability of the drinking water supply is
 38.35 designated as high or very high by the

39.1 commissioner of health, that are mitigation
 39.2 level 1 or 2 under the groundwater protection
 39.3 rule, where drinking water protection plans
 39.4 developed by Tribal governments have
 39.5 identified high vulnerability, or where drinking
 39.6 water protection plans have identified specific
 39.7 activities that will achieve long-term
 39.8 protection. Up to \$200,000 is for deposit in a
 39.9 conservation easement stewardship account
 39.10 established according to Minnesota Statutes,
 39.11 section 103B.103.

39.12 (h) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
 39.13 second year are for a technical evaluation
 39.14 panel to conduct restoration evaluations under
 39.15 Minnesota Statutes, section 114D.50,
 39.16 subdivision 6.

39.17 (i) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
 39.18 second year are for assistance to, oversight of,
 39.19 and agreements with local governments to
 39.20 enhance and update comprehensive watershed
 39.21 management plans developed under Minnesota
 39.22 Statutes, section 103B.801.

39.23 (j) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
 39.24 the second year are for technical and financial
 39.25 assistance for the conservation drainage
 39.26 program, in consultation with the Drainage
 39.27 Work Group, coordinated under Minnesota
 39.28 Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision 13,
 39.29 and including projects to improve
 39.30 multipurpose water management under
 39.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 103E.015.

39.32 (k) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
 39.33 second year are to purchase permanent
 39.34 conservation easements to protect lands
 39.35 adjacent to public waters that have good water

40.1 quality but that are threatened with
 40.2 degradation. Up to \$60,000 is for deposit in a
 40.3 conservation easement stewardship account
 40.4 established according to Minnesota Statutes,
 40.5 section 103B.103.

40.6 (l) \$425,000 the first year and \$425,000 the
 40.7 second year are to systematically collect data
 40.8 and produce county, watershed, and statewide
 40.9 estimates of soil erosion caused by water and
 40.10 wind, and track adoption of conservation
 40.11 measures, including cover crops, to address
 40.12 erosion. This appropriation may be used for
 40.13 agreements with the University of Minnesota
 40.14 to complete this work.

40.15 (m) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
 40.16 second year are for implementing a water
 40.17 legacy program to expand partnerships for
 40.18 clean water.

40.19 (n) \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000
 40.20 the second year are for permanent
 40.21 conservation easements to protect and restore
 40.22 wetlands and associated uplands. Up to
 40.23 \$100,000 is for deposit in a conservation
 40.24 easement stewardship account established
 40.25 according to Minnesota Statutes, section
 40.26 103B.103.

40.27 (o) \$3,560,000 the first year and \$5,926,000
 40.28 the second year are for financial and technical
 40.29 assistance to enhance adoption of cover crops
 40.30 and other soil health practices to achieve water
 40.31 quality or drinking water benefits. The board
 40.32 may use agreements with local governments,
 40.33 the United States Department of Agriculture,
 40.34 AgCentric at Minnesota State Center for
 40.35 Excellence, and other practitioners and

41.1 partners to accomplish this work. Up to
 41.2 \$450,000 is for an agreement with the
 41.3 University of Minnesota Office for Soil Health
 41.4 for applied research and education on
 41.5 Minnesota's agroecosystems and soil health
 41.6 management systems. This appropriation may
 41.7 be extended to leverage available federal
 41.8 funds.

41.9 (p) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
 41.10 second year are to contract for delivery of
 41.11 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota
 41.12 and Iowa for restoration, maintenance,
 41.13 training, and other activities consistent with
 41.14 this section.

41.15 (q) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
 41.16 second year are to provide support to soil and
 41.17 water conservation districts and other local
 41.18 governments and partner organizations in the
 41.19 Lake Superior basin to leverage Great Lakes
 41.20 Restoration Initiative or other federal funding
 41.21 to implement prioritized activities.

41.22 (r) The board may shift funds in this section
 41.23 and may adjust the technical and
 41.24 administrative assistance portion of the funds
 41.25 to leverage federal or other nonstate funds, to
 41.26 facilitate oversight responsibilities, or to
 41.27 address high-priority activities identified by
 41.28 the board consistent with local water
 41.29 management plans.

41.30 (s) The board must require grantees to specify
 41.31 the outcomes that will be achieved by the
 41.32 grants.

41.33 (t) The appropriations in this section are
 41.34 available until June 30, 2030, except grant or

42.1 easement funds are available for five years
42.2 after the date a grant or other agreement is
42.3 executed. Returned funds must be repurposed
42.4 consistent with the purposes of this section.

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

42.6 (a) \$5,925,000 the first year and \$5,925,000
42.7 the second year are to develop health risk
42.8 limits and other health-based guidance and
42.9 conduct outreach activities for contaminants
42.10 found or anticipated to be found in Minnesota
42.11 drinking water; to accredit private laboratories
42.12 to conduct analyses for these contaminants;
42.13 and to increase the capacity of the
42.14 department's laboratory to analyze for these
42.15 contaminants.

42.16 (b) \$2,300,000 the first year and \$3,700,000
42.17 the second year are for ensuring safe drinking
42.18 water for private well users in southeast
42.19 Minnesota and statewide by designing and
42.20 implementing voluntary interventions to
42.21 reduce health risks to private well users,
42.22 including identifying private well locations,
42.23 studying the occurrence and magnitude of
42.24 contaminants in private wells, developing
42.25 guidance and conducting outreach and
42.26 education about well testing and mitigation,
42.27 awarding grants to local governments, and
42.28 offering well testing.

42.29 (c) \$3,770,000 the first year and \$3,920,000
42.30 the second year are for protecting sources of
42.31 drinking water, including planning,
42.32 implementation, and monitoring activities and
42.33 grants to local governments and public water
42.34 systems.

43.1 (d) \$1,750,000 the first year and \$1,750,000
 43.2 the second year are to develop and deliver
 43.3 groundwater restoration and protection
 43.4 strategies on a watershed scale for use in local
 43.5 comprehensive water planning efforts, to
 43.6 provide resources to local governments for
 43.7 activities that sustain groundwater and protect
 43.8 sources of drinking water, and to enhance
 43.9 approaches that improve the capacity of local
 43.10 governmental units to protect and restore
 43.11 groundwater resources.

43.12 (e) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
 43.13 second year are to develop public health
 43.14 policies and approaches to address threats to
 43.15 safe drinking water, including implementation
 43.16 of a statewide action plan for protecting
 43.17 drinking water.

43.18 (f) \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
 43.19 second year are for optimizing the statewide
 43.20 recreational water portal that includes an
 43.21 inventory of public beaches and information
 43.22 about local monitoring results and closures
 43.23 and that provides information about preventing
 43.24 illness and recreational water stewardship.

43.25 (g) Unless otherwise specified, the
 43.26 appropriations in this section are available
 43.27 until June 30, 2029.

43.28 Sec. 8. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL \$ 2,025,000 \$ 2,125,000

43.29 (a) \$1,375,000 the first year and \$1,375,000
 43.30 the second year are to support communities
 43.31 implementing projects that address emerging
 43.32 drinking water supply threats and overall water
 43.33 sustainability, provide cost-effective regional
 43.34 solutions, leverage interjurisdictional

44.1 coordination, support local implementation of
 44.2 wellhead protection plans, and prevent
 44.3 degradation of groundwater and surface water
 44.4 resources. These activities will provide
 44.5 communities with:
 44.6 (1) potential solutions to better connect land
 44.7 use impacts on water supply and overall water
 44.8 sustainability;
 44.9 (2) ways to balance regional water use by
 44.10 using surface water, stormwater, wastewater,
 44.11 and groundwater;
 44.12 (3) an analysis of infrastructure requirements
 44.13 needed to maintain and strengthen the
 44.14 reliability of water systems;
 44.15 (4) development of planning-level cost
 44.16 estimates, including capital costs and operating
 44.17 costs;
 44.18 (5) funding mechanisms and an equitable
 44.19 cost-sharing structure for regionally beneficial
 44.20 water supply development projects;
 44.21 (6) information and tools to use to address
 44.22 climate change impacts on overall water
 44.23 supply systems and overall water
 44.24 sustainability; and
 44.25 (7) ways to reduce impacts on the groundwater
 44.26 system through stormwater reuse grants to
 44.27 assist communities in reducing water use.
 44.28 (b) \$650,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
 44.29 second year are for grants that implement
 44.30 water demand reduction measures. The grants
 44.31 are to assist municipalities in the metropolitan
 44.32 area with implementing water demand

45.1 reduction measures to ensure the reliability
45.2 and protection of drinking water supplies.

45.3 Sec. 9. **UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA** \$ 1,000,000 \$ 1,400,000

45.4 (a) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the
45.5 second year are for developing Part A of
45.6 county geologic atlases. This appropriation is
45.7 available until June 30, 2030.

45.8 (b) \$600,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the
45.9 second year are for a program to evaluate
45.10 performance and technology transfer for
45.11 stormwater best management practices, to
45.12 evaluate best management performance and
45.13 effectiveness to support meeting total
45.14 maximum daily loads, to develop standards
45.15 and incorporate state-of-the-art guidance using
45.16 minimal impact design standards as the model,
45.17 and to implement a system to transfer
45.18 knowledge and technology across the local
45.19 government, industry, and regulatory sectors.
45.20 This appropriation is available until June 30,
45.21 2032.

45.22 Sec. 10. **LEGISLATURE** \$ 7,000 \$ -0-

45.23 \$7,000 the first year is for the Legislative
45.24 Coordinating Commission for the website
45.25 required under Minnesota Statutes, section
45.26 3.303, subdivision 10.

45.27 Sec. 11. **PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY** \$ 8,240,000 \$ 8,300,000

45.28 (a) \$8,190,000 the first year and \$8,250,000
45.29 the second year are for the point source
45.30 implementation grants program under
45.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.073. This
45.32 appropriation is available until June 30, 2032.

45.33 (b) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
45.34 second year are for small community

46.1 wastewater treatment grants and loans under
46.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.075. This
46.3 appropriation is available until June 30, 2032.

46.4 (c) If there is any uncommitted money at the
46.5 end of each fiscal year under paragraph (a) or
46.6 (b), the Public Facilities Authority may
46.7 transfer the remaining funds to eligible
46.8 projects under any of the programs listed in
46.9 this section according to a project's priority
46.10 rank on the Pollution Control Agency's project
46.11 priority list.

46.12 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 114D.50, is amended by adding a subdivision
46.13 to read:

46.14 Subd. 8. **Restoration and enhancement requirements.** If an appropriation from the
46.15 clean water fund will result in or contribute to restoration or enhancement habitat work on
46.16 land, it is a condition of acceptance of the money that the recipient of the appropriation
46.17 agree that the recipient will notify all adjacent property owners by certified mail of the work
46.18 to be performed and will seek approval from adjacent property owners if access to adjacent
46.19 land is required to perform work. The notice must include the name, phone number, and
46.20 email of the project manager or local contact so that adjacent property owners can contact
46.21 the person with questions about the project.

46.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025, and applies to appropriations
46.23 from the clean water fund on or after that date.

46.24 Sec. 13. **ASH RIVER SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT**
46.25 **SYSTEM APPROPRIATION EXTENSION.**

46.26 The portion of the appropriation in Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 2, article
46.27 2, section 5, paragraph (h), as amended by Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1,
46.28 article 2, section 18, for the Ash River Sanitary Sewer Collection and Treatment System is
46.29 available until June 30, 2026.

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

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ARTICLE 3

PARKS AND TRAILS FUND

Section 1. PARKS AND TRAILS 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 parks and
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.

APPROPRIATIONS
Available for the Year
Ending June 30
20262027

Sec. 2. PARKS AND TRAILS FUND

Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation

\$61,435,000\$68,733,000

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

48.1 appropriation is extended to equal the
48.2 availability of federal funding.

48.3 **Subd. 3. Disability Access**

48.4 Where appropriate, grant recipients of parks
48.5 and trails funds, in consultation with the
48.6 Council on Disability and other appropriate
48.7 governor-appointed disability councils, boards,
48.8 committees, and commissions, should make
48.9 progress toward providing people with
48.10 disabilities greater access to programs, print
48.11 publications, and digital media related to the
48.12 programs the recipient funds using
48.13 appropriations made in this article.

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

48.15 Grant recipients of parks and trails funds
48.16 should prioritize water and energy
48.17 conservation technology and the use of
48.18 renewable energy for construction and
48.19 building projects funded with an appropriation
48.20 made in this article.

48.21 **Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**

48.22 **RESOURCES**

\$37,095,000\$41,511,000

48.23 (a) \$24,295,000 the first year and \$27,222,000
48.24 the second year are for state parks, recreation
48.25 areas, and trails to:

- 48.26 (1) connect people to the outdoors;
48.27 (2) acquire land and create opportunities;
48.28 (3) maintain existing holdings; and
48.29 (4) improve cooperation by coordinating with
48.30 partners to implement the 25-year long-range
48.31 parks and trails legacy plan.

48.32 (b) The commissioner may spend money
48.33 appropriated under paragraph (a) on I Can!

49.1 programs, including but not limited to
 49.2 programs designed to provide underserved
 49.3 youth and youth who identify as lesbian, gay,
 49.4 bisexual, transgender, and queer the
 49.5 opportunity to experience the outdoors with
 49.6 similar peers.

49.7 (c) \$12,148,000 the first year and \$13,610,000
 49.8 the second year are for grants for parks and
 49.9 trails of regional significance outside the
 49.10 seven-county metropolitan area under
 49.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.535. The grants
 49.12 awarded under this paragraph must be based
 49.13 on the lists of recommended projects
 49.14 submitted to the legislative committees under
 49.15 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536,
 49.16 subdivision 10, from the Greater Minnesota
 49.17 Regional Parks and Trails Commission
 49.18 established under Minnesota Statutes, section
 49.19 85.536. Grants funded under this paragraph
 49.20 must support parks and trails of regional or
 49.21 statewide significance that meet the applicable
 49.22 definitions and criteria for regional parks and
 49.23 trails contained in the Greater Minnesota
 49.24 Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan
 49.25 adopted by the Greater Minnesota Regional
 49.26 Parks and Trails Commission on April 22,
 49.27 2015. Grant recipients identified under this
 49.28 paragraph must submit a grant application to
 49.29 the commissioner of natural resources. Of the
 49.30 amount appropriated, up to \$140,000 each
 49.31 year may be used by the commissioner for the
 49.32 actual cost of issuing and monitoring the
 49.33 grants for the commission. Of the amount
 49.34 appropriated, \$500,000 the first year and
 49.35 \$500,000 the second year are for the Greater
 49.36 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails

- 50.1 Commission to carry out its duties under
- 50.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536, including
- 50.3 the continued development of a statewide
- 50.4 system plan for regional parks and trails
- 50.5 outside the seven-county metropolitan area.
- 50.6 (d) By January 15, 2026, the Greater
- 50.7 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
- 50.8 Commission must submit a list of projects that
- 50.9 contains the commission's recommendations
- 50.10 for funding from the parks and trails fund for
- 50.11 fiscal year 2027 to the chairs and ranking
- 50.12 minority members of the legislative
- 50.13 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
- 50.14 over environment and natural resources and
- 50.15 the parks and trails fund.
- 50.16 (e) By January 15, 2026, the Greater
- 50.17 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
- 50.18 Commission must submit a report that contains
- 50.19 the commission's criteria for funding from the
- 50.20 parks and trails fund, including the criteria
- 50.21 used to determine if a park or trail is of
- 50.22 regional significance, to the chairs and ranking
- 50.23 minority members of the legislative
- 50.24 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
- 50.25 over environment and natural resources and
- 50.26 the parks and trails fund.
- 50.27 (f) \$652,000 the first year and \$679,000 the
- 50.28 second year are for coordination and projects
- 50.29 between the department, the Metropolitan
- 50.30 Council, and the Greater Minnesota Regional
- 50.31 Parks and Trails Commission; enhanced
- 50.32 web-based information for park and trail users;
- 50.33 and support of activities of the Parks and
- 50.34 Trails Legacy Advisory Committee.

51.1 (g) The commissioner must contract for
51.2 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota
51.3 and Iowa for restoration, maintenance, and
51.4 other activities under this section for at least
51.5 \$850,000 the first year and \$850,000 the
51.6 second year.

51.7 (h) Grant recipients of an appropriation under
51.8 this section must give consideration to
51.9 contracting with Conservation Corps
51.10 Minnesota and Iowa for restoration,
51.11 maintenance, and other activities.

51.12 (i) In addition to the requirements under
51.13 paragraph (g), the commissioner should work
51.14 to provide other opportunities that encourage
51.15 a diversity of students to pursue careers in
51.16 environment and natural resources when
51.17 implementing appropriations in this section.

51.18 Sec. 4. **METROPOLITAN COUNCIL** **\$** **24,295,000** **\$** **27,222,000**

51.19 (a) \$24,295,000 the first year and \$27,222,000
51.20 the second year are for distribution according
51.21 to Minnesota Statutes, section 85.53,
51.22 subdivision 3.

51.23 (b) Money appropriated under this section and
51.24 distributed to implementing agencies must be
51.25 used only to fund the list of projects approved
51.26 by the elected representatives of each of the
51.27 metropolitan parks implementing agencies.
51.28 Projects funded by the money appropriated
51.29 under this section must be substantially
51.30 consistent with the project descriptions and
51.31 dollar amounts approved by each elected body.
51.32 Any money remaining after completing the
51.33 listed projects may be spent by the

52.1 implementing agencies on projects to support
52.2 parks and trails.

52.3 (c) Grant agreements entered into by the
52.4 Metropolitan Council and recipients of money
52.5 appropriated under this section must ensure
52.6 that the money is used to supplement and not
52.7 substitute for traditional sources of funding.

52.8 (d) The implementing agencies receiving
52.9 appropriations under this section must give
52.10 consideration to contracting with Conservation
52.11 Corps Minnesota for restoration, maintenance,
52.12 and other activities.

52.13 **Sec. 5. LEGISLATIVE** **\$** **4,000** **\$** **-0-**

52.14 \$4,000 the first year is for the Legislative
52.15 Coordinating Commission for the website
52.16 required under Minnesota Statutes, section
52.17 3.303, subdivision 10.

52.18 **Sec. 6. ADDITIONAL FISCAL YEAR 2026**
52.19 **APPROPRIATION FOR GREATER**
52.20 **MINNESOTA PARKS AND TRAILS.**

52.21 \$41,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated
52.22 from the parks and trails fund to the
52.23 commissioner of natural resources for grants
52.24 for parks and trails of regional significance
52.25 outside the seven-county metropolitan area.
52.26 This appropriation is available June 30, 2028.

52.27 **Sec. 7. PARKS AND TRAILS FUND**
52.28 **APPROPRIATION EXTENSIONS.**

52.29 The availability of the grant to Goodhue
52.30 County for the Cannon Valley Trail project
52.31 from the parks and trails fund fiscal year 2023
52.32 appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special
52.33 Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3,
52.34 paragraph (b), is extended to June 30, 2027.

53.1 The availability of the grant to Stearns County
53.2 for the Beaver Island Trail project from the
53.3 parks and trails fund fiscal year 2023
53.4 appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special
53.5 Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3,
53.6 paragraph (b), is extended to June 30, 2027.

53.7 The availability of the grant to the city of
53.8 Winona for the Bluffs Traverse Trail project
53.9 from the parks and trails fund fiscal year 2023
53.10 appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special
53.11 Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3,
53.12 paragraph (b), is extended to June 30, 2027.

53.13 The availability of the grant to the city of
53.14 Austin for the Jay C. Hormel Nature Center
53.15 project from the parks and trails fund fiscal
53.16 year 2024 appropriation under Laws 2023,
53.17 chapter 40, article 3, section 3, paragraph (c),
53.18 is extended to June 30, 2027.

53.19 The availability of the grant to the city of
53.20 Duluth for the Spirit Mountain Recreation
53.21 Area project from the parks and trails fund
53.22 fiscal year 2023 appropriation under Laws
53.23 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article
53.24 3, section 3, paragraph (b), is extended to June
53.25 30, 2027.

53.26 The availability of the grant to the city of
53.27 Duluth for the Waabizheshikana/Marten Trail
53.28 project from the parks and trails fund fiscal
53.29 year 2024 appropriation under Laws 2023,
53.30 chapter 40, article 3, section 3, paragraph (c),
53.31 is extended to June 30, 2027.

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

53.33 Sec. 8. **CANCELLATIONS.**

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

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

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

ARTICLE 4

ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND

Section 1. ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND APPROPRIATIONS.

The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the entities and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the arts and cultural heritage fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for allowable activities under the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15, except that any unencumbered balance remaining under this article from the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year. 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, and 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. All appropriations in this article are onetime.

APPROPRIATIONS

Available for the Year

Ending June 30

2026 **2027**

Sec. 2. ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

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

55.4 **Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation**

55.5 Money appropriated in this article must not
55.6 be spent on activities unless they are directly
55.7 related to and necessary for a specific
55.8 appropriation. Money appropriated in this
55.9 article must not be spent on institutional
55.10 overhead charges that are not directly related
55.11 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.

55.12 Money appropriated in this article must be
55.13 spent in accordance with Minnesota
55.14 Management and Budget MMB Guidance to
55.15 Agencies on Legacy Fund Expenditure.
55.16 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
55.17 16A.28, and unless otherwise specified in this
55.18 article, fiscal year 2026 appropriations are
55.19 available until June 30, 2027, and fiscal year
55.20 2027 appropriations are available until June
55.21 30, 2028. Water and energy conservation
55.22 technology and the use of renewable energy
55.23 should be priorities for construction and
55.24 building projects funded through this
55.25 appropriation. If a project receives federal
55.26 funds, the period of the appropriation is
55.27 extended to equal the availability of federal
55.28 funding.

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

55.30	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>40,088,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>44,470,000</u>
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55.31 The amounts that may be spent for each
55.32 purpose are specified in the following
55.33 subdivisions.

55.34 **Subd. 2. Grant Agreements**

56.1 The amounts in this section are appropriated
 56.2 to the Minnesota State Arts Board for arts, arts
 56.3 education, arts preservation, and arts access.
 56.4 Grant agreements entered into by the
 56.5 Minnesota State Arts Board and other
 56.6 recipients of appropriations in this section
 56.7 must ensure that the money is used to
 56.8 supplement and not substitute for traditional
 56.9 sources of funding. Each grant program
 56.10 established in this appropriation must be
 56.11 separately administered from other state
 56.12 appropriations for program planning and
 56.13 outcome measurements, but may take into
 56.14 consideration other state resources awarded
 56.15 in the selection of applicants and grant award
 56.16 size.

56.17	<u>Subd. 3. Arts and Arts Access Initiatives</u>	<u>32,071,000</u>	<u>35,576,000</u>
56.18	<u>\$32,071,000 the first year and \$35,576,000</u>		
56.19	<u>the second year are to support Minnesota</u>		
56.20	<u>artists and arts organizations in creating,</u>		
56.21	<u>producing, and presenting high-quality arts</u>		
56.22	<u>activities; to preserve, maintain, and interpret</u>		
56.23	<u>art forms and works of art so that they are</u>		
56.24	<u>accessible to Minnesota audiences; to</u>		
56.25	<u>overcome barriers to accessing high-quality</u>		
56.26	<u>arts activities; and to instill the arts into the</u>		
56.27	<u>community and public life in this state. Grants</u>		
56.28	<u>provided under this subdivision must prioritize</u>		
56.29	<u>artists and arts organizations that plan to</u>		
56.30	<u>present art from communities that have been</u>		
56.31	<u>historically underrepresented in the arts or that</u>		
56.32	<u>improve access to the programs and projects</u>		
56.33	<u>for groups, including youth and historically</u>		
56.34	<u>underserved communities, that have struggled</u>		
56.35	<u>to access arts programming in the past.</u>		

57.1	<u>Subd. 4. Arts Education</u>	<u>6,013,000</u>	<u>6,670,000</u>
57.2	<u>\$6,013,000 the first year and \$6,670,000 the</u>		
57.3	<u>second year are for high-quality,</u>		
57.4	<u>age-appropriate arts education for Minnesotans</u>		
57.5	<u>of all ages to develop knowledge, skills, and</u>		
57.6	<u>understanding of the arts. Priority in the award</u>		
57.7	<u>of grants under this subdivision must be given</u>		
57.8	<u>to providing educational opportunities to</u>		
57.9	<u>underserved communities with grants for</u>		
57.10	<u>organizations or entities providing</u>		
57.11	<u>opportunities to K-12 students throughout the</u>		
57.12	<u>state for arts education, including access to</u>		
57.13	<u>arts instruction, arts programming, museums,</u>		
57.14	<u>and arts presentations.</u>		
57.15	<u>Subd. 5. Arts and Cultural Heritage</u>	<u>2,004,000</u>	<u>2,224,000</u>
57.16	<u>\$2,004,000 the first year and \$2,224,000 the</u>		
57.17	<u>second year are for events and activities that</u>		
57.18	<u>represent, preserve, and maintain the diverse</u>		
57.19	<u>cultural arts traditions, including folk and</u>		
57.20	<u>traditional artists and art organizations,</u>		
57.21	<u>represented in this state.</u>		
57.22	<u>Subd. 6. Administrative Costs</u>		
57.23	<u>Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
57.24	<u>16B.98, subdivision 14, up to five percent of</u>		
57.25	<u>the totals in subdivisions 3 to 5 each year is</u>		
57.26	<u>for administering grant programs, delivering</u>		
57.27	<u>technical services, providing fiscal oversight</u>		
57.28	<u>for the statewide system, and ensuring</u>		
57.29	<u>accountability in fiscal years 2026 and 2027.</u>		
57.30	<u>Subd. 7. Regional Arts Councils</u>		
57.31	<u>Thirty percent of the remaining total</u>		
57.32	<u>appropriation to each of the categories listed</u>		
57.33	<u>in subdivisions 3 to 5 is for grants to the</u>		
57.34	<u>regional arts councils. Notwithstanding any</u>		

58.1 other provision of law, regional arts council
58.2 grants or other arts council grants for touring
58.3 programs, projects, or exhibits must ensure
58.4 the programs, projects, or exhibits are able to
58.5 tour in their own region as well as all other
58.6 regions of the state.

58.7 **Sec. 4. MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

58.8 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** **\$** **14,409,000** **\$** **20,000,000**

58.9 The amounts that may be spent for each
58.10 purpose are specified in the following
58.11 subdivisions.

58.12 **Subd. 2. Grant Agreements**

58.13 (a) The amounts in this section are
58.14 appropriated to the governing board of the
58.15 Minnesota Historical Society to preserve and
58.16 enhance access to Minnesota's history and its
58.17 cultural and historical resources. Grant
58.18 agreements entered into by the Minnesota
58.19 Historical Society and other recipients of
58.20 appropriations in this section must ensure that
58.21 the money is used to supplement and not
58.22 substitute for traditional sources of funding.
58.23 Money directly appropriated to the Minnesota
58.24 Historical Society must be used to supplement
58.25 and not substitute for traditional sources of
58.26 funding. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
58.27 section 16A.28, for historic preservation
58.28 projects that improve historic structures, the
58.29 amounts are available until June 30, 2029. The
58.30 Minnesota Historical Society or grant
58.31 recipients of the Minnesota Historical Society
58.32 using money from the arts and cultural
58.33 heritage fund under this section must give
58.34 consideration to Conservation Corps
58.35 Minnesota and Iowa and Northern Bedrock

59.1 Historic Preservation Corps, or an organization
59.2 carrying out similar work, for projects with
59.3 the potential to need historic preservation
59.4 services.

59.5 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
59.6 section 16B.98, subdivision 14, up to five
59.7 percent of the totals in subdivisions 3 and 4
59.8 each year is for administering grants and grant
59.9 programs, delivering technical services,
59.10 providing fiscal oversight, and ensuring
59.11 accountability in fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

59.12	<u>Subd. 3. Historical Grants and Programs</u>	<u>14,284,000</u>	<u>19,875,000</u>
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59.13 (a) **Statewide Historic and Cultural Grants**
59.14 \$4,822,000 the first year and \$7,640,000 the
59.15 second year are for statewide historic and
59.16 cultural grants to local, county, regional, or
59.17 other historical or cultural organizations or for
59.18 activities to preserve significant historic and
59.19 cultural resources. Money must be distributed
59.20 through a competitive grant process. The
59.21 Minnesota Historical Society must administer
59.22 the money using established grant mechanisms
59.23 with assistance from the advisory committee
59.24 created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article
59.25 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), item
59.26 (ii).

59.27 (b) **Statewide History Programs**
59.28 \$4,940,000 the first year and \$7,640,000 the
59.29 second year are for historic and cultural
59.30 programs and purposes related to the heritage
59.31 of the state.

59.32 (c) **History Partnerships**
59.33 \$1,812,000 the first year and \$2,935,000 the
59.34 second year are for history partnerships

60.1 involving multiple organizations, which may
60.2 include the Minnesota Historical Society, to
60.3 preserve and enhance access to Minnesota's
60.4 history and cultural heritage in all regions of
60.5 the state.

60.6 **(d) Statewide Survey of Historical and**
60.7 **Archaeological Sites**

60.8 \$330,000 the first year and \$330,000 the
60.9 second year are for one or more contracts to
60.10 be competitively awarded to conduct statewide
60.11 surveys or investigations of Minnesota's sites
60.12 of historical, archeological, and cultural
60.13 significance. Results of the surveys or
60.14 investigations must be published in a
60.15 searchable form and available to the public
60.16 cost free. The Minnesota Historical Society,
60.17 the Office of the State Archeologist, the Indian
60.18 Affairs Council, and the State Historic
60.19 Preservation Office must each appoint a
60.20 representative to an oversight board to select
60.21 contractors and direct the conduct of the
60.22 surveys or investigations. The oversight board
60.23 must consult with the Departments of
60.24 Transportation and Natural Resources.

60.25 **(e) Digital Library**

60.26 \$330,000 the first year and \$330,000 the
60.27 second year are for a digital library project to
60.28 preserve, digitize, and share Minnesota
60.29 images, documents, and historical materials.
60.30 The Minnesota Historical Society must
60.31 cooperate with the Minitex interlibrary loan
60.32 system and must jointly share this
60.33 appropriation for these purposes.

60.34 **(f) 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of**
60.35 **Independence**

61.1 \$200,000 the first year is for Minnesota's
61.2 commemoration of the 250th anniversary of
61.3 the Declaration of Independence. The
61.4 Minnesota Historical Society, the Minnesota
61.5 America 250 Committee, and the Minnesota
61.6 Humanities Center must work collaboratively
61.7 to create public programs and activities and
61.8 to support local efforts to commemorate this
61.9 anniversary. A portion of this money may be
61.10 used to support the work of the Minnesota
61.11 America 250 Committee.

61.12 **(g) Memorials and Statues**

61.13 \$950,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the
61.14 second year are for grants to community-based
61.15 organizations and local units of government
61.16 for statues and memorials commemorating the
61.17 historical significance and cultural
61.18 contributions of Minnesotans. The governing
61.19 board of the Minnesota Historical Society
61.20 must give priority consideration for funding
61.21 under this paragraph to the city of St. Paul to
61.22 design and construct a mural and statue
61.23 honoring Tou Ger Xiong at Lake Phalen's Tou
61.24 Ger Xiong Island in St. Paul; the city of
61.25 Marshall to replace the historic bandshell at
61.26 Liberty Park; the Dakota County Historical
61.27 Society to design and build the Heroes and
61.28 Heritage Interpretive Trail Loop along existing
61.29 paved trails in South St. Paul, West St. Paul,
61.30 and Inver Grove Heights; and the Forest Lake
61.31 Veterans Memorial Committee to construct a
61.32 memorial to veterans of the United States
61.33 armed forces at Lakeside Memorial Park in
61.34 the city of Forest Lake.

61.35 **(h) 50 Years of Southeast Asians in Minnesota**

62.1 \$900,000 the first year is for competitive
 62.2 grants to eligible community organizations to
 62.3 commemorate 50 years of Southeast Asians
 62.4 in Minnesota. This funding is in addition to
 62.5 and for the same purposes as the grant
 62.6 program appropriated in Laws 2024, chapter
 62.7 106, article 4, section 2, subdivision 6,
 62.8 paragraph (b), clause (2). Priority shall be
 62.9 given to applicants who did not receive a grant
 62.10 under the program administered under Laws
 62.11 2024, chapter 106, article 4, section 2,
 62.12 subdivision 6, paragraph (b), clause (2). Any
 62.13 funds remaining may be used for the
 62.14 competitive grants program in paragraph (a).

62.15 Subd. 4. **Grants**

125,000

125,000

62.16 \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
 62.17 second year are for a grant to Special Guerrilla
 62.18 Units Veterans and Families of USA, Inc. to
 62.19 collect, document, archive, and preserve the
 62.20 oral histories of Hmong veterans of the United
 62.21 States-sponsored Secret War in Laos and to
 62.22 create programming and educational resources
 62.23 to teach the public and future generations
 62.24 about the history, legacy, and cultural heritage
 62.25 of the Hmong in Minnesota.

62.26 Sec. 5. **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

\$

1,923,000 \$

2,923,000

62.27 \$1,923,000 the first year and \$2,923,000 the
 62.28 second year are appropriated to the
 62.29 commissioner of education for grants to the
 62.30 12 Minnesota regional library systems to
 62.31 provide educational opportunities in the arts,
 62.32 history, literary arts, and cultural heritage of
 62.33 Minnesota. When possible, funding under this
 62.34 section should be used to promote and share
 62.35 the work of Minnesota authors, including

63.1 authors from diverse backgrounds. This money
63.2 must be allocated using the formulas in
63.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 134.355,
63.4 subdivisions 3 to 5, with the remaining 25
63.5 percent to be distributed to all qualifying
63.6 systems in an amount proportionate to the
63.7 number of qualifying system entities in each
63.8 system. For purposes of this section,
63.9 "qualifying system entity" means a public
63.10 library, a regional library system, a regional
63.11 library system headquarters, a county, or an
63.12 outreach service program. This money may
63.13 be used to sponsor programs provided by
63.14 regional libraries or to provide grants to local
63.15 arts and cultural heritage programs for
63.16 programs in partnership with regional libraries.
63.17 This money must be distributed in ten equal
63.18 payments per year. Notwithstanding
63.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the
63.20 appropriations encumbered on or before June
63.21 30, 2027, as grants or contracts in this section
63.22 are available until June 30, 2029.
63.23 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
63.24 16B.98, subdivision 14, up to two percent of
63.25 the amount in this section is for administering
63.26 the grants in this section.

63.27 **Sec. 6. DEPARTMENT OF**
63.28 **ADMINISTRATION**

63.29 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** **\$ 10,787,000** **\$ 11,387,000**

63.30 The amounts that may be spent for each
63.31 purpose are specified in the following
63.32 subdivisions.

63.33 **Subd. 2. Grant Agreements**

63.34 (a) The amounts in this section are
63.35 appropriated to the commissioner of

64.1 administration for grants to the named
64.2 organizations for the purposes specified in this
64.3 section.

64.4 (b) Grant agreements entered into by the
64.5 commissioner and recipients of appropriations
64.6 under this section must ensure that money
64.7 appropriated in this section is used to
64.8 supplement and not substitute for traditional
64.9 sources of funding.

64.10 (c) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
64.11 section 16B.98, subdivision 14, up to three
64.12 percent of the amounts in subdivision 3 are
64.13 for administering the grants, providing fiscal
64.14 oversight, and ensuring accountability in fiscal
64.15 years 2026 and 2027.

64.16	<u>Subd. 3. Grants</u>	<u>10,687,000</u>	<u>11,387,000</u>
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64.17 (a) **Minnesota Public Radio**
64.18 \$1,557,000 the first year and \$2,057,000 the
64.19 second year are for Minnesota Public Radio
64.20 to create programming and expand news
64.21 service on Minnesota's cultural heritage and
64.22 history.

64.23 (b) **Association of Minnesota Public Educational**
64.24 **Radio Stations**

64.25 \$1,557,000 the first year and \$2,057,000 the
64.26 second year are to the Association of
64.27 Minnesota Public Educational Radio Stations
64.28 for production and acquisition grants in
64.29 accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section
64.30 129D.19.

64.31 (c) **Public Television**
64.32 \$3,686,000 the first year and \$4,686,000 the
64.33 second year are to the Minnesota Public
64.34 Television Association for production and

- 65.1 acquisition grants according to Minnesota
- 65.2 Statutes, section 129D.18.
- 65.3 **(d) Wilderness Inquiry**
- 65.4 \$485,000 the first year and \$485,000 the
- 65.5 second year are to Wilderness Inquiry to
- 65.6 preserve Minnesota's outdoor history, culture,
- 65.7 and heritage by connecting Minnesota youth
- 65.8 and families to natural resources.
- 65.9 **(e) Como Park Zoo**
- 65.10 \$1,520,000 the first year and \$1,520,000 the
- 65.11 second year are to the Como Park Zoo and
- 65.12 Conservatory for program development that
- 65.13 features educational programs and habitat
- 65.14 enhancement, special exhibits, music
- 65.15 appreciation programs, and historical garden
- 65.16 access and preservation.
- 65.17 **(f) Science Museum of Minnesota**
- 65.18 \$450,000 the first year and \$450,000 the
- 65.19 second year are to the Science Museum of
- 65.20 Minnesota for arts, arts education, and arts
- 65.21 access and to preserve Minnesota's history and
- 65.22 cultural heritage, including student and teacher
- 65.23 outreach, statewide educational initiatives, and
- 65.24 community-based exhibits that preserve
- 65.25 Minnesota's history and cultural heritage.
- 65.26 **(g) Lake Superior Zoo**
- 65.27 \$132,000 the first year and \$132,000 the
- 65.28 second year are to the Lake Superior Zoo to
- 65.29 develop educational exhibits and programs.
- 65.30 **(h) Taste of Minnesota**
- 65.31 \$1,300,000 the first year is for a grant to the
- 65.32 Minneapolis Downtown Council to support
- 65.33 the Taste of Minnesota event. This

66.1 appropriation is for infrastructure and
66.2 associated costs, including but not limited to
66.3 event build-out, permits, waste management,
66.4 staffing, security, equipment rentals, signs,
66.5 and insurance.

66.6 (i) **Minnesota African American Heritage**
66.7 **Museum and Gallery**

66.8 \$100,000 the first year is for a grant to the
66.9 Minnesota African American Heritage
66.10 Museum and Gallery for cultural
66.11 programming.

66.12 Sec. 7. **MINNESOTA ZOO** \$ **1,490,000** \$ **2,150,000**

66.13 The amounts in this section are appropriated
66.14 to the Minnesota Zoological Board for
66.15 programs at and development of the Minnesota
66.16 Zoological Garden and to provide access and
66.17 education related to programs on the cultural
66.18 heritage of Minnesota.

66.19 Sec. 8. **MINNESOTA HUMANITIES CENTER**

66.20 Subdivision 1. **Total Appropriation** \$ **13,959,000** \$ **11,056,000**

66.21 The amounts that may be spent for each
66.22 purpose are specified in the following
66.23 subdivisions.

66.24 Subd. 2. **Grant Agreements**

66.25 (a) The amounts in this section are
66.26 appropriated to the Board of Directors of the
66.27 Minnesota Humanities Center for the purposes
66.28 specified in this section. Notwithstanding
66.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.98,
66.30 subdivision 14, the Minnesota Humanities
66.31 Center may use up to 5.5 percent of the
66.32 appropriations for the administration of these
66.33 funds and to cover the cost of administering,
66.34 planning, evaluating, and reporting these

67.1 grants. The Minnesota Humanities Center
67.2 must develop a written plan to issue the grants
67.3 under this section and must submit the plan
67.4 for review and approval by the commissioner
67.5 of administration. The written plan must
67.6 require the Minnesota Humanities Center to
67.7 create and adhere to grant policies that are
67.8 similar to those established according to
67.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.97,
67.10 subdivision 4, paragraph (a), clause (1).

67.11 (b) No grants awarded under this section may
67.12 be used for travel outside the state of
67.13 Minnesota. The grant agreement must specify
67.14 the repercussions for failing to comply with
67.15 the grant agreement.

67.16	<u>Subd. 3. Programs</u>	<u>1,912,000</u>	<u>1,762,000</u>
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67.17 (a) \$1,762,000 the first year and \$1,762,000
67.18 the second year are for statewide humanities
67.19 programs and to support and expand outreach,
67.20 partnerships, and humanities programming
67.21 with organizations and individuals throughout
67.22 the state, including but not limited to
67.23 programming related to veterans and the
67.24 military experience; professional development
67.25 opportunities for educators; and programming
67.26 celebrating, representing, and reflecting upon
67.27 the heritage of diverse Minnesota communities
67.28 that have been historically underserved.

67.29 (b) \$150,000 the first year is for a joint
67.30 commemoration program, in collaboration
67.31 with the Minnesota Historical Society for the
67.32 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War/Secret
67.33 War in Laos/Southeast Asian conflict that
67.34 recognizes and honors the contributions of
67.35 veterans of the conflict. The Minnesota

68.1	<u>Humanities Center must build on the</u>		
68.2	<u>preparation and programming undertaken with</u>		
68.3	<u>the appropriation under Laws 2024, chapter</u>		
68.4	<u>106, article 4, section 2, subdivision 5,</u>		
68.5	<u>paragraph (k).</u>		
68.6	<u>Subd. 4. Children's Museum Grants</u>	<u>2,157,000</u>	<u>2,157,000</u>
68.7	<u>\$2,157,000 the first year and \$2,157,000 the</u>		
68.8	<u>second year are for arts and cultural heritage</u>		
68.9	<u>grants to children's museums for arts and</u>		
68.10	<u>cultural exhibits and related educational</u>		
68.11	<u>outreach programs. Of this amount:</u>		
68.12	<u>(1) \$500,000 each year is for the Minnesota</u>		
68.13	<u>Children's Museum, St. Paul;</u>		
68.14	<u>(2) \$175,000 each year is for The Works,</u>		
68.15	<u>Bloomington;</u>		
68.16	<u>(3) \$125,000 each year is for the WonderTrek</u>		
68.17	<u>Children's Museum, Brainerd-Baxter;</u>		
68.18	<u>(4) \$100,000 each year is for the Children's</u>		
68.19	<u>Discovery Center, Breckenridge;</u>		
68.20	<u>(5) \$125,000 each year is for the Duluth</u>		
68.21	<u>Children's Museum, Duluth;</u>		
68.22	<u>(6) \$100,000 each year is for the Otter Cove</u>		
68.23	<u>Children's Museum, Fergus Falls;</u>		
68.24	<u>(7) \$100,000 each year is for the Children's</u>		
68.25	<u>Discovery Museum, Grand Rapids;</u>		
68.26	<u>(8) \$100,000 each year is for the Wheel and</u>		
68.27	<u>Cog Children's Museum, Hutchinson;</u>		
68.28	<u>(9) \$175,000 each year is for the Children's</u>		
68.29	<u>Museum of Southern Minnesota, Mankato;</u>		
68.30	<u>(10) \$175,000 each year is for the Great River</u>		
68.31	<u>Children's Museum, St. Cloud;</u>		

69.1 (11) \$100,000 each year is for The Village

69.2 Children's Museum, Willmar;

69.3 (12) \$100,000 each year is for the Mini Sota

69.4 Ag Museum, Benson;

69.5 (13) \$150,000 each year is for the SPARK

69.6 Children's Museum, Rochester; and

69.7 (14) \$132,000 each year is for the Bakken

69.8 Museum, Minneapolis.

69.9 **Subd. 5. Community Identity and Heritage**
69.10 **Emergency Grants**

200,000

200,000

69.11 \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the

69.12 second year are for emergency grants to

69.13 organizations otherwise qualified to receive

69.14 grants under subdivision 6 and must be

69.15 awarded on a rolling basis based on emerging

69.16 needs to assist communities responding to

69.17 major events and to facilitate the process of

69.18 grieving, encourage healing, create memorials,

69.19 or assist in recovery of the community. Any

69.20 amount described in the preceding sentence

69.21 that is not expended by October 15 of the

69.22 second year may be used for general

69.23 programming costs or grants under subdivision

69.24 6.

69.25 **Subd. 6. Community Identity and Heritage**
69.26 **Competitive Grant Program**

8,690,000

6,937,000

69.27 (a) \$8,690,000 the first year and \$6,937,000

69.28 the second year are for a competitive grant

69.29 program to provide grants to organizations or

69.30 individuals working to create, celebrate, and

69.31 teach the art, culture, and heritage of diverse

69.32 Minnesota communities, with a priority on

69.33 organizations from communities whose culture

69.34 and heritage have been historically

69.35 underrepresented or that have struggled to

70.1 access culture and heritage resources in the
 70.2 past, including but not limited to Asian and
 70.3 Pacific Island communities, the Somali
 70.4 diaspora and other African immigrant
 70.5 communities, Indigenous communities with
 70.6 a focus on the 11 Tribes in Minnesota, the
 70.7 African American community, the Latinx
 70.8 community, the LGBTQIA+ community, and
 70.9 other underrepresented cultural groups,
 70.10 including communities of Black, Indigenous,
 70.11 and people of color, to celebrate the cultural
 70.12 diversity of Minnesota. An individual or
 70.13 organization that receives a grant under this
 70.14 subdivision must do at least one of the
 70.15 following:

70.16 (1) preserve and honor the cultural heritage of
 70.17 Minnesota;

70.18 (2) provide education and student outreach on
 70.19 cultural diversity;

70.20 (3) support the development of culturally
 70.21 diverse humanities programming, including
 70.22 arts programming, by individuals and
 70.23 organizations; or

70.24 (4) empower communities in building identity
 70.25 and culture, including preserving and honoring
 70.26 communities whose Indigenous cultures are
 70.27 endangered or disappearing.

70.28 (b) At least 75 percent of the amount in
 70.29 paragraphs (c) to (f) must be for grants of less
 70.30 than \$200,000. A grant awarded to an entity
 70.31 receiving priority consideration under
 70.32 paragraphs (c) to (f) must not exceed
 70.33 \$200,000.

- 71.1 (c) Of the amount in paragraph (a), \$2,218,000
 71.2 the first year and \$1,368,000 the second year
 71.3 are for grants to community-based
 71.4 organizations and local governments for
 71.5 museums, exhibits, and collections. The
 71.6 Minnesota Humanities Center must give
 71.7 priority consideration for funding under this
 71.8 paragraph to the Minnesota Fishing Museum
 71.9 and Hall of Fame, MN Zej Zog, and the
 71.10 Somali Museum of Minnesota.
- 71.11 (d) Of the amount in paragraph (a), \$1,650,000
 71.12 the first year and \$2,750,000 the second year
 71.13 are for grants to community-based
 71.14 organizations and local governments to
 71.15 support arts and cultural festivals and events
 71.16 in the state of Minnesota. The Minnesota
 71.17 Humanities Center must give priority
 71.18 consideration for funding under this paragraph
 71.19 to Asian Economic Development Association
 71.20 for Minnesota Asian American film and music
 71.21 festivals, the Minnesota State Band to provide
 71.22 free concerts, Siengkane Lao for a Southeast
 71.23 Asian music festival, Stairstep Foundation,
 71.24 and Walker West Music Academy to provide
 71.25 free concerts.
- 71.26 (e) Of the amount in paragraph (a), \$4,572,000
 71.27 the first year and \$2,569,000 the second year
 71.28 are for grants to community-based
 71.29 organizations and local governments for
 71.30 education and recreational programming and
 71.31 events. The Minnesota Humanities Center
 71.32 must give priority consideration for funding
 71.33 under this paragraph to Art from the Inside,
 71.34 Asian Economic Development Association
 71.35 for youth outdoor programs, Augsburg

72.1 University for the Urban Debate League, Capri
 72.2 Theater, Comunidades Latinas Unidas En
 72.3 Servicio (CLUES), Fight for Your Dreams for
 72.4 youth boxing, the Governor's Council on
 72.5 Developmental Disabilities, HIRPHA
 72.6 International for Oromo youth programs,
 72.7 Hmong Cultural Center, the Lundstrum Center
 72.8 for the Performing Arts, organizations that
 72.9 provide arts programs in cultural malls in
 72.10 Moorhead and Maplewood, People in Action,
 72.11 the Phyllis Wheatley Community Center,
 72.12 Siengkane Lao to preserve traditional dance
 72.13 performances, and Sweet Potato Comfort Pie.

72.14 (f) Of the amount in paragraph (a), \$250,000
 72.15 the first year and \$250,000 the second year
 72.16 are for grants to provide funding to ethnic
 72.17 media organizations creating video content in
 72.18 a language other than English.

72.19 **Subd. 7. Underrepresented Groups Cultural**
 72.20 **Studies Materials**

72.21 \$500,000 the first year is for competitive
 72.22 grants to develop high-quality academic,
 72.23 cultural, and ethnic studies materials for
 72.24 communities that do not have adequate
 72.25 cultural and ethnic studies materials or who
 72.26 are underrepresented in those materials,
 72.27 including but not limited to the Hmong, Karen,
 72.28 Somali, and Oromo cultures and cultures
 72.29 without a formal writing system that are
 72.30 largely oral-based. In developing these
 72.31 materials, a recipient of a grant under this
 72.32 subdivision must work with school districts
 72.33 that intend to use the materials.

72.34 **Subd. 8. Gordon Parks Commemoration**

500,000

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73.1	<u>\$500,000 the first year is to work in</u>		
73.2	<u>collaboration with Soul Touch Productions to</u>		
73.3	<u>create an art installation and programming to</u>		
73.4	<u>celebrate the incredible life and rich legacy of</u>		
73.5	<u>Gordon Parks.</u>		
73.6	Sec. 9. <u>INDIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL</u>	<u>2,030,000</u>	<u>2,030,000</u>
73.7	<u>(a) \$750,000 each year is to provide grants to</u>		
73.8	<u>Minnesota Tribal Nations to preserve Dakota</u>		
73.9	<u>and Ojibwe Indian language and to foster</u>		
73.10	<u>education programs and services for Dakota</u>		
73.11	<u>and Ojibwe language.</u>		
73.12	<u>(b) \$575,000 each year is for grants to Dakota</u>		
73.13	<u>and Ojibwe language-immersion educational</u>		
73.14	<u>institutions.</u>		
73.15	<u>(c) \$525,000 each year is to provide grants to</u>		
73.16	<u>preserve the Dakota and Ojibwe Indian</u>		
73.17	<u>language through support of projects and</u>		
73.18	<u>services and to support educational programs</u>		
73.19	<u>and immersion efforts in Dakota and Ojibwe</u>		
73.20	<u>language.</u>		
73.21	<u>(d) \$50,000 each year is for a Dakota and</u>		
73.22	<u>Ojibwe Indian language working group</u>		
73.23	<u>coordinated by the Indian Affairs Council.</u>		
73.24	<u>(e) \$130,000 each year is for the Indian Affairs</u>		
73.25	<u>Council to carry out responsibilities under</u>		
73.26	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 307.08, to comply</u>		
73.27	<u>with Public Law 101-601, the Native</u>		
73.28	<u>American Graves Protection and Repatriation</u>		
73.29	<u>Act.</u>		
73.30	Sec. 10. <u>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</u>		
73.31	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$ 602,000</u>	<u>\$ 602,000</u>

74.1 The amounts that may be spent for each
74.2 purpose are specified in the following
74.3 subdivisions.

74.4 Subd. 2. **County Fair Grants** 352,000 352,000

74.5 \$352,000 the first year and \$352,000 the
74.6 second year are for grants to county
74.7 agricultural societies to enhance arts access
74.8 and education and to preserve and promote
74.9 Minnesota's history and cultural heritage as
74.10 embodied in its county fairs. The grants may
74.11 be distributed in equal amounts to each of the
74.12 county fairs that submitted an application. The
74.13 grants are in addition to the aid distribution to
74.14 county agricultural societies under Minnesota
74.15 Statutes, section 38.02. The commissioner of
74.16 agriculture must develop grant-making criteria
74.17 and guidance for expending money under this
74.18 subdivision to provide funding for projects
74.19 and events that provide access to the arts or
74.20 the state's agricultural, historical, and cultural
74.21 heritage. The commissioner must seek input
74.22 from all interested parties. Notwithstanding
74.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.98,
74.24 subdivision 14, the commissioner may use up
74.25 to two percent of the amounts in this
74.26 subdivision for the administration and
74.27 distribution of the grants. Money not used in
74.28 the first year may be used in the second year.

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

74.30 (a) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
74.31 second year are for grants to the Minnesota
74.32 FFA to provide new and expanded access for
74.33 Minnesota FFA members involved in art- and
74.34 history-related FFA activities. Of this amount:

75.1 (1) up to \$100,000 each year may be used to
 75.2 document and commemorate 100 years of
 75.3 fostering leadership, agricultural education,
 75.4 and community service across the state by
 75.5 creating a history book, video storytelling
 75.6 series, and an in-person arts-focused event;
 75.7 and

75.8 (2) any amount not spent for the purposes
 75.9 described in clause (1) may be used for other
 75.10 activities that provide new and expanded
 75.11 access for Minnesota FFA members involved
 75.12 in art- and history-related FFA activities,
 75.13 including activities related to national and state
 75.14 FFA band and choir, state and national FFA
 75.15 talent competitions, FFA floriculture, and FFA
 75.16 state fair landscape booths.

75.17 (b) The commissioner of agriculture must
 75.18 develop grant-making criteria and guidance
 75.19 for grants under this subdivision to provide
 75.20 funding for projects and events and must seek
 75.21 input from the Minnesota FFA and Minnesota
 75.22 FFA Foundation. Notwithstanding Minnesota
 75.23 Statutes, section 16B.98, subdivision 14, the
 75.24 commissioner may use up to five percent of
 75.25 the amounts in this subdivision to cover the
 75.26 costs of administering, planning, evaluating,
 75.27 and reporting these grants.

75.28 Sec. 11. **LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING**
 75.29 **COMMISSION**

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5,000 \$

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75.30 The amount in this section is appropriated to
 75.31 the Legislative Coordinating Commission to
 75.32 maintain the website required under Minnesota
 75.33 Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision 10.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

77.1 (h) Future eligibility for money from the arts and cultural heritage fund is contingent
77.2 upon a state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section,
77.3 as well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of
77.4 the Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a
77.5 recipient of money from the arts and cultural heritage fund has not complied with the laws,
77.6 rules, or regulations in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient
77.7 must be listed in an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the
77.8 legacy funds. The list must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a
77.9 recipient from the list upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient
77.10 on the list is not eligible for future funding from the arts and cultural heritage fund until the
77.11 recipient demonstrates compliance to the legislative auditor.

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

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

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

77.25 (1) accessibility accommodations;

77.26 (2) the creation of exhibits or installations; and

77.27 (3) renovations to provide care for collections or facilitate exhibits, installations, or other
77.28 projects funded with arts and cultural heritage fund appropriations.

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

77.30 Subd. 5. **Department of Education** 3,000,000 2,750,000

77.31 (a) \$2,750,000 each year is appropriated to
77.32 the commissioner of education for grants to

78.1 the 12 Minnesota regional library systems to
78.2 provide educational opportunities in the arts,
78.3 history, literary arts, and cultural heritage of
78.4 Minnesota. When possible, funding under this
78.5 subdivision should be used to promote and
78.6 share the work of Minnesota authors,
78.7 including authors from diverse backgrounds.
78.8 This money must be allocated using the
78.9 formulas in Minnesota Statutes, section
78.10 134.355, subdivisions 3 to 5, with the
78.11 remaining 25 percent to be distributed to all
78.12 qualifying systems in an amount proportionate
78.13 to the number of qualifying system entities in
78.14 each system. For purposes of this subdivision,
78.15 "qualifying system entity" means a public
78.16 library, a regional library system, a regional
78.17 library system headquarters, a county, or an
78.18 outreach service program. This money may
78.19 be used to sponsor programs provided by
78.20 regional libraries or to provide grants to local
78.21 arts and cultural heritage programs for
78.22 programs in partnership with regional libraries.
78.23 This money must be distributed in ten equal
78.24 payments per year. Notwithstanding
78.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the
78.26 appropriations encumbered on or before June
78.27 30, ~~2025~~ 2026, as grants or contracts in this
78.28 subdivision are available until June 30, ~~2026~~
78.29 2027.

78.30 (b) \$250,000 the first year is appropriated to
78.31 the commissioner of education for a water
78.32 safety grant program. The commissioner of
78.33 education must allocate grants to eligible
78.34 applicants. Eligible applicants include
78.35 nonprofit organizations and city and county
78.36 parks and recreation programs providing

79.1 swimming lessons to youth. Eligible applicants
79.2 are not required to partner with other entities.
79.3 Grant funds must primarily be used to provide
79.4 scholarships to low-income and at-risk
79.5 children for swimming lessons. Up to 15
79.6 percent of the grant funds may also be used
79.7 to hire water safety instructors or lifeguards
79.8 or train water safety instructors or lifeguards
79.9 in nationally recognized water safety practices
79.10 and instruction.

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

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

79.13	Subd. 6. Department of Administration	17,040,000	14,105,000
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79.14 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are
79.15 appropriated to the commissioner of
79.16 administration for grants to the named
79.17 organizations for the purposes specified in this
79.18 subdivision. The commissioner of
79.19 administration may use a portion of this
79.20 appropriation for costs that are directly related
79.21 to and necessary for the administration of
79.22 grants in this subdivision.

79.23 (b) Grant agreements entered into by the
79.24 commissioner and recipients of appropriations
79.25 under this subdivision must ensure that money
79.26 appropriated in this subdivision is used to
79.27 supplement and not substitute for traditional
79.28 sources of funding.

79.29 (c) **Minnesota Public Radio**

79.30 \$2,050,000 each year is for Minnesota Public
79.31 Radio to create programming and expand news
79.32 service on Minnesota's cultural heritage and
79.33 history.

80.1 **(d) Association of Minnesota Public Educational**
80.2 **Radio Stations**

80.3 \$2,050,000 the first year and \$2,050,000 the
80.4 second year are to the Association of
80.5 Minnesota Public Educational Radio Stations
80.6 for production and acquisition grants in
80.7 accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section
80.8 129D.19.

80.9 **(e) Public Television**

80.10 \$5,000,000 the first year and \$4,500,000 the
80.11 second year are to the Minnesota Public
80.12 Television Association for production and
80.13 acquisition grants according to Minnesota
80.14 Statutes, section 129D.18. Of the amount in
80.15 the first year, \$1,000,000 is for producing
80.16 Minnesota military and veterans' history
80.17 stories and unique immigrant stories from
80.18 around the state.

80.19 **(f) Wilderness Inquiry**

80.20 \$500,000 the first year and \$600,000 the
80.21 second year are to Wilderness Inquiry to
80.22 preserve Minnesota's outdoor history, culture,
80.23 and heritage by connecting Minnesota youth
80.24 and families to natural resources.

80.25 **(g) Como Park Zoo**

80.26 \$1,725,000 each year is to the Como Park Zoo
80.27 and Conservatory for program development
80.28 that features educational programs and habitat
80.29 enhancement, special exhibits, music
80.30 appreciation programs, and historical garden
80.31 access and preservation.

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

80.33 \$825,000 each year is to the Science Museum
80.34 of Minnesota for arts, arts education, and arts

81.1 access and to preserve Minnesota's history and
81.2 cultural heritage, including student and teacher
81.3 outreach, statewide educational initiatives, and
81.4 community-based exhibits that preserve
81.5 Minnesota's history and cultural heritage.

81.6 **(i) Appetite for Change**

81.7 \$200,000 the first year is to the nonprofit
81.8 Appetite for Change for the Community Cooks
81.9 programming, which will preserve the cultural
81.10 heritage of growing and cooking food in
81.11 Minnesota.

81.12 **(j) Lake Superior Zoo**

81.13 \$150,000 each year is to the Lake Superior
81.14 Zoo to develop educational exhibits and
81.15 programs.

81.16 **(k) Great Lakes Aquarium**

81.17 \$250,000 each year is to the Lake Superior
81.18 Center Authority to prepare, fabricate, and
81.19 install a hands-on exhibit with interactive
81.20 learning components to educate Minnesotans
81.21 on the history of the natural landscape of the
81.22 state.

81.23 **(l) State Band**

81.24 \$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 the second
81.25 year are to the Minnesota state band to provide
81.26 free concerts throughout the state.

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

81.28 \$100,000 the first year is for a grant to the city
81.29 of Wyoming to build the Veterans Memorial
81.30 Plaza and related interpretive walk in Railroad
81.31 Park.

81.32 **(n) Great Northern Festival**

82.1 \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the second
82.2 year are for a grant to support the Great
82.3 Northern Festival, which connects attendees
82.4 to parks, outdoor spaces, and cultural venues
82.5 through a festival.

82.6 **(o) Governor's Council on Developmental**
82.7 **Disabilities**

82.8 \$50,000 the first year is to the Minnesota
82.9 Governor's Council on Developmental
82.10 Disabilities to continue to preserve and raise
82.11 awareness of the history of Minnesotans with
82.12 developmental disabilities.

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

82.14 \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
82.15 second year are to the Minnesota Council on
82.16 Disability to provide educational opportunities
82.17 in the arts, history, and cultural heritage of
82.18 Minnesotans with disabilities in conjunction
82.19 with the 50th anniversary of the Minnesota
82.20 Council on Disability. This appropriation is
82.21 available until June 30, 2027.

82.22 **(q) Keller Regional Park**

82.23 \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to Ramsey
82.24 County to preserve Minnesota's cultural
82.25 heritage by enhancing the tuj lub courts at
82.26 Keller Regional Park.

82.27 **(r) Vietnam War Anniversary**

82.28 \$250,000 the first year is for a grant to the
82.29 commissioner of veterans affairs to prepare
82.30 and host a commemoration program for the
82.31 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

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

83.1 \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to the city
83.2 of St. Paul for an art installation celebrating
83.3 Olympic gold medalist Suni Lee. The project
83.4 funded by this paragraph must be located in
83.5 St. Paul at the Conway Recreation Center or,
83.6 if that site is not practicable, at Lake Phalen
83.7 at the platform containing the bust of Suni
83.8 Lee. This appropriation is available until June
83.9 30, 2027.

83.10 **(t) One Heartland Center**

83.11 \$50,000 each year is for a grant to One
83.12 Heartland Center for programming and
83.13 outdoor activities for families and youth in
83.14 Minnesota.

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

83.16 \$100,000 the first year is for a grant to the
83.17 Forest Lake Veterans Memorial Committee
83.18 to construct a memorial to veterans of the
83.19 United States armed forces at Lakeside
83.20 Memorial Park in the city of Forest Lake. This
83.21 appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.

83.22 **(v) Hmong Plaza**

83.23 \$450,000 the first year is for a grant to the city
83.24 of St. Paul to construct the Hmong Plaza at
83.25 Phalen Lake.

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

83.27 \$55,000 the first year and \$55,000 the second
83.28 year are for a grant to YWCA Minneapolis to
83.29 fund an annual fellowship to be known as the
83.30 Camille J. Gage Artist Fellowship. Of this
83.31 amount, up to \$5,000 each year may be used
83.32 for administrative expenses. YWCA
83.33 Minneapolis must select a person for the
83.34 Camille J. Gage Artist Fellowship after an

84.1 application process that allows both
84.2 applications by interested persons and
84.3 nominations of persons by third parties. By
84.4 October 1, 2026, YWCA Minneapolis must
84.5 report to the chairs and ranking minority
84.6 members of the legislative committees and
84.7 divisions with jurisdiction over legacy on the
84.8 use of money appropriated under this
84.9 paragraph and on the activities of the person
84.10 selected for the Camille J. Gage Artist
84.11 Fellowship under this paragraph. This
84.12 appropriation is available until June 30, 2026.

84.13 **(x) Minnesota African American Heritage**
84.14 **Museum and Gallery**

84.15 \$235,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
84.16 second year are for arts and cultural heritage
84.17 programming celebrating African American
84.18 and Black communities in Minnesota. Of the
84.19 amount in the first year, \$110,000 is for C.
84.20 Caldwell Fine Arts for an outdoor mural
84.21 project in North Minneapolis to work with
84.22 young people to develop skills while using art
84.23 as the impetus.

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

84.25 \$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 the second
84.26 year are for a grant to the Tibetan American
84.27 Foundation of Minnesota to celebrate and
84.28 teach the art, culture, and heritage of Tibetan
84.29 Americans in Minnesota.

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

84.31 \$25,000 the first year is for a grant to Hong
84.32 De Wu Guan to create cultural arts projects
84.33 like Lion Dance for after-school programs for
84.34 youth.

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

85.2 \$50,000 the first year is for a grant to the
85.3 Sepak Takraw of USA to work with youth and
85.4 after-school programs in the community to
85.5 teach the cultural games of tuj lub and sepak
85.6 takraw. This appropriation may not be used
85.7 to hold events.

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

85.9 \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the second
85.10 year are for a grant to 30,000 Feet, a nonprofit
85.11 organization, to help youth and community
85.12 artists further develop their artistic skills, to
85.13 create community art and artistic
85.14 performances, and to promote and share
85.15 African American history and culture through
85.16 the arts.

85.17 **(cc) Siengkane Lao Minnesota**

85.18 \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the second
85.19 year are for a grant to Siengkane Lao MN to
85.20 create cultural arts projects and to preserve
85.21 traditional performances.

85.22 **(dd) Hmong Cultural Center**

85.23 \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
85.24 second year are for a grant to the Hmong
85.25 Cultural Center of Minnesota for
85.26 museum-related programming and educational
85.27 outreach activities to teach the public about
85.28 the historical, cultural, and folk arts heritage
85.29 of Hmong Minnesotans.

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

85.31 \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
85.32 second year are for a grant to Comunidades
85.33 Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES) to

86.1 expand arts programming to celebrate Latino
86.2 cultural heritage; support local artists; and
86.3 provide professional development, networking,
86.4 and presentation opportunities.

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

86.6 \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
86.7 second year are for grants to recipients who
86.8 have demonstrated knowledge and interest in
86.9 preserving Hmong culture to preserve Hmong
86.10 Minnesotans' heritage, history, language, and
86.11 culture. Grants must be used in conjunction
86.12 with Minnesota universities to improve and
86.13 develop a unified and standardized Latin
86.14 alphabet form of the Hmong RPA writing
86.15 system. No portion of this appropriation may
86.16 be used to encourage religious membership
86.17 or to conduct personal ceremonies or events.
86.18 This appropriation is available until June 30,
86.19 2028.

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

86.21 \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
86.22 second year are for a grant to the Somali
86.23 Museum of Minnesota for heritage arts and
86.24 cultural vitality programs to provide classes,
86.25 exhibits, presentations, and outreach about the
86.26 Somali community and heritage in Minnesota.

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

86.28 \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the
86.29 second year are for a grant to the Minnesota
86.30 Museum of American Art for exhibit
86.31 programming and for a Native American
86.32 Fellowship at the museum.

86.33 **(ii) Fanka Programs**

87.1 \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
87.2 second year are for a grant to Ka Joog
87.3 statewide Somali-based collaborative
87.4 programs for arts and cultural heritage. The
87.5 funding must be used for Fanka programs to
87.6 provide arts education and workshops, mentor
87.7 programs, and community presentations and
87.8 community engagement events throughout
87.9 Minnesota.

87.10 **(jj) The Bakken Museum**

87.11 \$150,000 the first year is for a grant to The
87.12 Bakken Museum for interactive exhibits and
87.13 outreach programs on arts and cultural
87.14 heritage.

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

87.16 \$50,000 the first year is to the University of
87.17 Minnesota Extension Office to provide grants
87.18 to Minnesota 4-H chapters that have members
87.19 participating in state and national
87.20 4-H-sanctioned shooting sports events.
87.21 Eligible costs for grant money include
87.22 shooting sports equipment and supplies and
87.23 event fees associated with participating in state
87.24 shooting sports events.

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

87.26 \$75,000 each year is for a grant to Public Art
87.27 Saint Paul for art programming at the Wakpa
87.28 Triennial Art Festival to showcase new art
87.29 across the Twin Cities by Minnesota artists in
87.30 outdoor and indoor settings and to encourage
87.31 visitors to experience the arts and culture
87.32 produced by local arts and culture
87.33 organizations.

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

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

88.2	Subd. 6. Minnesota Historical Society	-0-	1,201,000
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(a) The amounts in this subdivision are appropriated to the governing board of the Minnesota Historical Society to preserve and enhance access to Minnesota's history and its cultural and historical resources. Grant agreements entered into by the Minnesota Historical Society and other recipients of appropriations in this subdivision must ensure that these funds are used to supplement and not substitute for traditional sources of funding. Funds directly appropriated to the Minnesota Historical Society must be used to supplement and not substitute for traditional sources of funding. The appropriations in this subdivision are onetime.

88.18 (b) **Grants**

88.19 (1) \$100,000 the second year is to facilitate
88.20 negotiations for the purchase by the state of
88.21 the Wizard of Oz ruby slippers through a
88.22 combination of available state funds and
88.23 nonstate sources of funding. Any remaining
88.24 amount not used to facilitate the purchase of
88.25 the slippers by the state may be used as a grant
88.26 to the Judy Garland Children's Discovery
88.27 Museum to create an exhibit highlighting the
88.28 history and cultural relevance of the slippers;

88.29 (2) \$400,000 the second year is for statewide
88.30 historic and cultural grants to cultural
88.31 community organizations, historical
88.32 organizations, and veterans organizations for
88.33 activities to commemorate 50 years of
88.34 Southeast Asians in Minnesota. Money under

89.1 this paragraph must be distributed through a
89.2 competitive grant process. The Minnesota
89.3 Historical Society must administer the grants
89.4 using established grant mechanisms with
89.5 assistance from the advisory committee
89.6 created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article
89.7 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), item
89.8 (ii).

89.9 (3) \$200,000 the second year is for activities
89.10 to prepare and coordinate community
89.11 commemoration programs celebrating 50 years
89.12 of Hmong Americans in Minnesota. The
89.13 Minnesota Historical Society must form an
89.14 advisory task force consisting of members of
89.15 the Hmong community to advise the society
89.16 on the design and implementation of these
89.17 activities and programs;

89.18 (4) \$200,000 the second year is for planning
89.19 and outreach, in collaboration with the
89.20 Minnesota Humanities Center, for Minnesota's
89.21 commemoration of the 250th anniversary of
89.22 the signing of the Declaration of
89.23 Independence. The Minnesota Historical
89.24 Society and Minnesota Humanities Center
89.25 must enter into an agreement between the
89.26 organizations on how best to maximize the
89.27 impact of this grant and of collaboration with
89.28 statewide partners;

89.29 (5) \$50,000 the second year is for a grant to
89.30 the Greater Litchfield Opera House
89.31 Association to repair and update the Litchfield
89.32 Opera House; and

89.33 (6) \$251,000 the second year is for a grant to
89.34 the Dakota County Historical Society to design

90.1 and build exhibits at the Lawshe Memorial
90.2 Museum.

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

90.4 Sec. 17. **GRANTS TO UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES.**

90.5 (a) A fiscal agent that administers a competitive grant program under this article must
90.6 ensure that at least 48 percent of the amount awarded each fiscal year under the program is
90.7 for grants to organizations that serve underserved communities and that agree to provide
90.8 the fiscal agent with detailed information about the manner in which the grantee serves
90.9 those communities. The fiscal agent must include this information in the next report submitted
90.10 by the fiscal agent under Minnesota Statutes, section 129D.17, subdivision 6.

90.11 (b) For purposes of this section, "underserved communities" means communities whose
90.12 culture and heritage have been historically underrepresented or that have struggled to access
90.13 culture and heritage resources in the past, specifically the Asian and Pacific Island
90.14 communities, the Somali diaspora and other African immigrant communities, Indigenous
90.15 communities with a focus on the 11 Tribes in Minnesota, the African American community,
90.16 the Latinx community, the LGBTQIA+ community, Minnesotans with disabilities, and
90.17 other communities of people of color who have traditionally suffered from inadequate access
90.18 to resources.

APPENDIX
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