

1.1 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON H. F. No. 4124

1.2 A bill for an act

1.3 relating to state government; appropriating money from the outdoor heritage fund,
1.4 clean water fund, parks and trails fund, and arts and cultural heritage fund;
1.5 modifying and extending prior appropriations; amending Laws 2023, chapter 40,
1.6 article 3, sections 2, subdivision 1; 3; 4.

1.7 May 8, 2024

1.8 The Honorable Melissa Hortman
1.9 Speaker of the House of Representatives

1.10 The Honorable Bobby Joe Champion
1.11 President of the Senate

1.12 We, the undersigned conferees for H. F. No. 4124 report that we have agreed upon the
1.13 items in dispute and recommend as follows:

1.14 That the Senate recede from its amendments and that H. F. No. 4124 be further amended
1.15 as follows:

1.16 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.17 "ARTICLE 1

1.18 **OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND**

1.19 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

1.20 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
1.21 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the outdoor heritage
1.22 fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The figures "2024" and "2025" used in
1.23 this article mean that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year
1.24 ending June 30, 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2024.
1.25 "The second year" is fiscal year 2025. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2024 and 2025. The
1.26 appropriations in this article are onetime appropriations.

2.1	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>		
2.2	<u>Available for the Year</u>		
2.3	<u>Ending June 30</u>		
2.4	<u>2024</u>		<u>2025</u>
2.5	Sec. 2. <u>OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND</u>		
2.6	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	\$	<u>0</u> \$ <u>192,711,000</u>
2.7	<u>This appropriation is from the outdoor heritage</u>		
2.8	<u>fund. The amounts that may be spent for each</u>		
2.9	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>		
2.10	<u>subdivisions.</u>		
2.11	<u>Subd. 2. Prairies</u>		<u>-0-</u> <u>19,439,000</u>
2.12	<u>(a) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife</u>		
2.13	<u>Refuge, Phase 14</u>		
2.14	<u>\$4,412,000 the second year is to the</u>		
2.15	<u>commissioner of natural resources for an</u>		
2.16	<u>agreement with The Nature Conservancy, in</u>		
2.17	<u>cooperation with the United States Fish and</u>		
2.18	<u>Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee or</u>		
2.19	<u>permanent conservation easements and restore</u>		
2.20	<u>and enhance lands within the Northern</u>		
2.21	<u>Tallgrass Prairie Habitat Preservation Area in</u>		
2.22	<u>western Minnesota for addition to the Northern</u>		
2.23	<u>Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge.</u>		
2.24	<u>Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota</u>		
2.25	<u>Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given</u>		
2.26	<u>to acquiring lands that are eligible for the</u>		
2.27	<u>native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,</u>		
2.28	<u>section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected</u>		
2.29	<u>native prairie.</u>		
2.30	<u>(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area</u>		
2.31	<u>Program, Phase 16</u>		
2.32	<u>\$5,315,000 the second year is to the</u>		
2.33	<u>commissioner of natural resources for an</u>		
2.34	<u>agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire</u>		
2.35	<u>in fee and restore and enhance lands for</u>		
2.36	<u>wildlife management area purposes under</u>		

3.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
3.2 subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation criteria
3.3 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
3.4 must be given to acquiring lands that are
3.5 eligible for the native prairie bank under
3.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
3.7 adjacent to protected native prairie.

3.8 **(c) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of**
3.9 **Southern Red River Valley, Phase 10**

3.10 \$3,794,000 the second year is to the
3.11 commissioner of natural resources for an
3.12 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in
3.13 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie
3.14 Chicken Society, to acquire land in fee and
3.15 restore and enhance lands within the southern
3.16 Red River Valley for wildlife management
3.17 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
3.18 86A.05, subdivision 8, or to be designated and
3.19 managed as waterfowl production areas in
3.20 Minnesota, in cooperation with the United
3.21 States Fish and Wildlife Service. Subject to
3.22 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part
3.23 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring
3.24 lands that are eligible for the native prairie
3.25 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96,
3.26 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.

3.27 **(d) Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition,**
3.28 **Phase 8**

3.29 \$2,589,000 the second year is to the
3.30 commissioner of natural resources for
3.31 agreements to acquire land in fee and to
3.32 restore and enhance strategic prairie grassland,
3.33 wetland, and other wildlife habitat within
3.34 Martin County for wildlife management area
3.35 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
3.36 86A.05, subdivision 8, as follows: \$1,921,000

4.1 to Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc.;
4.2 \$613,000 to Ducks Unlimited; and \$55,000 to
4.3 the Conservation Fund.

4.4 **(e) DNR Grassland Enhancement, Phase 16**

4.5 \$1,427,000 the second year is to the
4.6 commissioner of natural resources to
4.7 accelerate restoration and enhancement of
4.8 prairies, grasslands, and savannas in wildlife
4.9 management areas, in scientific and natural
4.10 areas, in aquatic management areas, on lands
4.11 in the native prairie bank, in bluff prairies on
4.12 state forest land in southeastern Minnesota,
4.13 and in waterfowl production areas and refuge
4.14 lands of the United States Fish and Wildlife
4.15 Service.

4.16 **(f) Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands, Phase**
4.17 **7**

4.18 \$1,902,000 the second year is to the
4.19 commissioner of natural resources for an
4.20 agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance
4.21 and restore grassland and wetland habitat on
4.22 public lands within the forest prairie transition,
4.23 metro urban, and prairie ecoregions of
4.24 Minnesota.

4.25 **Subd. 3. Forests** -0- 32,164,000

4.26 **(a) Minnesota Heritage Forest - Transition to**
4.27 **Public Ownership Program**

4.28 \$22,647,000 the second year is to the
4.29 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
4.30 priority forest habitat lands in fee as wildlife
4.31 management areas, scientific and natural areas,
4.32 state forests, and county forests. Of this
4.33 amount, \$11,737,000 is for an agreement with
4.34 Northern Waters Land Trust.

5.1 **(b) Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape Protection**
5.2 **Program ACUB, Phase 12**

5.3 \$2,068,000 the second year is to the Board of
5.4 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with
5.5 the Morrison County Soil and Water
5.6 Conservation District, to acquire permanent
5.7 conservation easements and restore and
5.8 enhance forest wildlife habitat within the
5.9 boundaries of the Minnesota National Guard
5.10 Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape and Army
5.11 Compatible Use Buffer. Up to \$110,000 to the
5.12 Board of Water and Soil Resources is to
5.13 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
5.14 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
5.15 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
5.16 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,
5.17 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.
5.18 A list of permanent conservation easements
5.19 must be provided as part of the final report.

5.20 **(c) Riparian Habitat Protection in Kettle and**
5.21 **Snake River Watersheds, Phase 2**

5.22 \$1,569,000 the second year is to the Board of
5.23 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with
5.24 the Pine County Soil and Water Conservation
5.25 District, to acquire permanent conservation
5.26 easements to protect high-quality forests,
5.27 wetlands, and shoreline within the Kettle and
5.28 Snake River watersheds. Up to \$150,000 to
5.29 the Board of Water and Soil Resources is to
5.30 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
5.31 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
5.32 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
5.33 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,
5.34 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.
5.35 A list of permanent conservation easements
5.36 must be provided as part of the final report.

6.1 **(d) DNR Forest Habitat Enhancement, Phase 4**

6.2 \$1,727,000 the second year is to the
6.3 commissioner of natural resources to restore
6.4 and enhance forest wildlife habitats on public
6.5 lands throughout Minnesota.

6.6 **(e) Young Forest Conservation, Phase 4**

6.7 \$2,229,000 the second year is to the
6.8 commissioner of natural resources for an
6.9 agreement with the American Bird
6.10 Conservancy to enhance publicly owned,
6.11 permanently protected forest lands for wildlife
6.12 management.

6.13 **(f) Floodplain and Upland Forest Enhancement**
6.14 **- Mississippi River, Phase 5**

6.15 \$1,924,000 the second year is to the
6.16 commissioner of natural resources for an
6.17 agreement with the National Audubon Society
6.18 to restore and enhance floodplain and upland
6.19 forest habitat for wildlife on public lands along
6.20 the Mississippi River and Mississippi River
6.21 tributaries.

6.22 Subd. 4. Wetlands -0- 38,412,000

6.23 **(a) Wild-Rice Shoreland Protection, Phase 9**

6.24 \$2,042,000 the second year is to the Board of
6.25 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
6.26 permanent conservation easements on
6.27 wild-rice lake shoreland habitat for native
6.28 wild-rice bed protection. Of this amount, up
6.29 to \$110,000 is for establishing a monitoring
6.30 and enforcement fund as approved in the
6.31 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
6.32 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.
6.33 Subdivision 8, paragraph (b), does not apply
6.34 to this project. A list of permanent

7.1 conservation easements must be provided as
7.2 part of the final report.

7.3 **(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection and**
7.4 **Restoration Program, Phase 13**

7.5 \$7,670,000 the second year is to the
7.6 commissioner of natural resources for an
7.7 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire
7.8 land in fee for wildlife management purposes
7.9 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
7.10 subdivision 8, or to be designated and
7.11 managed as waterfowl production areas or
7.12 national wildlife refuges in Minnesota, in
7.13 cooperation with the United States Fish and
7.14 Wildlife Service, and to restore and enhance
7.15 prairie lands, wetlands, and land buffering
7.16 shallow lakes.

7.17 **(c) RIM Wetlands - Restoring Most Productive**
7.18 **Habitat in Minnesota, Phase 13**

7.19 \$3,202,000 the second year is to the Board of
7.20 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
7.21 permanent conservation easements and to
7.22 restore wetlands and native grassland habitat
7.23 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515.
7.24 Of this amount, up to \$50,000 is for
7.25 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
7.26 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
7.27 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
7.28 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,
7.29 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.
7.30 A list of permanent conservation easements
7.31 must be provided as part of the final report.

7.32 **(d) Accelerating Waterfowl Production Area**
7.33 **Acquisition Program, Phase 16**

7.34 \$7,020,000 the second year is to the
7.35 commissioner of natural resources for an

8.1 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in
8.2 cooperation with the United States Fish and
8.3 Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee and
8.4 restore and enhance wetlands and grasslands
8.5 to be designated and managed as waterfowl
8.6 production areas in Minnesota.

8.7 **(e) DNR Accelerated Shallow Lakes and**
8.8 **Wetland Enhancement, Phase 16**

8.9 \$3,809,000 the second year is to the
8.10 commissioner of natural resources to enhance
8.11 and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat
8.12 statewide.

8.13 **(f) Nelson Slough - East Park Wildlife**
8.14 **Management Area**

8.15 \$4,174,000 the second year is to the
8.16 commissioner of natural resources for an
8.17 agreement with the Middle-Snake-Tamarac
8.18 Rivers Watershed District to restore and
8.19 enhance wetland and upland wildlife habitat
8.20 on Nelson Slough and East Park Wildlife
8.21 Management Area in Marshall County,
8.22 Minnesota.

8.23 **(g) Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration**
8.24 **Program, Phase 9**

8.25 \$2,128,000 the second year is to the
8.26 commissioner of natural resources for an
8.27 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
8.28 restore and enhance prairie, wetland, and other
8.29 habitat on permanently protected conservation
8.30 easements in high-priority wetland habitat
8.31 complexes within the prairie, forest/prairie
8.32 transition, and forest ecoregions.

8.33 **(h) Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**
8.34 **Enhancement and Restoration Initiative, Phase**
8.35 **10**

9.1 \$7,867,000 the second year is to the
9.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
9.3 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to restore
9.4 and enhance shallow lakes and wetlands on
9.5 public lands and wetlands under permanent
9.6 conservation easement for wildlife
9.7 management.

9.8 **(i) Lake Alice Enhancement, Fergus Falls**

9.9 \$500,000 the second year is to the
9.10 commissioner of natural resources for an
9.11 agreement with the city of Fergus Falls to
9.12 enhance Lake Alice in Fergus Falls.

9.13 **Subd. 5. Habitats** -0- 101,294,000

9.14 **(a) St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and**
9.15 **Restoration, Phase 5**

9.16 \$4,711,000 the second year is to the
9.17 commissioner of natural resources for
9.18 agreements to acquire land in fee and acquire
9.19 permanent conservation easements and to
9.20 restore and enhance natural habitat systems in
9.21 the St. Croix River watershed as follows:
9.22 \$1,905,000 to Trust for Public Land; \$110,000
9.23 to Wild Rivers Conservancy; and \$2,696,000
9.24 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$224,000 to
9.25 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a
9.26 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
9.27 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
9.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
9.29 subdivision 17.

9.30 **(b) Pine and Leech Watershed Targeted RIM**
9.31 **Easement Permanent Land Protection, Phase 3**

9.32 \$2,242,000 the second year is to the Board of
9.33 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with
9.34 the Crow Wing County Soil and Water
9.35 Conservation District, to acquire permanent

10.1 conservation easements of high-quality forest,
10.2 wetland, and shoreline habitat. Up to \$120,000
10.3 of the total amount is for establishing a
10.4 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
10.5 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
10.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
10.7 subdivision 17. Subdivision 8, paragraph (b),
10.8 does not apply to this project. A list of
10.9 permanent conservation easements must be
10.10 provided as part of the final report.

10.11 **(c) Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding**
10.12 **Biological Significance, Phase 3**

10.13 \$3,321,000 the second year is to the
10.14 commissioner of natural resources for
10.15 agreements to acquire land in fee and
10.16 permanent conservation easements and to
10.17 restore and enhance lakes of outstanding
10.18 biological significance in northeast and
10.19 north-central Minnesota. Of this amount,
10.20 \$1,083,000 is to the Northern Waters Land
10.21 Trust and \$2,238,000 is to Minnesota Land
10.22 Trust. Up to \$224,000 to Minnesota Land
10.23 Trust is for establishing a monitoring and
10.24 enforcement fund as approved in the
10.25 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
10.26 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

10.27 **(d) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**
10.28 **Restoration Program, Phase 13**

10.29 \$2,060,000 the second year is to the
10.30 commissioner of natural resources for an
10.31 agreement with the Shell Rock River
10.32 Watershed District to acquire land in fee and
10.33 restore and enhance habitat in the Shell Rock
10.34 River watershed.

10.35 **(e) Cannon River Watershed Habitat**
10.36 **Restoration and Protection Program, Phase 13**

11.1 \$2,555,000 the second year is to the
11.2 commissioner of natural resources for
11.3 agreements to acquire lands in fee and restore
11.4 and enhance wildlife habitat in the Cannon
11.5 River watershed as follows: \$54,000 to Clean
11.6 River Partners; \$888,000 to Great River
11.7 Greening; and \$1,613,000 to Trust for Public
11.8 Land.

11.9 **(f) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor**
11.10 **Project, Phase 8**

11.11 \$2,706,000 the second year is to acquire lands
11.12 in fee and permanent conservation easements
11.13 and to restore wildlife habitat in the
11.14 Mississippi headwaters. Of this amount:
11.15 (1) \$1,706,000 is to the commissioner of
11.16 natural resources for agreements as follows:
11.17 \$57,000 to the Mississippi Headwaters Board
11.18 and \$1,649,000 to Trust for Public Land; and
11.19 (2) \$1,000,000 is to the Board of Water and
11.20 Soil Resources, of which up to \$100,000 is to
11.21 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
11.22 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
11.23 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
11.24 97A.056, subdivision 17.

11.25 **(g) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic**
11.26 **North Central Minnesota Lakes, Phase 10**

11.27 \$2,687,000 the second year is to the
11.28 commissioner of natural resources for
11.29 agreements to acquire land in fee and in
11.30 permanent conservation easements and to
11.31 restore and enhance wildlife habitat to sustain
11.32 healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes in
11.33 Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard
11.34 Counties as follows: \$2,252,000 to Northern
11.35 Waters Land Trust and \$435,000 to Minnesota

12.1 Land Trust. Up to \$56,000 to Minnesota Land
12.2 Trust is to establish a monitoring and
12.3 enforcement fund as approved in the
12.4 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
12.5 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

12.6 **(h) Red River Basin Riparian Habitat Program**

12.7 \$5,119,000 the second year is to acquire
12.8 permanent conservation easements to protect,
12.9 restore, and enhance stream and riparian
12.10 habitat throughout the Red River watershed.
12.11 Of this amount, \$169,000 is to the
12.12 commissioner of natural resources for an
12.13 agreement with the Red River Watershed
12.14 Management Board and \$4,950,000 is to the
12.15 Board of Water and Soil Resources. Up to
12.16 \$380,000 of the total amount is for
12.17 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
12.18 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
12.19 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
12.20 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,
12.21 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.
12.22 A list of permanent conservation easements
12.23 must be provided as part of the final report.

12.24 **(i) Resilient Habitat for Heritage Brook Trout,**
12.25 **Phase 2**

12.26 \$2,486,000 the second year is to the
12.27 commissioner of natural resources for
12.28 agreements to acquire permanent conservation
12.29 easements and to restore and enhance habitat
12.30 in targeted watersheds of southeast Minnesota
12.31 to improve heritage brook trout and coldwater
12.32 aquatic communities. Of this amount,
12.33 \$400,000 is to The Nature Conservancy,
12.34 \$612,000 is to Trout Unlimited, and
12.35 \$1,474,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to

13.1 \$168,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to
13.2 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
13.3 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
13.4 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
13.5 97A.056, subdivision 17.

13.6 **(j) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**
13.7 **Restoration, Phase 12**

13.8 \$3,052,000 the second year is to the
13.9 commissioner of natural resources for
13.10 agreements to acquire lands in fee and
13.11 permanent conservation easements and to
13.12 restore and enhance wildlife habitat on public
13.13 lands and permanent conservation easements
13.14 in southeast Minnesota as follows: \$970,000
13.15 to The Nature Conservancy, \$964,000 to Trust
13.16 for Public Land, and \$1,118,000 to Minnesota
13.17 Land Trust. Up to \$112,000 to Minnesota
13.18 Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and
13.19 enforcement fund as approved in the
13.20 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
13.21 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

13.22 **(k) Lower Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat**
13.23 **Restoration, Phase 4**

13.24 \$2,345,000 the second year is to acquire land
13.25 in permanent conservation easement and to
13.26 restore river and related habitat in the Wild
13.27 Rice River corridor. Of this amount, \$30,000
13.28 is to the commissioner of natural resources for
13.29 an agreement with the Wild Rice Watershed
13.30 District and \$2,315,000 is to the Board of
13.31 Water and Soil Resources. The Board of Water
13.32 and Soil Resources may use up to \$60,000 for
13.33 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
13.34 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
13.35 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
13.36 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,

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

14.2 A list of permanent conservation easements

14.3 must be provided as part of the final report.

14.4 **(l) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**
14.5 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition, Phase**
14.6 **16**

14.7 \$1,359,000 the second year is to the

14.8 commissioner of natural resources to acquire

14.9 in fee and restore and enhance lands for

14.10 wildlife management purposes under

14.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,

14.12 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee for

14.13 scientific and natural area purposes under

14.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,

14.15 subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria

14.16 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority

14.17 must be given to acquiring lands that are

14.18 eligible for the native prairie bank under

14.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands

14.20 adjacent to protected native prairie.

14.21 **(m) Accelerating Habitat Conservation in**
14.22 **Southwest Minnesota, Phase 3**

14.23 \$2,872,000 the second year is to the

14.24 commissioner of natural resources for an

14.25 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to

14.26 acquire permanent conservation easements

14.27 and to restore and enhance high-quality

14.28 wildlife habitat in southwest Minnesota. Of

14.29 this amount, up to \$168,000 is to establish a

14.30 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved

14.31 in the accomplishment plan and subject to

14.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,

14.33 subdivision 17.

14.34 **(n) Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection**
14.35 **and Restoration, Phase 5**

15.1 \$3,965,000 the second year is to the
15.2 commissioner of natural resources for
15.3 agreements to acquire lands in fee and
15.4 permanent conservation easements and restore
15.5 and enhance wildlife habitat in the Sauk River
15.6 watershed as follows: \$375,000 to Great River
15.7 Greening; \$1,199,000 to Sauk River
15.8 Watershed District; \$1,192,000 to Pheasants
15.9 Forever; and \$1,199,000 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 **(o) Metro Big Rivers, Phase 14**

15.16 \$8,123,000 the second year is to the
15.17 commissioner of natural resources for
15.18 agreements to acquire land in fee and
15.19 permanent conservation easements and to
15.20 restore and enhance natural habitat systems
15.21 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
15.22 and St. Croix Rivers and their tributaries
15.23 within the metropolitan area as follows:
15.24 \$1,250,000 to Minnesota Valley National
15.25 Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$420,000 to
15.26 Friends of the Mississippi River; \$803,000 to
15.27 Great River Greening; \$2,750,000 to Trust for
15.28 Public Land; and \$2,900,000 to Minnesota
15.29 Land Trust. Up to \$224,000 to Minnesota
15.30 Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and
15.31 enforcement fund as approved in the
15.32 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
15.33 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

15.34 **(p) Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation,**
15.35 **Phase 9**

16.1 \$1,802,000 the second year is to the
16.2 commissioner of natural resources for
16.3 agreements to restore and enhance wildlife
16.4 habitat on public lands and easements in the
16.5 Anoka Sand Plain ecoregion and intersecting
16.6 minor watersheds as follows: \$1,508,000 to
16.7 Great River Greening and \$294,000 to
16.8 Sherburne County.

16.9 **(q) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and**
16.10 **Enhancement, Phase 7**

16.11 \$4,206,000 the second year is to the
16.12 commissioner of natural resources to restore
16.13 and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded
16.14 streams and aquatic management areas and to
16.15 facilitate fish passage.

16.16 **(r) Minnesota Statewide Trout Habitat**
16.17 **Enhancement**

16.18 \$2,308,000 the second year is to the
16.19 commissioner of natural resources for an
16.20 agreement with Trout Unlimited to restore and
16.21 enhance habitat for trout and other species in
16.22 and along coldwater rivers, lakes, and streams
16.23 throughout Minnesota.

16.24 **(s) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation, Phase 7**

16.25 \$1,572,000 the second year is to the
16.26 commissioner of natural resources for an
16.27 agreement with the Arrowhead Regional
16.28 Development Commission, in cooperation
16.29 with the Lake Superior Steelhead Association,
16.30 to restore and enhance trout habitat in the
16.31 Knife River watershed. If the Arrowhead
16.32 Regional Development Commission declines
16.33 to serve as the fiscal agent for the project, an
16.34 alternative fiscal agent must be identified in
16.35 the accomplishment plan for the project.

17.1 **(t) DNR St. Louis River Restoration Initiative,**
17.2 **Phase 11**

17.3 \$2,163,000 the second year is to the
17.4 commissioner of natural resources to restore
17.5 and enhance priority aquatic, riparian, and
17.6 forest habitats in the St. Louis River estuary.
17.7 Of this amount, \$716,000 is for an agreement
17.8 with Minnesota Land Trust.

17.9 **(u) Roseau Lake Rehabilitation, Phase 2**

17.10 \$3,054,000 the second year is to the
17.11 commissioner of natural resources for an
17.12 agreement with the Roseau River Watershed
17.13 District to restore and enhance the Roseau
17.14 Lake and Roseau River habitat complex in
17.15 Roseau County, Minnesota.

17.16 **(v) Highbanks Ravine Bat Hibernaculum**

17.17 \$2,300,000 the second year is to the
17.18 commissioner of natural resources for an
17.19 agreement with the city of St. Cloud to
17.20 enhance the Highbanks Ravine Bat
17.21 Hibernaculum in St. Cloud.

17.22 **(w) Owámmiyomni Native Landscape and River**
17.23 **Restoration, St. Anthony Falls**

17.24 \$1,918,000 the second year is to the
17.25 commissioner of natural resources for an
17.26 agreement with Friends of the Falls to restore
17.27 and enhance wildlife habitat at Upper St.
17.28 Anthony Falls. This appropriation may only
17.29 be spent for site grading, oak savanna, and
17.30 aquatic habitat portions of the project.

17.31 **(x) Silver Lake Dam Fish Passage Modification**

17.32 \$2,368,000 the second year is to the
17.33 commissioner of natural resources for an
17.34 agreement with the city of Rochester to restore

18.1 and enhance aquatic habitat in Silver Lake and
18.2 the south fork of the Zumbro River by
18.3 modifying the existing low-head dam in
18.4 Rochester.

18.5 **(y) Little Devil Track River Restoration**

18.6 \$3,000,000 the second year is to the
18.7 commissioner of natural resources for an
18.8 agreement with Cook County to restore and
18.9 enhance stream habitat in the Little Devil
18.10 Track River.

18.11 **(z) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**
18.12 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat, Phase**
18.13 **16**

18.14 \$15,000,000 the second year is to the
18.15 commissioner of natural resources for a
18.16 program to provide competitive matching
18.17 grants of up to \$500,000 to local, regional,
18.18 state, and national organizations for enhancing,
18.19 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,
18.20 prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife
18.21 in Minnesota. Unless there are not enough
18.22 eligible grant applications received, of this
18.23 amount, at least \$4,000,000 is for grants in the
18.24 seven-county metropolitan area and cities with
18.25 a population of 50,000 or more and at least
18.26 \$4,000,000 is for grants to applicants that have
18.27 not previously applied for money from the
18.28 outdoor heritage fund. Grants must not be
18.29 made for activities required to fulfill the duties
18.30 of owners of lands subject to conservation
18.31 easements. Grants must not be made from the
18.32 appropriation in this paragraph for projects
18.33 that have a total project cost exceeding
18.34 \$1,000,000. Of the total appropriation,
18.35 \$600,000 may be spent for personnel costs,
18.36 outreach, and support to first-time applicants

19.1 and other direct and necessary administrative
19.2 costs. Grantees may acquire land or interests
19.3 in land. Easements must be permanent. Grants
19.4 may not be used to establish easement
19.5 stewardship accounts. The program must
19.6 require a match of at least ten percent from
19.7 nonstate sources for all grants. The match may
19.8 be cash or in-kind. For grant applications of
19.9 \$25,000 or less, the commissioner must
19.10 provide a separate, simplified application
19.11 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the
19.12 commissioner of natural resources must, when
19.13 evaluating projects of equal value, give
19.14 priority to organizations that have a history of
19.15 receiving, or a charter to receive, private
19.16 contributions for local conservation or habitat
19.17 projects. All restoration or enhancement
19.18 projects must be on land permanently
19.19 protected by a permanent covenant ensuring
19.20 perpetual maintenance and protection of
19.21 restored and enhanced habitat, by a
19.22 conservation easement, or by public ownership
19.23 or in public waters as defined in Minnesota
19.24 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 15.
19.25 Priority must be given to restoration and
19.26 enhancement projects on public lands.
19.27 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
19.28 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded
19.29 under this paragraph. This appropriation is
19.30 available until June 30, 2027. No less than five
19.31 percent of the amount of each grant must be
19.32 held back from reimbursement until the grant
19.33 recipient completes a grant accomplishment
19.34 report by the deadline and in the form
19.35 prescribed by and satisfactory to the
19.36 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The

20.1 commissioner must provide notice of the grant
20.2 program in the summary of game and fish law
20.3 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section
20.4 97A.051, subdivision 2.

20.5 **(aa) Protecting Upper Mississippi River from**
20.6 **Invasive Carp**

20.7 \$12,000,000 the second year is to the
20.8 commissioner of natural resources to fund
20.9 activities to protect the upper Mississippi
20.10 River from invasive carp. Activities within
20.11 this appropriation include agreements with
20.12 federal partners, such as the United States Fish
20.13 and Wildlife Service, to design, construct, and
20.14 begin operating and maintaining a structural
20.15 deterrent for invasive carp at Lock and Dam
20.16 No. 5 on the Mississippi River to protect
20.17 Minnesota's aquatic habitat through an
20.18 adaptive management approach. Deterrent
20.19 design must be fully completed within two
20.20 years of the date of this appropriation.
20.21 Deterrent installation must be completed by
20.22 June 30, 2029. Money not spent or obligated
20.23 for design installation and operation of the
20.24 deterrent may be used for testing technologies
20.25 to support the future effectiveness of the
20.26 deterrent. A detailed accomplishment plan
20.27 must be submitted to and approved by the
20.28 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
20.29 before money is released. This appropriation
20.30 is available until June 30, 2029.

20.31 **Subd. 6. Administration** -0- 1,402,000

20.32 **(a) Contract Management**

20.33 \$350,000 the second year is to the
20.34 commissioner of natural resources for contract
20.35 management duties assigned in this section.

21.1 The commissioner must provide an
21.2 accomplishment plan in the form specified by
21.3 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
21.4 on expending this appropriation. The
21.5 accomplishment plan must include a copy of
21.6 the grant contract template and reimbursement
21.7 manual. No money may be expended before
21.8 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
21.9 approves the accomplishment plan. Money
21.10 appropriated in this paragraph is available until
21.11 June 30, 2026.

21.12 **(b) Technical Evaluation Panel**

21.13 \$160,000 the second year is to the
21.14 commissioner of natural resources for a
21.15 technical evaluation panel to conduct up to 25
21.16 restoration and enhancement evaluations under
21.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
21.18 subdivision 10. Money appropriated in this
21.19 paragraph is available until June 30, 2026.

21.20 **(c) Core Functions in Partner-led OHF Land**
21.21 **Acquisitions**

21.22 \$892,000 the second year is to the
21.23 commissioner of natural resources for
21.24 administering the initial development,
21.25 restoration, and enhancement of land acquired
21.26 in fee with money appropriated from the
21.27 outdoor heritage fund. This appropriation may
21.28 be used for land acquisition costs incurred by
21.29 the department in conveying parcels to the
21.30 department and for initial development
21.31 activities on fee title acquisitions. Money
21.32 appropriated in this paragraph is available until
21.33 June 30, 2032.

22.1 Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation

22.2 (a) Money appropriated in this section may
22.3 not be spent on activities unless they are
22.4 directly related to and necessary for a specific
22.5 appropriation and are specified in the
22.6 accomplishment plan approved by the
22.7 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

22.8 Money appropriated in this section must not
22.9 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional
22.10 overhead charges that are not directly related
22.11 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.

22.12 Money appropriated for fee title acquisition
22.13 of land may be used to restore, enhance, and
22.14 provide for public use of the land acquired
22.15 with the appropriation. Public-use facilities
22.16 must have a minimal impact on habitat in
22.17 acquired lands.

22.18 (b) Money appropriated in this section is
22.19 available as follows:

22.20 (1) money appropriated for acquiring real
22.21 property is available until June 30, 2028;

22.22 (2) money appropriated for restoring and
22.23 enhancing land acquired with an appropriation
22.24 in this section is available for four years after
22.25 the acquisition date with a maximum end date
22.26 of June 30, 2032;

22.27 (3) money appropriated for restoring or
22.28 enhancing other land is available until June
22.29 30, 2029;

22.30 (4) notwithstanding clauses (1) to (3), money
22.31 appropriated for a project that receives at least
22.32 15 percent of its funding from federal funds
22.33 is available until a date sufficient to match the
22.34 availability of federal funding to a maximum

23.1 of six years if the federal funding was
23.2 confirmed and included in the original
23.3 approved draft accomplishment plan; and
23.4 (5) money appropriated for other projects is
23.5 available until the end of the fiscal year in
23.6 which it is appropriated.

23.7 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**
23.8 **Equipment Expenditures**

23.9 (a) All agreements referred to in this section
23.10 must be administered on a reimbursement
23.11 basis unless otherwise provided in this section.
23.12 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
23.13 16A.41, expenditures directly related to each
23.14 appropriation's purpose made on or after July
23.15 1, 2024, or the date of accomplishment plan
23.16 approval, whichever is later, are eligible for
23.17 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in
23.18 this section. For the purposes of administering
23.19 appropriations and legislatively authorized
23.20 agreements paid out of the outdoor heritage
23.21 fund, an expense must be considered
23.22 reimbursable by the administering agency
23.23 when the recipient presents the agency with
23.24 an invoice or binding agreement with a
23.25 landowner and the recipient attests that the
23.26 goods have been received or the landowner
23.27 agreement is binding. Periodic reimbursement
23.28 must be made upon receiving documentation
23.29 that the items articulated in the
23.30 accomplishment plan approved by the
23.31 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council have
23.32 been achieved, including partial achievements
23.33 as evidenced by progress reports approved by
23.34 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
23.35 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to

24.1 projects to accommodate cash-flow needs,
24.2 support future management of acquired lands,
24.3 or match a federal share. The advances must
24.4 be approved as part of the accomplishment
24.5 plan. Capital equipment expenditures for
24.6 specific items in excess of \$10,000 must be
24.7 itemized in and approved as part of the
24.8 accomplishment plan.

24.9 (b) Unless otherwise provided, no money
24.10 appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund
24.11 in this article may be used to acquire, restore,
24.12 or enhance any real property unless the
24.13 specific acquisition, restoration, or
24.14 enhancement is approved as part of the
24.15 accomplishment plan on the parcel list.

24.16 **Subd. 9. Mapping**

24.17 Each direct recipient of money appropriated
24.18 in this section, as well as each recipient of a
24.19 grant awarded pursuant to this section, must
24.20 provide geographic information to the
24.21 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for
24.22 mapping of any lands acquired in fee with
24.23 funds appropriated in this section and open to
24.24 public taking of fish and game. The
24.25 commissioner of natural resources must
24.26 include the lands acquired in fee with money
24.27 appropriated in this section on maps showing
24.28 public recreation opportunities. Maps must
24.29 include information on and acknowledgment
24.30 of the outdoor heritage fund, including a
24.31 notation of any restrictions.

24.32 **Subd. 10. Carryforward**

24.33 (a) The availability of the following
24.34 appropriations is extended to June 30, 2025:

- 25.1 (1) Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter
- 25.2 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, paragraph
- 25.3 (f), Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat
- 25.4 Enhancement and Restoration - Phase XI; and
- 25.5 (2) Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter
- 25.6 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, paragraph
- 25.7 (j), Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat
- 25.8 Restoration Program - Phase VIII.
- 25.9 (b) The availability of the appropriation in
- 25.10 Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 2,
- 25.11 article 1, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph
- 25.12 (g), Big Rice Lake Wild Rice Enhancement,
- 25.13 is extended to June 30, 2026.
- 25.14 (c) The availability of the appropriation in
- 25.15 Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 2,
- 25.16 article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, paragraph
- 25.17 (o), Restoring Upper Mississippi River at Lake
- 25.18 Pepin, is extended to June 30, 2028.

ARTICLE 2

CLEAN WATER FUND

25.21 Section 1. **CLEAN WATER FUND APPROPRIATIONS.**

25.22 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
 25.23 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the clean water
 25.24 fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for allowable activities under the
 25.25 Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15. The figures "2024" and "2025" used in this
 25.26 article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal year
 25.27 ending June 30, 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2024.
 25.28 "The second year" is fiscal year 2025. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2024 and 2025. These
 25.29 are onetime appropriations.

APPROPRIATIONS

Available for the Year

Ending June 30

2024

2025

25.34 Sec. 2. **CLEAN WATER FUND**

27.1 Agencies should work to provide opportunities
27.2 that encourage a diversity of students to pursue
27.3 careers in environment and natural resources
27.4 when implementing appropriations in this
27.5 article.

27.6 **Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE \$ -0- \$ 4,402,000**

27.7 (a) \$1,000,000 the second year is for
27.8 monitoring and evaluating trends in the
27.9 concentration of nitrate in groundwater;
27.10 promoting, developing, and evaluating
27.11 regional and crop-specific nutrient best
27.12 management practices, cover crops, and other
27.13 vegetative cover; assessing adoption of best
27.14 management practices and other recommended
27.15 practices; education and technical support
27.16 from University of Minnesota Extension;
27.17 grants to support agricultural demonstration
27.18 and implementation activities, including
27.19 research activities at the Rosholt Research
27.20 Farm; and other actions to protect groundwater
27.21 from degradation from nitrate. This
27.22 appropriation is added to the appropriation in
27.23 Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 2, section 3,
27.24 paragraph (b), and is available until June 30,
27.25 2028.

27.26 (b) \$3,402,000 the second year is for the
27.27 agriculture best management practices loan
27.28 program for loans for water-quality-related
27.29 projects. Of this amount, \$3,000,000 is for
27.30 projects in southeast Minnesota. Any
27.31 unencumbered balance at the end of the second
27.32 year must be added to the corpus of the loan
27.33 fund. This appropriation is added to the
27.34 appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 40, article
27.35 2, section 3, paragraph (c).

28.1	Sec. 4. <u>POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>5,326,000</u>
28.2	<u>(a) \$326,000 the second year is for completing</u>				
28.3	<u>needed statewide assessments of surface water</u>				
28.4	<u>quality and trends according to Minnesota</u>				
28.5	<u>Statutes, chapter 114D. This appropriation is</u>				
28.6	<u>added to the appropriation in Laws 2023,</u>				
28.7	<u>chapter 40, article 2, section 4, paragraph (a).</u>				
28.8	<u>(b) \$1,950,000 the second year is for</u>				
28.9	<u>enhancing the county-level delivery systems</u>				
28.10	<u>for subsurface sewage treatment system</u>				
28.11	<u>(SSTS) activities necessary to implement</u>				
28.12	<u>Minnesota Statutes, sections 115.55 and</u>				
28.13	<u>115.56, for protecting groundwater. This</u>				
28.14	<u>appropriation is added to the appropriation in</u>				
28.15	<u>Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 2, section 4,</u>				
28.16	<u>paragraph (f). Notwithstanding Minnesota</u>				
28.17	<u>Statutes, section 16A.28, the appropriations</u>				
28.18	<u>in this paragraph are available until June 30,</u>				
28.19	<u>2028.</u>				
28.20	<u>(c) \$1,000,000 the second year is for activities</u>				
28.21	<u>and grants that reduce chloride pollution. This</u>				
28.22	<u>appropriation is added to the appropriation in</u>				
28.23	<u>Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 2, section 4,</u>				
28.24	<u>paragraph (g).</u>				
28.25	<u>(d) \$2,000,000 the second year is to purchase</u>				
28.26	<u>and install nitrate sensors to develop a</u>				
28.27	<u>continuous nitrate-monitoring network to</u>				
28.28	<u>monitor watershed and basin pour points</u>				
28.29	<u>where elevated loads of nitrate have been</u>				
28.30	<u>measured historically.</u>				
28.31	<u>(e) \$50,000 the second year is for a grant to</u>				
28.32	<u>the Friends of the Minnesota Valley to</u>				
28.33	<u>continue and expand the existing water quality</u>				
28.34	<u>and watershed monitoring river watch</u>				

29.1 activities in schools in the Minnesota River
 29.2 Valley. By February 15, 2027, Friends of the
 29.3 Minnesota Valley must provide a report to the
 29.4 commissioner and to the chairs and ranking
 29.5 minority members of the legislative
 29.6 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
 29.7 over environment and natural resources
 29.8 finance and policy and the clean water fund
 29.9 on the outcomes achieved with the money
 29.10 received under this appropriation.

29.11	Sec. 5. <u>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL</u>			
29.12	<u>RESOURCES</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>\$ 90,000</u>

29.13 \$90,000 the second year is for assessing
 29.14 mercury and other fish contaminants,
 29.15 including PFAS compounds, and monitoring
 29.16 to track the status of impaired waters over
 29.17 time. This appropriation is added to the
 29.18 appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 40, article
 29.19 2, section 5, paragraph (c).

29.20	Sec. 6. <u>BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL</u>			
29.21	<u>RESOURCES</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>\$ 11,434,000</u>

29.22 (a) \$3,434,000 the second year is for a
 29.23 working-lands floodplain program and to
 29.24 purchase, restore, or preserve riparian land
 29.25 and floodplains adjacent to lakes, rivers,
 29.26 streams, and tributaries, by conservation
 29.27 easements or contracts to keep water on the
 29.28 land, to decrease sediment, pollutant, and
 29.29 nutrient transport; reduce hydrologic impacts
 29.30 to surface waters; and increase protection and
 29.31 recharge for groundwater. Up to \$225,000 is
 29.32 for deposit in a conservation easement
 29.33 stewardship account established according to
 29.34 Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.103. This
 29.35 appropriation is added to the appropriation in

30.1 Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 2, section 6,
30.2 paragraph (f).

30.3 (b) \$4,000,000 the second year is to purchase
30.4 permanent conservation easements to protect
30.5 lands adjacent to public waters that have good
30.6 water quality but that are threatened with
30.7 degradation. Up to \$160,000 is for deposit in
30.8 a conservation easement stewardship account
30.9 established according to Minnesota Statutes,
30.10 section 103B.103. This appropriation is added
30.11 to the appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 40,
30.12 article 2, section 6, paragraph (k).

30.13 (c) \$2,000,000 the second year is for
30.14 developing and implementing a water legacy
30.15 grant program to expand partnerships for clean
30.16 water. Of this amount, \$500,000 is for grants
30.17 to watershed districts to reduce the costs to
30.18 landowners for green infrastructure projects,
30.19 including rain gardens, permeable pavement,
30.20 rainwater harvesting and reuse, and other clean
30.21 water practices. Priority must be given to
30.22 projects in low-income and high-pollution
30.23 areas. Watershed districts may partner with
30.24 local community groups, nonprofit
30.25 organizations, and other interested parties to
30.26 perform the work and provide outreach to
30.27 communities. This appropriation is added to
30.28 the appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 40,
30.29 article 2, section 6, paragraph (m).

30.30 (d) \$1,000,000 the second year is to provide
30.31 support to soil and water conservation districts
30.32 and other local governments and partner
30.33 organizations in the Lake Superior basin to
30.34 leverage Great Lakes Restoration Initiative or

31.1 other federal Great Lakes funding to
31.2 implement prioritized activities.

31.3 (e) \$1,000,000 the second year is for
31.4 conservation easements acquired under
31.5 Minnesota Statutes, sections 103F.501 to
31.6 103F.535, or for grants or contracts to local
31.7 units of government or Tribal governments,
31.8 including for fee title acquisition or for
31.9 long-term protection of groundwater supply
31.10 sources. Consideration must be given to
31.11 drinking water supply management areas and
31.12 alternative management tools in the
31.13 Department of Agriculture *Minnesota*
31.14 *Nitrogen Fertilizer Management Plan,*
31.15 including using low-nitrogen cropping systems
31.16 or implementing nitrogen fertilizer best
31.17 management practices. Priority must be placed
31.18 on land that is located where the vulnerability
31.19 of the drinking water supply is designated as
31.20 high or very high by the commissioner of
31.21 health, where drinking water protection plans
31.22 have identified specific activities that will
31.23 achieve long-term protection, and on lands
31.24 with expiring conservation contracts. Up to
31.25 \$50,000 is for deposit in a conservation
31.26 easement stewardship account established
31.27 according to Minnesota Statutes, section
31.28 103B.103. This appropriation, including the
31.29 conditions and considerations, is added to the
31.30 appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 40, article
31.31 2, section 6, paragraph (g).

31.32 (f) The board must require grantees to specify
31.33 the outcomes that will be achieved by the
31.34 grants.

32.1 (g) The appropriations in this section are
 32.2 available until June 30, 2028, except grant or
 32.3 easement funds are available for five years
 32.4 after the date a grant or other agreement is
 32.5 executed. Returned grant funds must be
 32.6 regranted consistent with the purposes of this
 32.7 section.

32.8 **Sec. 7. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH \$ -0- \$ 3,174,000**

32.9 (a) \$384,000 the second year is for developing
 32.10 health-risk limits for contaminants found or
 32.11 anticipated to be found in Minnesota drinking
 32.12 water, to certify private laboratories to conduct
 32.13 analyses for these contaminants, and to
 32.14 increase the capacity of the department's
 32.15 laboratory to analyze for these contaminants.
 32.16 This appropriation is added to the
 32.17 appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 40, article
 32.18 2, section 7, paragraph (a).

32.19 (b) \$2,790,000 the second year is for
 32.20 managing a voluntary program in Dodge,
 32.21 Fillmore, Goodhue, Houston, Mower,
 32.22 Olmsted, Wabasha, and Winona Counties to
 32.23 conduct an inventory of private wells, provide
 32.24 testing for nitrates, develop education and
 32.25 outreach for private well owners and users,
 32.26 and develop a dashboard to communicate
 32.27 testing results and report on progress.

32.28 (c) Unless otherwise specified, the
 32.29 appropriations in this section are available
 32.30 until June 30, 2027.

32.31 **Sec. 8. UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA \$ -0- \$ 1,000,000**

32.32 \$1,000,000 the second year is for a program
 32.33 to evaluate performance and technology
 32.34 transfer for stormwater best management

33.1 practices; to evaluate best management
 33.2 performance and effectiveness to support
 33.3 meeting total maximum daily loads; to develop
 33.4 standards and incorporate state-of-the-art
 33.5 guidance using minimal impact design
 33.6 standards as the model; and to implement a
 33.7 system to transfer knowledge and technology
 33.8 across local government, industry, and
 33.9 regulatory sectors. This appropriation is added
 33.10 to the appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 40,
 33.11 article 2, section 9, paragraph (b), and is
 33.12 available until June 30, 2030.

33.13 **ARTICLE 3**

33.14 **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND**

33.15 Section 1. Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 3, section 2, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

33.16			64,455,000
33.17	Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation	\$ 72,155,000	\$ <u>73,563,000</u>

33.18 The amounts that may be spent for each
 33.19 purpose are specified in the following sections.

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

33.21 Sec. 2. Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 3, section 3, is amended to read:

33.22	Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL		38,931,000
33.23	RESOURCES	\$ 43,580,000	\$ <u>44,396,000</u>

33.24 (a) \$28,572,000 the first year and ~~\$25,524,000~~

33.25 \$29,167,000 the second year are for state

33.26 parks, recreation areas, and trails to:

33.27 (1) connect people to the outdoors;

33.28 (2) acquire land and create opportunities;

33.29 (3) maintain existing holdings; and

33.30 (4) improve cooperation by coordinating with

33.31 partners to implement the 25-year long-range

33.32 parks and trails legacy plan.

34.1 (b) The commissioner may spend money
34.2 appropriated under paragraph (a) on I Can!
34.3 programs, including but not limited to
34.4 programs designed to provide underserved
34.5 youth and youth who identify as lesbian, gay,
34.6 bisexual, transgender, and queer the
34.7 opportunity to experience the outdoors with
34.8 similar peers.

34.9 (c) \$14,286,000 the first year and ~~\$12,762,000~~
34.10 \$14,584,000 the second year are for grants for
34.11 parks and trails of regional significance
34.12 outside the seven-county metropolitan area
34.13 under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.535. The
34.14 grants awarded under this paragraph must be
34.15 based on the lists of recommended projects
34.16 submitted to the legislative committees under
34.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536,
34.18 subdivision 10, from the Greater Minnesota
34.19 Regional Parks and Trails Commission
34.20 established under Minnesota Statutes, section
34.21 85.536. Grants funded under this paragraph
34.22 must support parks and trails of regional or
34.23 statewide significance that meet the applicable
34.24 definitions and criteria for regional parks and
34.25 trails contained in the *Greater Minnesota*
34.26 *Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan*
34.27 adopted by the Greater Minnesota Regional
34.28 Parks and Trails Commission on ~~April 22,~~
34.29 2015 March 24, 2021. Grant recipients
34.30 identified under this paragraph must submit a
34.31 grant application to the commissioner of
34.32 natural resources. Up to 2.5 percent of the
34.33 appropriation may be used by the
34.34 commissioner for the actual cost of issuing
34.35 and monitoring the grants for the commission.
34.36 Of the amount appropriated, \$475,000 the first

35.1 year and \$475,000 the second year are for the
35.2 Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
35.3 Commission to carry out its duties under
35.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536, including
35.5 the continued development of a statewide
35.6 system plan for regional parks and trails
35.7 outside the seven-county metropolitan area.

35.8 (d) By January 15, 2024, the Greater
35.9 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
35.10 Commission must submit a list of projects that
35.11 contains the commission's recommendations
35.12 for funding from the parks and trails fund for
35.13 fiscal year 2025 to the chairs and ranking
35.14 minority members of the legislative
35.15 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
35.16 over environment and natural resources and
35.17 the parks and trails fund.

35.18 (e) By January 15, 2024, the Greater
35.19 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
35.20 Commission must submit a report that contains
35.21 the commission's criteria for funding from the
35.22 parks and trails fund, including the criteria
35.23 used to determine if a park or trail is of
35.24 regional significance, to the chairs and ranking
35.25 minority members of the legislative
35.26 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
35.27 over environment and natural resources and
35.28 the parks and trails fund.

35.29 (f) \$722,000 the first year and \$645,000 the
35.30 second year are for coordination and projects
35.31 between the department, the Metropolitan
35.32 Council, and the Greater Minnesota Regional
35.33 Parks and Trails Commission; enhanced
35.34 web-based information for park and trail users;

36.1 and support of activities of the Parks and
36.2 Trails Legacy Advisory Committee.

36.3 (g) The commissioner must contract for
36.4 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota
36.5 for restoration, maintenance, and other
36.6 activities under this section for at least
36.7 \$850,000 the first year and \$850,000 the
36.8 second year.

36.9 (h) Grant recipients of an appropriation under
36.10 this section must give consideration to
36.11 contracting with Conservation Corps
36.12 Minnesota for restoration, maintenance, and
36.13 other activities.

36.14 (i) In addition to the requirements under
36.15 paragraph (g), the commissioner should work
36.16 to provide other opportunities that encourage
36.17 a diversity of students to pursue careers in
36.18 environment and natural resources when
36.19 implementing appropriations in this section.

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

36.21 Sec. 3. Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 3, section 4, is amended to read:

36.22				25,524,000	
36.23	Sec. 4. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL	\$	28,572,000	\$	<u>29,167,000</u>

36.24 (a) \$28,572,000 the first year and ~~\$25,524,000~~
36.25 \$29,167,000 the second year are for
36.26 distribution according to Minnesota Statutes,
36.27 section 85.53, subdivision 3.

36.28 (b) Money appropriated under this section and
36.29 distributed to implementing agencies must be
36.30 used only to fund the list of projects approved
36.31 by the elected representatives of each of the
36.32 metropolitan parks implementing agencies.
36.33 Projects funded by the money appropriated

37.1 under this section must be substantially
37.2 consistent with the project descriptions and
37.3 dollar amounts approved by each elected body.
37.4 Any money remaining after completing the
37.5 listed projects may be spent by the
37.6 implementing agencies on projects to support
37.7 parks and trails.

37.8 (c) Grant agreements entered into by the
37.9 Metropolitan Council and recipients of money
37.10 appropriated under this section must ensure
37.11 that the money is used to supplement and not
37.12 substitute for traditional sources of funding.

37.13 (d) The implementing agencies receiving
37.14 appropriations under this section must give
37.15 consideration to contracting with Conservation
37.16 Corps Minnesota for restoration, maintenance,
37.17 and other activities.

37.18 (e) Implementing agencies that charge a fee
37.19 for activities or rental equipment, including
37.20 but not limited to watercraft, skis, bicycles,
37.21 golf clubs, and green fees, must report to the
37.22 Metropolitan Council the opportunities to
37.23 participate in the activities and rent equipment
37.24 at free or reduced rates offered in their park
37.25 and recreation programs. By February 1, 2025,
37.26 the Metropolitan Council must provide a
37.27 report to the legislative committees and
37.28 divisions with jurisdiction over legacy funding
37.29 on the information gathered under this
37.30 paragraph.

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

37.32 **Sec. 4. PARKS AND TRAILS FUND APPROPRIATION EXTENSIONS.**

37.33 Subdivision 1. **Bluffs Traverse Trail; city of Winona.** The availability of the grant to
37.34 the city of Winona for the Bluffs Traverse Trail project from the parks and trails fund

38.1 appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3, paragraph
38.2 (b), is extended to June 30, 2026.

38.3 Subd. 2. **Jay C. Hormel Nature Center; city of Austin.** The availability of the grant
38.4 to the city of Austin for the Jay C. Hormel Nature Center project from the parks and trails
38.5 fund appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3,
38.6 paragraph (b), is extended to June 30, 2027.

38.7 Subd. 3. **Hole in the Mountain Park; Lincoln County.** The availability of the grant to
38.8 Lincoln County for the Hole in the Mountain Park project from the parks and trails fund
38.9 appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3, paragraph
38.10 (b), is extended to June 30, 2027.

38.11 Subd. 4. **Alexander Ramsey Park; city of Redwood Falls.** The availability of the grant
38.12 to the city of Redwood Falls for the Alexander Ramsey Park project from the parks and
38.13 trails fund appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article 3, section
38.14 3, paragraph (b), is extended to June 30, 2027.

38.15 Subd. 5. **Coordination among partners.** The appropriations from the parks and trails
38.16 fund under Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3, paragraph (e),
38.17 are available until June 30, 2026.

38.18 **ARTICLE 4**

38.19 **ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND**

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

38.21 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the entities
38.22 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the arts and cultural
38.23 heritage fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for allowable activities under
38.24 the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15, except that any unencumbered balance
38.25 remaining under this article from the first year does not cancel but is available in the second
38.26 year. The figures "2024" and "2025" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed
38.27 under the figure are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2025,
38.28 respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2024. "The second year" is fiscal year 2025. "The
38.29 biennium" is fiscal years 2024 and 2025. All appropriations in this article are onetime.

38.30 **APPROPRIATIONS**

38.31 **Available for the Year**

38.32 **Ending June 30**

38.33 **2024**

2025

40.1 preservation, and arts access. Grant
40.2 agreements entered into by the Minnesota
40.3 State Arts Board and other recipients of
40.4 appropriations in this subdivision must ensure
40.5 that the money is used to supplement and not
40.6 substitute for traditional sources of funding.
40.7 Each grant program established in this
40.8 appropriation must be separately administered
40.9 from other state appropriations for program
40.10 planning and outcome measurements, but may
40.11 take into consideration other state resources
40.12 awarded in the selection of applicants and
40.13 grant award size.

40.14 **(b) Arts and Arts Access Initiatives**

40.15 \$4,590,000 the second year is to support
40.16 Minnesota artists and arts organizations in
40.17 creating, producing, and presenting
40.18 high-quality arts activities; to preserve,
40.19 maintain, and interpret art forms and works
40.20 of art so that they are accessible to Minnesota
40.21 audiences; to overcome barriers to accessing
40.22 high-quality arts activities; and to instill the
40.23 arts into the community and public life in this
40.24 state. This appropriation is added to the
40.25 appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 40, article
40.26 4, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph (b).

40.27 **(c) Arts Education**

40.28 \$861,000 the second year is for high-quality,
40.29 age-appropriate arts education for Minnesotans
40.30 of all ages to develop knowledge, skills, and
40.31 understanding of the arts. This appropriation
40.32 is added to the appropriation in Laws 2023,
40.33 chapter 40, article 4, section 2, subdivision 3,
40.34 paragraph (c).

40.35 **(d) Arts and Cultural Heritage**

41.1 \$287,000 the second year is for events and
41.2 activities that represent, preserve, and maintain
41.3 the diverse cultural arts traditions, including
41.4 folk and traditional artists and art
41.5 organizations, represented in this state. This
41.6 appropriation is added to the appropriation in
41.7 Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 4, section 2,
41.8 subdivision 3, paragraph (d).

41.9 **(e) Administrative Costs**

41.10 Up to five percent of the totals in paragraphs
41.11 (b) to (d) each year is for administering grant
41.12 programs, delivering technical services,
41.13 providing fiscal oversight for the statewide
41.14 system, and ensuring accountability for fiscal
41.15 year 2025 appropriations.

41.16 **(f) Regional Arts Councils**

41.17 Thirty percent of the remaining total
41.18 appropriation to each of the categories listed
41.19 in paragraphs (b) to (d) is for grants to the
41.20 regional arts councils. Notwithstanding any
41.21 other provision of law, regional arts council
41.22 grants or other arts council grants for touring
41.23 programs, projects, or exhibits must ensure
41.24 the programs, projects, or exhibits are able to
41.25 tour in their own region as well as all other
41.26 regions of the state.

41.27 **Subd. 4. Department of Administration** -0- 1,720,000

41.28 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are
41.29 appropriated to the commissioner of
41.30 administration for grants to the named
41.31 organizations for the purposes specified in this
41.32 subdivision. The commissioner of
41.33 administration may use a portion of this
41.34 appropriation for costs that are directly related

42.1 to and necessary for the administration of
42.2 grants in this subdivision.

42.3 (b) Grant agreements entered into by the
42.4 commissioner and recipients of appropriations
42.5 under this subdivision must ensure that money
42.6 appropriated in this subdivision is used to
42.7 supplement and not substitute for traditional
42.8 sources of funding.

42.9 **(c) Berger Fountain Renovation**

42.10 \$200,000 the second year is for a grant to the
42.11 Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to
42.12 restore Berger Fountain at Loring Park and
42.13 for improvements to the surrounding plaza.

42.14 **(d) Capri Theater**

42.15 \$250,000 the second year is for a grant to
42.16 Capri Theater to enrich and expand youth and
42.17 adult arts programming and effective arts and
42.18 educational offerings for youth, families, and
42.19 emerging and accomplished artists.

42.20 **(e) Veterans Memorial and Commemorations**

42.21 \$150,000 the second year is for a competitive
42.22 grant program to award grants for groups
42.23 celebrating, recognizing, and honoring the
42.24 sacrifices of those who served in the military,
42.25 including memorials, commemorations,
42.26 facilities, and park features.

42.27 Of this amount, \$30,000 is for a grant to the
42.28 VFW Post 5252 in Pelican Rapids for the
42.29 relocation of their Honor Wall, and \$15,000
42.30 is for a grant to Clitherall Township for the
42.31 Clitherall Township Veterans Memorial in
42.32 Battle Lake for improvements to the grounds.

42.33 **(f) Indigenous Roots Cultural Arts Center and**
42.34 **Cypher Side**

43.1 \$175,000 the second year is for a grant to
43.2 Indigenous Roots Cultural Arts Center to
43.3 partner with Cypher Side to provide dance and
43.4 other arts programming.

43.5 **(g) Hrvatski Dom Croatian Hall**

43.6 \$195,000 the second year is for a grant to the
43.7 Hrvatski Dom Croatian Hall in South St. Paul
43.8 for restoring and operating the hall for
43.9 community gatherings and to preserve the
43.10 history and cultural heritage of Croatian
43.11 immigrants in Minnesota.

43.12 **(h) Justus Ramsey Stone House**

43.13 \$300,000 the second year is for a grant to the
43.14 Minnesota Transportation Museum for costs
43.15 related to preserving Minnesota's historic
43.16 Justus Ramsey Stone House and relocating it
43.17 to the Jackson Street Roundhouse property
43.18 owned and operated by the Minnesota
43.19 Transportation Museum.

43.20 **(i) Minnesota Military and Veterans Museum**

43.21 \$275,000 the second year is for a grant to the
43.22 Minnesota Military and Veterans Museum at
43.23 Camp Ripley for the restoration, relocation,
43.24 and interpretation of the USS Ward Number
43.25 Three Gun and World War II display. This
43.26 funding may also be used for site reclamation
43.27 and improvements at the location of the
43.28 removed work. Award of this grant is
43.29 contingent on compliance and approvals in
43.30 Minnesota Rules, part 2400.2703, subpart 7.
43.31 This funding is available until June 30, 2027.

43.32 **(j) PROCEED**

44.1 \$100,000 the second year is for a grant to
 44.2 PROCEED, Inc., for arts, cultural, and
 44.3 environmental preservation work with youth.

44.4 **(k) Twin Cities Jazz Festival**

44.5 \$75,000 the second year is for arts and arts
 44.6 access at the Twin Cities Jazz Festival.

44.7 **Subd. 5. Minnesota Humanities Center** -0- 3,550,000

44.8 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are
 44.9 appropriated to the Board of Directors of the
 44.10 Minnesota Humanities Center for the purposes
 44.11 specified in this subdivision. The Minnesota
 44.12 Humanities Center may use up to 5.5 percent
 44.13 of the appropriations to administer this money
 44.14 and to cover the cost of administering,
 44.15 planning, evaluating, and reporting these
 44.16 grants. The Minnesota Humanities Center
 44.17 must develop a written plan to issue the grants
 44.18 under this subdivision and must submit the
 44.19 plan for review and approval by the
 44.20 commissioner of administration. The written
 44.21 plan must require the Minnesota Humanities
 44.22 Center to create and adhere to grant policies
 44.23 that are similar to those established according
 44.24 to Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.97,
 44.25 subdivision 4, paragraph (a), clause (1).

44.26 No grants awarded under this subdivision may
 44.27 be used for travel outside the state of
 44.28 Minnesota. The grant agreement must specify
 44.29 the repercussions for failing to comply with
 44.30 the grant agreement.

44.31 **(b) Community Identity and Heritage Grant**
 44.32 **Program; Administration and Capacity-Building**
 44.33 **Grants; Festival Grants**

44.34 (1) \$50,000 the second year is for outreach
 44.35 and education on the grant programs in this

45.1 subdivision, with a focus on reaching diverse
45.2 community organizations and providing
45.3 assistance with grant opportunities,
45.4 qualifications, and reporting requirements and
45.5 specifically providing technical assistance and
45.6 a nontraditional application process to improve
45.7 access to grant funding for diverse
45.8 communities.

45.9 (2) \$1,690,000 the second year is for a
45.10 competitive grant program to provide grants
45.11 to organizations or individuals working to
45.12 create, celebrate, and teach the art, culture,
45.13 and heritage of diverse Minnesota
45.14 communities, including but not limited to
45.15 Asian and Pacific Island communities, the
45.16 Somali diaspora and other African immigrant
45.17 communities, Indigenous communities with
45.18 a focus on the 11 Tribes in Minnesota, the
45.19 African American community, the Latinx
45.20 community, the LGBTQIA+ community, and
45.21 other underrepresented cultural groups,
45.22 including communities of Black, Indigenous,
45.23 and people of color, to celebrate the cultural
45.24 diversity of Minnesota. An individual or
45.25 organization that receives a grant under this
45.26 clause must do at least one of the following:

45.27 (i) preserve and honor the cultural heritage of
45.28 Minnesota;

45.29 (ii) provide education and student outreach on
45.30 cultural diversity;

45.31 (iii) support the development of culturally
45.32 diverse humanities programming, including
45.33 arts programming, by individuals and
45.34 organizations; or

46.1 (iv) empower communities in building identity
46.2 and culture, including preserving and honoring
46.3 communities whose Indigenous cultures are
46.4 endangered or disappearing.

46.5 (3) Of the amount in clause (2), \$750,000 must
46.6 be used for grants for community events,
46.7 music and jazz festivals, cultural festivals for
46.8 art installations, music, and other
46.9 performances and activities that support
46.10 festivals and events. Funding under this clause
46.11 must not go to parades. Amounts not awarded
46.12 under this clause may be used for the purposes
46.13 provided in clause (2).

46.14 (4) Of the amount in clause (3):

46.15 (i) \$100,000 is for a grant to an organization
46.16 to celebrate Minnesota's historical, cultural,
46.17 and artistic heritage to provide boxes of
46.18 essentials to mothers in the state. The
46.19 organization must consult with the
46.20 commissioner of health to develop and
46.21 distribute the boxes;

46.22 (ii) \$100,000 is for a grant to
46.23 (Neo)Muralismos de Mexico to expand classes
46.24 and support artists; and

46.25 (iii) \$100,000 is for a grant to a nonprofit
46.26 organization that can support and facilitate the
46.27 art and music of Rondo Days.

46.28 **(c) Underrepresented Groups Cultural Studies**
46.29 **Materials**

46.30 \$500,000 the second year is for competitive
46.31 grants to develop high-quality academic
46.32 cultural and ethnic studies materials for
46.33 communities that do not have adequate
46.34 cultural and ethnic studies materials or who

47.1 are underrepresented in those materials,
47.2 including but not limited to the Hmong, Karen,
47.3 Somali, and Oromo cultures, and cultures
47.4 without a formal writing system that are
47.5 largely oral-based. In developing these
47.6 materials, a recipient of a grant under this
47.7 paragraph must work with school districts that
47.8 intend to use the materials.

47.9 **(d) Urban Debate League**

47.10 \$180,000 the second year is for a grant to the
47.11 Minnesota Urban Debate League to expand
47.12 the Minnesota Urban Debate League program
47.13 to serve additional school districts throughout
47.14 Minnesota.

47.15 **(e) Monkeybear**

47.16 \$100,000 the second year is for a grant to the
47.17 Monkeybear's Harmolodic Workshop for
47.18 developing creative and technical skills in
47.19 contemporary puppetry.

47.20 **(f) Saint Paul Neighborhood Network (SPNN)**

47.21 \$100,000 the second year is for a grant to Saint
47.22 Paul Neighborhood Network in St. Paul for a
47.23 grant to support their programs in
47.24 cinematography, lighting, and editing;
47.25 storytelling; documentary filmmaking; and
47.26 other artistic programming.

47.27 **(g) SivYig Culture Center**

47.28 \$40,000 the second year is for a grant to the
47.29 SivYig Culture Center for programming and
47.30 educational outreach activities to teach the
47.31 public about the historical, cultural, and folk
47.32 arts heritage of Hmong Minnesotans.

47.33 **(h) African Immigrants Community Services**
47.34 **(AICS)**

48.1 \$40,000 the second year is for a grant to the
48.2 African Immigrants Community Services
48.3 (AICS) in Minneapolis for arts programming
48.4 serving and celebrating the African arts and
48.5 cultural heritage.

48.6 **(i) Mini Sota Agricultural Children's Museum**

48.7 \$50,000 the second year is for a grant to the
48.8 Mini Sota Agricultural Children's Museum in
48.9 Benson for improved accessibility and
48.10 planning, design, and construction of exhibits.

48.11 **(j) Arts and Music Education; ACH Learners**
48.12 **Grants**

48.13 \$500,000 the second year is for grants to
48.14 organizations to offer scholarships to
48.15 underserved youth and adults to pursue music,
48.16 including singing, band, and orchestral
48.17 instruments; creative writing; studio arts,
48.18 including traditional craft and folk arts; and
48.19 performing arts, including dance and theater,
48.20 throughout the state. Priority for grants
48.21 distributed in this paragraph must be given to:

48.22 (1) programs that have matching funding or
48.23 existing resources to help facilitate group or
48.24 individual lessons in the arts;

48.25 (2) high-quality arts programming that helps
48.26 provide students with access to experienced
48.27 teachers, musicians, and artists;

48.28 (3) programs that will provide scholarships to
48.29 low-income and diverse communities that have
48.30 been underserved by traditional arts funding;

48.31 (4) programs that are partnering with, or plan
48.32 to partner with, public schools and community
48.33 organizations to help reach students from
48.34 diverse backgrounds;

49.1 (5) programs that can offer scholarships to
49.2 existing high-quality arts programming,
49.3 including camps, schools, and centers devoted
49.4 to teaching any of the artistic scholarships;
49.5 and

49.6 (6) programs that offer outreach and
49.7 transportation services, as well as on-site
49.8 services, to help communities gain access to
49.9 and use the scholarships awarded in this
49.10 paragraph.

49.11 **(k) 50th Anniversary of Vietnam War/Southeast**
49.12 **Asian Conflict**

49.13 \$150,000 the second year is for a joint
49.14 commemoration program, in collaboration
49.15 with the Minnesota Historical Society, for the
49.16 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War/Secret
49.17 War in Laos/Southeast Asian conflict that
49.18 recognizes and honors the contributions of the
49.19 Vietnamese, Lao, Cambodian, Hmong, and
49.20 other Minnesota Vietnam veterans. The
49.21 Minnesota Humanities Center must prepare
49.22 the program to leverage the unique skillsets
49.23 and relationships in the four Southeast Asian
49.24 Minnesotan communities and the broader
49.25 communities.

49.26 **(l) Art From the Inside**

49.27 \$150,000 the second year is for a grant to Art
49.28 From the Inside to use the arts, including but
49.29 not limited to visual art, poetry, literature,
49.30 theater, dance, and music, to address the
49.31 supportive, therapeutic, and rehabilitative
49.32 needs of incarcerated persons and persons on
49.33 supervised release and promote a safer
49.34 correctional facility and community
49.35 environment.

50.1	<u>Subd. 6. Minnesota Historical Society</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>1,201,000</u>
50.2	<u>(a) The amounts in this subdivision are</u>		
50.3	<u>appropriated to the governing board of the</u>		
50.4	<u>Minnesota Historical Society to preserve and</u>		
50.5	<u>enhance access to Minnesota's history and its</u>		
50.6	<u>cultural and historical resources. Grant</u>		
50.7	<u>agreements entered into by the Minnesota</u>		
50.8	<u>Historical Society and other recipients of</u>		
50.9	<u>appropriations in this subdivision must ensure</u>		
50.10	<u>that these funds are used to supplement and</u>		
50.11	<u>not substitute for traditional sources of</u>		
50.12	<u>funding. Funds directly appropriated to the</u>		
50.13	<u>Minnesota Historical Society must be used to</u>		
50.14	<u>supplement and not substitute for traditional</u>		
50.15	<u>sources of funding. The appropriations in this</u>		
50.16	<u>subdivision are onetime.</u>		
50.17	<u>(b) Grants</u>		
50.18	<u>(1) \$100,000 the second year is to facilitate</u>		
50.19	<u>negotiations for the purchase by the state of</u>		
50.20	<u>the Wizard of Oz ruby slippers through a</u>		
50.21	<u>combination of available state funds and</u>		
50.22	<u>nonstate sources of funding;</u>		
50.23	<u>(2) \$400,000 the second year is for statewide</u>		
50.24	<u>historic and cultural grants to cultural</u>		
50.25	<u>community organizations, historical</u>		
50.26	<u>organizations, and veterans organizations for</u>		
50.27	<u>activities to commemorate 50 years of</u>		
50.28	<u>Southeast Asians in Minnesota. Money under</u>		
50.29	<u>this paragraph must be distributed through a</u>		
50.30	<u>competitive grant process. The Minnesota</u>		
50.31	<u>Historical Society must administer the grants</u>		
50.32	<u>using established grant mechanisms with</u>		
50.33	<u>assistance from the advisory committee</u>		
50.34	<u>created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article</u>		

51.1 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), item
51.2 (ii).

51.3 (3) \$200,000 the second year is for activities
51.4 to prepare and coordinate community
51.5 commemoration programs celebrating 50 years
51.6 of Hmong Americans in Minnesota. The
51.7 Minnesota Historical Society must form an
51.8 advisory task force consisting of members of
51.9 the Hmong community to advise the society
51.10 on the design and implementation of these
51.11 activities and programs;

51.12 (4) \$200,000 the second year is for planning
51.13 and outreach, in collaboration with the
51.14 Minnesota Humanities Center, for Minnesota's
51.15 commemoration of the 250th anniversary of
51.16 the signing of the Declaration of
51.17 Independence. The Minnesota Historical
51.18 Society and Minnesota Humanities Center
51.19 must enter into an agreement between the
51.20 organizations on how best to maximize the
51.21 impact of this grant and of collaboration with
51.22 statewide partners;

51.23 (5) \$50,000 the second year is for a grant to
51.24 the Greater Litchfield Opera House
51.25 Association to repair and update the Litchfield
51.26 Opera House; and

51.27 (6) \$251,000 the second year is for a grant to
51.28 the Dakota County Historical Society to design
51.29 and build exhibits at the Lawshe Memorial
51.30 Museum.

51.31 Sec. 3. Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 4, section 2, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

51.32	Subd. 3. Minnesota State Arts Board	47,421,000	44,796,000
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52.1 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are
52.2 appropriated to the Minnesota State Arts
52.3 Board for arts, arts education, arts
52.4 preservation, and arts access. Grant
52.5 agreements entered into by the Minnesota
52.6 State Arts Board and other recipients of
52.7 appropriations in this subdivision must ensure
52.8 that these funds are used to supplement and
52.9 not substitute for traditional sources of
52.10 funding. Each grant program established in
52.11 this appropriation must be separately
52.12 administered from other state appropriations
52.13 for program planning and outcome
52.14 measurements, but may take into consideration
52.15 other state resources awarded in the selection
52.16 of applicants and grant award size.

52.17 **(b) Arts and Arts Access Initiatives**

52.18 \$35,737,000 the first year and \$36,437,000
52.19 the second year are to support Minnesota
52.20 artists and arts organizations in creating,
52.21 producing, and presenting high-quality arts
52.22 activities; to preserve, maintain, and interpret
52.23 art forms and works of art so that they are
52.24 accessible to Minnesota audiences; to
52.25 overcome barriers to accessing high-quality
52.26 arts activities; and to instill the arts into the
52.27 community and public life in this state. Grants
52.28 provided under this paragraph must prioritize
52.29 artists and arts organizations that plan to
52.30 present art from communities that have been
52.31 historically underrepresented in the arts or that
52.32 improve access to the programs and projects
52.33 for groups, including youth and historically
52.34 underserved communities, that have struggled
52.35 to access arts programming in the past.

53.1 **(c) Arts Education**

53.2 \$7,263,000 the first year and \$6,269,000 the
53.3 second year are for high-quality,
53.4 age-appropriate arts education for Minnesotans
53.5 of all ages to develop knowledge, skills, and
53.6 understanding of the arts. Priority in the award
53.7 of grants under this paragraph must be given
53.8 to providing educational opportunities to
53.9 underserved communities with grants for
53.10 organizations or entities providing
53.11 opportunities to K-12 students throughout the
53.12 state for arts education, including access to
53.13 arts instruction, arts programming, museums,
53.14 and arts presentations.

53.15 **(d) Arts and Cultural Heritage**

53.16 \$2,421,000 the first year and \$2,090,000 the
53.17 second year are for events and activities that
53.18 represent, preserve, and maintain the diverse
53.19 cultural arts traditions, including folk and
53.20 traditional artists and art organizations,
53.21 represented in this state.

53.22 **(e) Significant Art Project St. Paul**

53.23 \$2,000,000 the first year is for a grant to the
53.24 Minnesota United Foundation for the design,
53.25 land development, land transfer fees, and
53.26 production costs of a public art project in St.
53.27 Paul at the United Village site celebrating
53.28 Minnesota arts and cultural heritage and
53.29 providing a unique public art experience
53.30 through sculpture and design. The project
53.31 funded by this paragraph must have a
53.32 matching ~~grant~~ contribution from nonpublic
53.33 funds and must include a public-private
53.34 partnership agreement providing an agreement
53.35 for the future ownership, maintenance, taxes,

54.1 and associated costs for the art project and
54.2 project site. The project funded by this
54.3 paragraph must have a permanent sign
54.4 indicating the project was funded through the
54.5 arts and cultural heritage fund. This
54.6 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028.
54.7 Nonpublic contributions made after January
54.8 1, 2024, are eligible matching expenditures
54.9 for the purposes of this grant.

54.10 **(f) Administrative Costs**

54.11 Up to five percent of the totals in paragraphs
54.12 (b) to (e) each year is for administering grant
54.13 programs, delivering technical services,
54.14 providing fiscal oversight for the statewide
54.15 system, and ensuring accountability ~~in~~ for
54.16 fiscal years year 2024 and fiscal year 2025
54.17 appropriations.

54.18 **(g) Regional Arts Councils**

54.19 Thirty percent of the remaining total
54.20 appropriation to each of the categories listed
54.21 in paragraphs (b) to (d) is for grants to the
54.22 regional arts councils. Notwithstanding any
54.23 other provision of law, regional arts council
54.24 grants or other arts council grants for touring
54.25 programs, projects, or exhibits must ensure
54.26 the programs, projects, or exhibits are able to
54.27 tour in their own region as well as all other
54.28 regions of the state.

54.29 (h) Any unencumbered balance remaining
54.30 under this subdivision the first year does not
54.31 cancel but is available the second year."

54.32 Delete the title and insert:

54.33 "A bill for an act
54.34 relating to state government; appropriating money from the outdoor heritage fund,
54.35 clean water fund, parks and trails fund, and arts and cultural heritage fund;

- 55.1 modifying and extending prior appropriations; amending Laws 2023, chapter 40,
- 55.2 article 3, sections 2, subdivision 1; 3; 4; article 4, section 2, subdivision 3."

We request the adoption of this report and repassage of the bill.

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