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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 1999

- 02/20/2023 Authored by Lillie  
The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration
- 02/27/2023 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Legacy Finance
- 03/30/2023 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
- 04/04/2023 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register as Amended  
Read for the Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to state government; appropriating money from outdoor heritage, clean

1.3 water, parks and trails, and arts and cultural heritage funds; modifying prior

1.4 appropriations; modifying provisions related to outdoor heritage fund and parks

1.5 and trails fund; modifying Clean Water Legacy Act; requiring financial review of

1.6 certain grant recipients; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022,

1.7 sections 85.53, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision; 85.536, subdivisions 1, 2;

1.8 97A.056, subdivisions 2, 11, 22; 114D.20, subdivision 2; 114D.30, subdivisions

1.9 4, 6, 7; 114D.50, subdivision 4; 129D.17, by adding a subdivision; Laws 2020,

1.10 chapter 104, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, as amended.

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

ARTICLE 1

OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

1.14 Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

1.15 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies

1.16 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the outdoor heritage

1.17 fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The "first year" is fiscal year 2024. The

1.18 "second year" is fiscal year 2025. The "biennium" is fiscal years 2024 and 2025. The

1.19 appropriations in this article are onetime appropriations.

1.20	<b><u>APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>	
1.21	<b><u>Available for the Year</u></b>	
1.22	<b><u>Ending June 30</u></b>	
1.23	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2025</u></b>

1.24 Sec. 2. OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

1.25	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>171,135,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>655,000</u></b>
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2.1 This appropriation is from the outdoor heritage  
 2.2 fund. The amounts that may be spent for each  
 2.3 purpose are specified in the following  
 2.4 subdivisions.

2.5 Subd. 2. **Prairies** 31,917,000 -0-

2.6 **(a) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Program, Phase**  
 2.7 **XIII**

2.8 \$3,856,000 the first year is to the  
 2.9 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 2.10 agreement with The Nature Conservancy to  
 2.11 acquire land in fee and restore and enhance  
 2.12 native prairie, grasslands, wetlands, and  
 2.13 savanna. Subject to the evaluation criteria in  
 2.14 Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
 2.15 must be given to acquiring lands that are  
 2.16 eligible for the native prairie bank under  
 2.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
 2.18 adjacent to protected native prairie. Annual  
 2.19 income statements and balance sheets for  
 2.20 income and expenses from land acquired with  
 2.21 this appropriation must be submitted to the  
 2.22 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council no  
 2.23 later than 180 days after the close of The  
 2.24 Nature Conservancy's fiscal year. A list of  
 2.25 proposed land acquisitions, restorations, and  
 2.26 enhancements must be provided as part of the  
 2.27 required accomplishment plan and must be  
 2.28 consistent with the priorities identified in the  
 2.29 *Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.*

2.30 **(b) Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition,**  
 2.31 **Phase VII**

2.32 \$2,137,000 the first year is to the  
 2.33 commissioner of natural resources for  
 2.34 agreements to acquire land in fee and restore  
 2.35 and enhance strategic prairie grassland,

3.1 wetland, and other wildlife habitat in Martin  
3.2 and Watonwan Counties for wildlife  
3.3 management area purposes under Minnesota  
3.4 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8, as  
3.5 follows: \$1,670,000 to Fox Lake Conservation  
3.6 League Inc.; \$421,000 to Ducks Unlimited;  
3.7 and \$46,000 to The Conservation Fund. A list  
3.8 of proposed acquisitions must be provided as  
3.9 part of the required accomplishment plan.

3.10 **(c) RIM Grasslands Reserve, Phase V**

3.11 \$2,747,000 the first year is to the Board of  
3.12 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
3.13 permanent conservation easements and to  
3.14 restore and enhance grassland habitat under  
3.15 Minnesota Statutes, sections 103F.501 to  
3.16 103F.531. Of this amount, up to \$46,000 is  
3.17 for establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
3.18 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
3.19 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
3.20 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
3.21 conservation easements must be provided as  
3.22 part of the final report.

3.23 **(d) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the**  
3.24 **Southern Red River Valley, Phase IX**

3.25 \$4,400,000 the first year is to the  
3.26 commissioner of natural resources for an  
3.27 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in  
3.28 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie  
3.29 Chicken Society, to acquire land in fee and  
3.30 restore and enhance lands in the southern Red  
3.31 River Valley for wildlife management  
3.32 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section  
3.33 86A.05, subdivision 8, or to be designated and  
3.34 managed as waterfowl production areas in  
3.35 Minnesota, in cooperation with the United

4.1 States Fish and Wildlife Service. Subject to  
4.2 the evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules,  
4.3 part 6136.0900, priority must be given to  
4.4 acquiring lands that are eligible for the native  
4.5 prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section  
4.6 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native  
4.7 prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions  
4.8 must be provided as part of the required  
4.9 accomplishment plan.

4.10 **(e) Working Lands for Habitat**

4.11 \$2,709,000 the first year is to the Board of  
4.12 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
4.13 permanent conservation easements that allow  
4.14 long-term grazing while also protecting  
4.15 wildlife habitat and water quality under  
4.16 Minnesota Statutes, sections 103F.501 to  
4.17 103F.531. Grazing plans must be developed  
4.18 before grazing is allowed. Of this amount, up  
4.19 to \$46,000 is for establishing a monitoring and  
4.20 enforcement fund as approved in the  
4.21 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
4.22 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
4.23 list of permanent conservation easements must  
4.24 be provided as part of the final report.

4.25 **(f) Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area**  
4.26 **Program, Phase XV**

4.27 \$5,216,000 the first year is to the  
4.28 commissioner of natural resources for an  
4.29 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire  
4.30 in fee and restore and enhance lands for  
4.31 wildlife management area purposes under  
4.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
4.33 subdivision 8. Subject to the evaluation criteria  
4.34 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
4.35 must be given to acquiring lands that are

5.1 eligible for the native prairie bank under  
5.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
5.3 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of  
5.4 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
5.5 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

5.6 **(g) Accelerating the USFWS Habitat**  
5.7 **Conservation Easement Program, Phase IV**

5.8 \$5,077,000 the first year is to the  
5.9 commissioner of natural resources for  
5.10 agreements to restore and enhance wetland  
5.11 and prairie habitat on habitat easements of the  
5.12 United States Fish and Wildlife Service as  
5.13 follows: \$3,391,000 to Ducks Unlimited and  
5.14 \$1,686,000 to Pheasants Forever. A list of  
5.15 proposed land restorations and enhancements  
5.16 must be provided as part of the required  
5.17 accomplishment plan.

5.18 **(h) DNR Grassland Enhancement, Phase XV**

5.19 \$3,003,000 the first year is to the  
5.20 commissioner of natural resources to  
5.21 accelerate the restoration and enhancement of  
5.22 prairies, grasslands, and savannas in wildlife  
5.23 management areas, in scientific and natural  
5.24 areas, in aquatic management areas, on lands  
5.25 in the native prairie bank, in bluff prairies on  
5.26 state forest land in southeastern Minnesota,  
5.27 and in waterfowl production areas and refuge  
5.28 lands of the United States Fish and Wildlife  
5.29 Service. A list of proposed land restorations  
5.30 and enhancements must be provided as part  
5.31 of the required accomplishment plan.

5.32 **(i) Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands, Phase**  
5.33 **VI**

5.34 \$2,772,000 the first year is to the  
5.35 commissioner of natural resources for an

6.1 agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance  
 6.2 and restore grassland and wetland habitat on  
 6.3 public lands. A list of proposed land  
 6.4 restorations and enhancements must be  
 6.5 provided as part of the required  
 6.6 accomplishment plan.

6.7 **Subd. 3. Forests**

6,569,000

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6.8 **(a) Hardwood Hills Habitat Conservation**  
 6.9 **Program**

6.10 \$1,894,000 the first year is to the  
 6.11 commissioner of natural resources for  
 6.12 agreements to acquire permanent conservation  
 6.13 easements and restore and enhance forest  
 6.14 habitats in the hardwood hills ecological  
 6.15 section of west-central Minnesota as follows:  
 6.16 \$175,000 to St. John's University and  
 6.17 \$1,719,000 to Minnesota Land Trust.  
 6.18 \$168,000 of the amount to Minnesota Land  
 6.19 Trust is to establish a monitoring and  
 6.20 enforcement fund as approved in the  
 6.21 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
 6.22 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
 6.23 list of proposed permanent conservation  
 6.24 easements, restorations, and enhancements  
 6.25 must be provided as part of the required  
 6.26 accomplishment plan.

6.27 **(b) Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape Protection**  
 6.28 **Program ACUB, Phase XI**

6.29 \$2,133,000 the first year is to the Board of  
 6.30 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with  
 6.31 the Morrison County Soil and Water  
 6.32 Conservation District, to acquire permanent  
 6.33 conservation easements and restore and  
 6.34 enhance forest wildlife habitat within the  
 6.35 boundaries of the Minnesota National Guard

7.1 Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape and Army  
 7.2 Compatible Use Buffer. Up to \$111,000 to the  
 7.3 Board of Water and Soil Resources is to  
 7.4 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund  
 7.5 as approved in the accomplishment plan and  
 7.6 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
 7.7 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
 7.8 conservation easements must be provided as  
 7.9 part of the final report.

7.10 **(c) Protecting and Enhancing Public Land**  
 7.11 **Forest Habitats by Strategically Acquiring**  
 7.12 **Private Land Inholdings**

7.13 \$1,046,000 the first year is to the  
 7.14 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 7.15 agreement with the Ruffed Grouse Society to  
 7.16 protect and enhance forest habitats by  
 7.17 strategically acquiring private forest land  
 7.18 inholdings to provide better public forest  
 7.19 management, reduce fragmentation, and  
 7.20 provide public access. A list of proposed  
 7.21 acquisitions and enhancements must be  
 7.22 provided as part of the required  
 7.23 accomplishment plan.

7.24 **(d) DNR Forest Habitat Enhancement, Phase**  
 7.25 **III**

7.26 \$1,496,000 the first year is to the  
 7.27 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
 7.28 and enhance forest wildlife habitats on public  
 7.29 lands throughout Minnesota. A list of  
 7.30 proposed land restorations and enhancements  
 7.31 must be provided as part of the required  
 7.32 accomplishment plan.

7.33 **Subd. 4. Wetlands**

33,469,000

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7.34 **(a) RIM Wetlands - Restoring the Most**  
 7.35 **Productive Habitat in Minnesota, Phase XII**

8.1 \$4,122,000 the first year is to the Board of  
8.2 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
8.3 permanent conservation easements and to  
8.4 restore wetlands and native grassland habitat  
8.5 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515.  
8.6 Of this amount, up to \$72,000 is for  
8.7 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
8.8 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
8.9 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
8.10 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
8.11 conservation easements must be provided as  
8.12 part of the final report.

8.13 **(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection and**  
8.14 **Restoration Program, Phase XII**

8.15 \$7,061,000 the first year is to the  
8.16 commissioner of natural resources for an  
8.17 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire  
8.18 land in fee for wildlife management purposes  
8.19 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
8.20 subdivision 8, and to restore and enhance  
8.21 prairie lands, wetlands, and land that buffers  
8.22 shallow lakes. A list of proposed acquisitions  
8.23 must be provided as part of the required  
8.24 accomplishment plan.

8.25 **(c) Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration**  
8.26 **Program, Phase VIII**

8.27 \$3,012,000 the first year is to the  
8.28 commissioner of natural resources for an  
8.29 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
8.30 acquire permanent conservation easements  
8.31 and restore and enhance prairie, wetland, and  
8.32 other habitat on permanently protected  
8.33 conservation easements in high-priority  
8.34 wetland habitat complexes in the prairie,  
8.35 forest/prairie transition, and forest regions. Of  
8.36 this amount, up to \$168,000 is to establish a



9.1 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
9.2 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
9.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
9.4 subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
9.5 conservation easement acquisitions and  
9.6 restorations and enhancements must be  
9.7 provided as part of the required  
9.8 accomplishment plan.

9.9 **(d) Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area**  
9.10 **Acquisition Program, Phase XIV**

9.11 \$5,231,000 the first year is to the  
9.12 commissioner of natural resources for an  
9.13 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in  
9.14 cooperation with the United States Fish and  
9.15 Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee and  
9.16 restore and enhance wetlands and grasslands  
9.17 to be designated and managed as waterfowl  
9.18 production areas in Minnesota. A list of  
9.19 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
9.20 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

9.21 **(e) Wetland Enhancement in the Big Woods**

9.22 \$619,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
9.23 of natural resources for an agreement with  
9.24 Scott-Le Sueur Waterfowlers to restore and  
9.25 enhance wetlands in Scott and Rice Counties.  
9.26 A list of proposed restorations and  
9.27 enhancements must be provided as part of the  
9.28 required accomplishment plan.

9.29 **(f) Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**  
9.30 **Enhancement and Restoration Initiative, Phase**  
9.31 **IX**

9.32 \$6,634,000 the first year is to the  
9.33 commissioner of natural resources for an  
9.34 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to restore  
9.35 and enhance shallow lakes, wetlands, and

10.1 grasslands on public lands and wetlands and  
10.2 grasslands under permanent conservation  
10.3 easement for wildlife management. A list of  
10.4 proposed shallow-lake enhancements and  
10.5 wetland restorations must be provided as part  
10.6 of the required accomplishment plan.

10.7 **(g) Voyageurs National Park Wetland**  
10.8 **Restoration Project, Phase III**

10.9 \$1,153,000 the first year is to the  
10.10 commissioner of natural resources for an  
10.11 agreement with the National Park Service to  
10.12 restore and enhance wetland and lacustrine  
10.13 habitat in Voyageurs National Park. A list of  
10.14 proposed restorations and enhancements must  
10.15 be provided as part of the required  
10.16 accomplishment plan.

10.17 **(h) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland**  
10.18 **Enhancement, Phase XV**

10.19 \$3,695,000 the first year is to the  
10.20 commissioner of natural resources to enhance  
10.21 and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat  
10.22 statewide. A list of proposed shallow lake and  
10.23 wetland restorations and enhancements must  
10.24 be provided as part of the required  
10.25 accomplishment plan.

10.26 **(i) Bone Lake South Wetland Acquisition**

10.27 \$1,942,000 the first year is to the  
10.28 commissioner of natural resources for an  
10.29 agreement with the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake  
10.30 Watershed District to acquire in fee and restore  
10.31 and enhance lands for wildlife and water  
10.32 quality purposes in the Bone Lake watershed.  
10.33 A list of proposed acquisitions must be  
10.34 provided as part of the required  
10.35 accomplishment plan.

11.1	<u>Subd. 5. Habitats</u>	<u>97,349,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
11.2	<u>(a) Hennepin County Habitat Conservation</u>		
11.3	<u>Program, Phase III</u>		
11.4	<u>\$4,649,000 the first year is to the</u>		
11.5	<u>commissioner of natural resources for</u>		
11.6	<u>agreements to acquire permanent conservation</u>		
11.7	<u>easements and to restore and enhance wildlife</u>		
11.8	<u>habitat in Hennepin County as follows:</u>		
11.9	<u>\$1,687,000 to Hennepin County and</u>		
11.10	<u>\$2,962,000 to Minnesota Land Trust.</u>		
11.11	<u>\$216,000 of the amount to Minnesota Land</u>		
11.12	<u>Trust is to establish a monitoring and</u>		
11.13	<u>enforcement fund as approved in the</u>		
11.14	<u>accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota</u>		
11.15	<u>Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A</u>		
11.16	<u>list of proposed permanent conservation</u>		
11.17	<u>easements, restorations, and enhancements</u>		
11.18	<u>must be provided as part of the required</u>		
11.19	<u>accomplishment plan.</u>		
11.20	<u>(b) Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation,</u>		
11.21	<u>Phase VIII</u>		
11.22	<u>\$3,269,000 the first year is to the</u>		
11.23	<u>commissioner of natural resources for</u>		
11.24	<u>agreements to acquire permanent conservation</u>		
11.25	<u>easements and to restore and enhance wildlife</u>		
11.26	<u>habitat on public lands and easements in the</u>		
11.27	<u>Anoka Sand Plain ecoregion and intersecting</u>		
11.28	<u>minor watersheds as follows: \$802,000 to the</u>		
11.29	<u>Anoka Conservation District; \$839,000 to</u>		
11.30	<u>Great River Greening; \$175,000 to the</u>		
11.31	<u>National Wild Turkey Federation; \$280,000</u>		
11.32	<u>to Sherburne County; and \$1,173,000 to</u>		
11.33	<u>Minnesota Land Trust. \$144,000 of the</u>		
11.34	<u>amount to Minnesota Land Trust is to establish</u>		
11.35	<u>a monitoring and enforcement fund as</u>		
11.36	<u>approved in the accomplishment plan and</u>		

- 12.1 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
12.2 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
12.3 permanent conservation easements,  
12.4 restorations, and enhancements must be  
12.5 provided as part of the required  
12.6 accomplishment plan.
- 12.7 **(c) Accelerating Habitat Conservation in**  
12.8 **Southwest Minnesota, Phase II**
- 12.9 \$3,071,000 the first year is to the  
12.10 commissioner of natural resources for an  
12.11 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
12.12 acquire permanent conservation easements  
12.13 and to restore and enhance high-quality  
12.14 wildlife habitat in southwest Minnesota. Of  
12.15 this amount, up to \$168,000 is to establish a  
12.16 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
12.17 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
12.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
12.19 subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
12.20 conservation easement acquisitions,  
12.21 restorations, and enhancements must be  
12.22 provided as part of the required  
12.23 accomplishment plan.
- 12.24 **(d) Buffalo-Red River Watershed District**  
12.25 **Stream Habitat Program, Phase III**
- 12.26 \$3,748,000 the first year is to acquire  
12.27 permanent conservation easements and restore  
12.28 and enhance aquatic and upland habitat  
12.29 associated with the Red River and Buffalo  
12.30 River watersheds. Of this amount, \$2,250,000  
12.31 is to the commissioner of natural resources for  
12.32 an agreement with the Buffalo-Red River  
12.33 Watershed District and \$1,498,000 is to the  
12.34 Board of Water and Soil Resources. \$102,000  
12.35 of the amount to the Board of Water and Soil  
12.36 Resources 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. A  
13.4 list of proposed acquisitions and restorations  
13.5 must be included as part of the required  
13.6 accomplishment plan.

13.7 **(e) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**  
13.8 **Restoration, Phase XI**

13.9 \$3,675,000 the first year is to the  
13.10 commissioner of natural resources for  
13.11 agreements to acquire lands in fee and  
13.12 permanent conservation easements and to  
13.13 restore and enhance wildlife habitat on public  
13.14 lands and permanent conservation easements  
13.15 in southeast Minnesota as follows: \$1,311,000  
13.16 to The Nature Conservancy; \$942,000 to Trust  
13.17 for Public Land; and \$1,422,000 to Minnesota  
13.18 Land Trust. \$168,000 of the amount to  
13.19 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a  
13.20 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
13.21 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
13.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
13.23 subdivision 17. A list of proposed land  
13.24 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements  
13.25 must be provided as part of the required  
13.26 accomplishment plan.

13.27 **(f) Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding**  
13.28 **Biological Significance, Phase II**

13.29 \$3,648,000 the first year is to the  
13.30 commissioner of natural resources for  
13.31 agreements to acquire land in fee and  
13.32 permanent conservation easements and to  
13.33 restore and enhance lakes of outstanding  
13.34 biological significance in northeast and  
13.35 north-central Minnesota. Of this amount,  
13.36 \$1,507,000 is to Northern Waters Land Trust

14.1 and \$2,141,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust.  
14.2 \$192,000 of the amount to Minnesota Land  
14.3 Trust is for establishing a monitoring and  
14.4 enforcement fund as approved in the  
14.5 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
14.6 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
14.7 list of proposed acquisitions must be included  
14.8 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

14.9 **(g) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic**  
14.10 **North-Central Minnesota Lakes, Phase IX**

14.11 \$3,719,000 the first year is to the  
14.12 commissioner of natural resources for  
14.13 agreements to acquire land in fee and in  
14.14 permanent conservation easements and to  
14.15 restore and enhance wildlife habitat to sustain  
14.16 healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes in  
14.17 Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard  
14.18 Counties as follows: \$1,777,000 to Northern  
14.19 Waters Land Trust and \$1,942,000 to  
14.20 Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$168,000 to  
14.21 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a  
14.22 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
14.23 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
14.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
14.25 subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions must be  
14.26 provided as part of the required  
14.27 accomplishment plan.

14.28 **(h) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**  
14.29 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition, Phase**  
14.30 **XV**

14.31 \$2,340,000 the first year is to the  
14.32 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
14.33 in fee and restore and enhance lands for  
14.34 wildlife management purposes under  
14.35 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
14.36 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee for

15.1 scientific and natural area purposes under  
15.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
15.3 subdivision 5. Subject to the evaluation criteria  
15.4 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
15.5 must be given to acquiring lands that are  
15.6 eligible for the native prairie bank under  
15.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
15.8 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of  
15.9 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
15.10 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

15.11 **(i) DNR Trout Stream Conservation Easements,**  
15.12 **Phase III**

15.13 \$1,043,000 the first year is to the  
15.14 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
15.15 land in permanent conservation easements to  
15.16 protect trout-stream aquatic habitat. Of this  
15.17 amount, up to \$120,000 is for establishing a  
15.18 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
15.19 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
15.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
15.21 subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
15.22 conservation easements must be provided as  
15.23 part of the required accomplishment plan.

15.24 **(j) Metro Big Rivers, Phase XIII**

15.25 \$15,339,000 the first year is to the  
15.26 commissioner of natural resources for  
15.27 agreements to acquire land in fee and  
15.28 permanent conservation easements and to  
15.29 restore and enhance natural habitat systems  
15.30 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,  
15.31 and St. Croix Rivers and their tributaries in  
15.32 the metropolitan area as follows: \$700,000 to  
15.33 Minnesota Valley Trust; \$540,000 to Friends  
15.34 of the Mississippi River; \$928,000 to Great  
15.35 River Greening; \$11,171,000 to Trust for

16.1 Public Land; and \$2,000,000 to Minnesota  
16.2 Land Trust. Up to \$192,000 to Minnesota  
16.3 Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and  
16.4 enforcement fund as approved in the  
16.5 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
16.6 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
16.7 list of proposed land acquisitions and  
16.8 permanent conservation easements must be  
16.9 provided as part of the required  
16.10 accomplishment plan.

16.11 **(k) St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and**  
16.12 **Restoration, Phase IV**

16.13 \$13,306,000 the first year is to the  
16.14 commissioner of natural resources for  
16.15 agreements to acquire land in fee and  
16.16 permanent conservation easements and to  
16.17 restore and enhance natural habitat systems in  
16.18 the St. Croix River watershed as follows:  
16.19 \$11,171,000 to Trust for Public Land;  
16.20 \$105,000 to Wild Rivers Conservancy; and  
16.21 \$2,030,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to  
16.22 \$168,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to  
16.23 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund  
16.24 as approved in the accomplishment plan and  
16.25 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
16.26 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
16.27 land acquisitions and permanent conservation  
16.28 easements must be provided as part of the  
16.29 required accomplishment plan.

16.30 **(l) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**  
16.31 **Restoration Program, Phase XII**

16.32 \$2,198,000 the first year is to the  
16.33 commissioner of natural resources for an  
16.34 agreement with the Shell Rock River  
16.35 Watershed District to acquire land in fee and  
16.36 to restore and enhance habitat in the Shell



17.1 Rock River watershed. A list of proposed  
17.2 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements  
17.3 must be provided as part of the required  
17.4 accomplishment plan.

17.5 **(m) Integrating Habitat and Clean Water, Phase**  
17.6 **II**

17.7 \$3,269,000 the first year is to the Board of  
17.8 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
17.9 permanent conservation easements and restore  
17.10 and enhance wildlife habitat identified in One  
17.11 Watershed, One Plan for stacked benefit to  
17.12 wildlife and clean water. Up to \$85,000 of the  
17.13 amount is for establishing a monitoring and  
17.14 enforcement fund as approved in the  
17.15 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
17.16 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
17.17 list of permanent conservation easements must  
17.18 be provided as part of the final report.

17.19 **(n) Cannon River Watershed Habitat**  
17.20 **Restoration and Protection Program, Phase XII**

17.21 \$2,981,000 the first year is to the  
17.22 commissioner of natural resources for  
17.23 agreements to acquire lands in fee and restore  
17.24 and enhance wildlife habitat in the Cannon  
17.25 River watershed as follows: \$119,000 to Clean  
17.26 River Partners; \$994,000 to Great River  
17.27 Greening; and \$1,868,000 to Trust for Public  
17.28 Land. A list of proposed land acquisitions,  
17.29 restorations, and enhancements must be  
17.30 provided as part of the required  
17.31 accomplishment plan.

17.32 **(o) Enhance Metro and Southeast Minnesota**  
17.33 **Trout Stream Habitats, Phase II**

17.34 \$1,690,000 the first year is to the  
17.35 commissioner of natural resources for an

18.1 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited  
18.2 to restore and enhance habitat for trout and  
18.3 other species in and along coldwater rivers,  
18.4 lakes, and streams in the metro and southeast  
18.5 regions of Minnesota. A list of proposed  
18.6 restorations and enhancements must be  
18.7 provided as part of the required  
18.8 accomplishment plan.

18.9 **(p) Lake Nokomis Shoreline Enhancements for**  
18.10 **Turtles and Pollinators, Phase II**

18.11 \$755,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
18.12 of natural resources for an agreement with the  
18.13 Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to  
18.14 enhance shoreline and upland habitat on Lake  
18.15 Nokomis. A list of proposed enhancements  
18.16 must be provided as part of the required  
18.17 accomplishment plan.

18.18 **(q) Upper Sioux Community Habitat**  
18.19 **Restoration**

18.20 \$966,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
18.21 of natural resources for an agreement with the  
18.22 Upper Sioux Community to restore and  
18.23 enhance oak savanna, forest, prairie, and other  
18.24 wildlife habitats on Tribal lands. A list of  
18.25 proposed restorations and enhancements must  
18.26 be provided as part of the required  
18.27 accomplishment plan.

18.28 **(r) Rum River Corridor Fish and Wildlife**  
18.29 **Habitat Enhancement, Phase II**

18.30 \$1,699,000 the first year is to the  
18.31 commissioner of natural resources for an  
18.32 agreement with the Anoka County Soil and  
18.33 Water Conservation District to restore and  
18.34 enhance upland and riverine habitat in the  
18.35 Rum River corridor. A list of proposed

19.1 enhancements and restorations must be  
19.2 provided as part of the required  
19.3 accomplishment plan.

19.4 **(s) Restoring and Enhancing Minnesota's**  
19.5 **Important Bird Areas in the St. Croix River**  
19.6 **Valley**

19.7 \$1,034,000 the first year is to the  
19.8 commissioner of natural resources for an  
19.9 agreement with Audubon Minnesota to restore  
19.10 and enhance wildlife habitat in important bird  
19.11 areas and other priority wildlife areas in the  
19.12 St. Croix River Valley. A list of proposed  
19.13 restorations and enhancements must be  
19.14 provided as part of the required  
19.15 accomplishment plan.

19.16 **(t) DNR St. Louis River Restoration Initiative,**  
19.17 **Phase X**

19.18 \$2,596,000 the first year is to the  
19.19 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
19.20 and enhance priority aquatic, riparian, and  
19.21 forest habitats in the St. Louis River estuary.  
19.22 Of this amount, up to \$140,000 is for an  
19.23 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust. A list  
19.24 of proposed restorations and enhancements  
19.25 must be provided as part of the required  
19.26 accomplishment plan.

19.27 **(u) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and**  
19.28 **Enhancement, Phase XI**

19.29 \$4,122,000 the first year is to the  
19.30 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
19.31 and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded  
19.32 streams and aquatic management areas and to  
19.33 facilitate fish passage. A list of proposed land  
19.34 restorations and enhancements must be  
19.35 provided as part of the required  
19.36 accomplishment plan.

20.1 **(v) DNR Roving Crew, Phase II**  
20.2 \$8,732,000 the first year is to the  
20.3 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
20.4 and enhance fish and wildlife habitat on  
20.5 permanently protected lands throughout  
20.6 Minnesota using the roving crew program of  
20.7 the Department of Natural Resources. A list  
20.8 of restoration and enhancement projects must  
20.9 be provided as part of the required  
20.10 accomplishment plan.

20.11 **(w) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**  
20.12 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat, Phase**  
20.13 **XV**

20.14 \$9,500,000 the first year is to the  
20.15 commissioner of natural resources for a  
20.16 program to provide competitive matching  
20.17 grants of up to \$500,000 to local, regional,  
20.18 state, and national organizations for enhancing,  
20.19 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,  
20.20 prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife  
20.21 in Minnesota. Unless there are not enough  
20.22 eligible grant applications received, of this  
20.23 amount, at least \$2,500,000 is for grants in the  
20.24 seven-county metropolitan area and cities with  
20.25 a population of 50,000 or greater and at least  
20.26 \$3,000,000 is for grants to applicants that have  
20.27 not previously applied for money from the  
20.28 outdoor heritage fund. Grants must not be  
20.29 made for activities required to fulfill the duties  
20.30 of owners of lands subject to conservation  
20.31 easements. Grants must not be made from the  
20.32 appropriation in this paragraph for projects  
20.33 that have a total project cost exceeding  
20.34 \$1,000,000. Of the total appropriation,  
20.35 \$450,000 may be spent for personnel costs,  
20.36 outreach and support to first-time applicants,

21.1 and other direct and necessary administrative  
21.2 costs. Grantees may acquire land or interests  
21.3 in land. Easements must be permanent. Grants  
21.4 may not be used to establish easement  
21.5 stewardship accounts. The program must  
21.6 require a match of at least ten percent from  
21.7 nonstate sources for all grants. The match may  
21.8 be cash or in-kind resources. For grant  
21.9 applications of \$25,000 or less, the  
21.10 commissioner must provide a separate,  
21.11 simplified application process. Subject to  
21.12 Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner of  
21.13 natural resources must, when evaluating  
21.14 projects of equal value, give priority to  
21.15 organizations that have a history of receiving,  
21.16 or a charter to receive, private contributions  
21.17 for local conservation or habitat projects. All  
21.18 restoration or enhancement projects must be  
21.19 on land permanently protected by a permanent  
21.20 covenant ensuring perpetual maintenance and  
21.21 protection of restored and enhanced habitat,  
21.22 by a conservation easement, or by public  
21.23 ownership or in public waters as defined in  
21.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005,  
21.25 subdivision 15. Priority must be given to  
21.26 restoration and enhancement projects on public  
21.27 lands. Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
21.28 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded  
21.29 under this paragraph. This appropriation is  
21.30 available until June 30, 2026. No less than five  
21.31 percent of the amount of each grant must be  
21.32 held back from reimbursement until the grant  
21.33 recipient has completed a grant  
21.34 accomplishment report by the deadline and in  
21.35 the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the  
21.36 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The

22.1 commissioner must provide notice of the grant  
 22.2 program in the summary of game and fish law  
 22.3 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 22.4 97A.051, subdivision 2.

22.5 **Subd. 6. Administration** 1,831,000 655,000

22.6 **(a) Contract Management**

22.7 \$336,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
 22.8 of natural resources for contract management  
 22.9 duties assigned in this section. The  
 22.10 commissioner must provide an  
 22.11 accomplishment plan in the form specified by  
 22.12 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
 22.13 on expending this appropriation. The  
 22.14 accomplishment plan must include a copy of  
 22.15 the grant contract template and reimbursement  
 22.16 manual. No money may be expended before  
 22.17 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
 22.18 approves the accomplishment plan. Money  
 22.19 appropriated in this paragraph is available until  
 22.20 June 30, 2025.

22.21 **(b) Legislative Coordinating Commission**

22.22 \$634,000 the first year and \$651,000 the  
 22.23 second year are to the Legislative  
 22.24 Coordinating Commission for administrative  
 22.25 expenses of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor  
 22.26 Heritage Council and for compensating and  
 22.27 reimbursing expenses of council members.  
 22.28 This appropriation is available until June 30,  
 22.29 2025. Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.281,  
 22.30 applies to this appropriation.

22.31 **(c) Technical Evaluation Panel**

22.32 \$190,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
 22.33 of natural resources for a technical evaluation  
 22.34 panel to conduct up to 25 restoration and

23.1 enhancement evaluations under Minnesota  
23.2 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 10. This  
23.3 appropriation is available until June 30, 2025.

23.4 **(d) Core Functions in Partner-Led OHF Land**  
23.5 **Acquisitions**

23.6 \$668,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
23.7 of natural resources to administer the initial  
23.8 development, restoration, and enhancement  
23.9 of fee title acquisitions funded through the  
23.10 outdoor heritage fund. Money may be used  
23.11 for land acquisition costs incurred by the  
23.12 department as part of conveying parcels to the  
23.13 Department of Natural Resources and for  
23.14 initial development activities on fee title  
23.15 acquisitions. This appropriation is available  
23.16 until June 30, 2026.

23.17 **(e) Legacy Website**

23.18 \$3,000 the first year and \$4,000 the second  
23.19 year are to the Legislative Coordinating  
23.20 Commission for the website required under  
23.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision  
23.22 10.

23.23 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**

23.24 (a) Money appropriated in this section may  
23.25 not be spent on activities unless they are  
23.26 directly related to and necessary for a specific  
23.27 appropriation and are specified in the  
23.28 accomplishment plan approved by the  
23.29 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.  
23.30 Money appropriated in this section must not  
23.31 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional  
23.32 overhead charges that are not directly related  
23.33 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.  
23.34 Money appropriated to acquire land in fee title  
23.35 may be used to restore, enhance, and provide

- 24.1 for public use of the land acquired with the  
24.2 appropriation. Public-use facilities must have  
24.3 a minimal impact on habitat in acquired lands.
- 24.4 (b) Money appropriated in this section is  
24.5 available as follows:
- 24.6 (1) money appropriated to acquire real  
24.7 property is available until June 30, 2027;
- 24.8 (2) money appropriated to restore and enhance  
24.9 land acquired with an appropriation in this  
24.10 article is available for four years after the  
24.11 acquisition date with a maximum end date of  
24.12 June 30, 2031;
- 24.13 (3) money appropriated to restore and enhance  
24.14 other land is available until June 30, 2028;
- 24.15 (4) notwithstanding clauses (1) to (3), money  
24.16 appropriated for a project that receives at least  
24.17 15 percent of its funding from federal funds  
24.18 is available until a date sufficient to match the  
24.19 availability of federal funding to a maximum  
24.20 of six years if the federal funding was  
24.21 confirmed and included in the original  
24.22 approved draft accomplishment plan; and
- 24.23 (5) money appropriated for other projects is  
24.24 available until the end of the fiscal year in  
24.25 which it is appropriated.
- 24.26 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**  
24.27 **Equipment Expenditures**
- 24.28 All agreements referred to in this section must  
24.29 be administered on a reimbursement basis  
24.30 unless otherwise provided in this section.
- 24.31 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
24.32 16A.41, expenditures directly related to each  
24.33 appropriation's purpose made on or after July  
24.34 1, 2023, or the date of accomplishment plan



25.1 approval, whichever is later, are eligible for  
25.2 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in  
25.3 this section. For purposes of administering  
25.4 appropriations and legislatively authorized  
25.5 agreements paid out of the outdoor heritage  
25.6 fund, an expense must be considered  
25.7 reimbursable by the administering agency  
25.8 when the recipient presents the agency with  
25.9 an invoice or binding agreement with the  
25.10 landowner and the recipient attests that the  
25.11 goods have been received or the landowner  
25.12 agreement is binding. Periodic reimbursement  
25.13 must be made upon receiving documentation  
25.14 that the items articulated in the  
25.15 accomplishment plan approved by the  
25.16 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council have  
25.17 been achieved, including partial achievements  
25.18 as evidenced by progress reports approved by  
25.19 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.  
25.20 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to  
25.21 projects to accommodate cash-flow needs,  
25.22 support future management of acquired lands,  
25.23 or match a federal share. The advances must  
25.24 be approved as part of the accomplishment  
25.25 plan. Capital equipment expenditures for  
25.26 specific items over \$10,000 must be itemized  
25.27 in and approved as part of the accomplishment  
25.28 plan.

25.29 **Subd. 9. Mapping**

25.30 Each direct recipient of money appropriated  
25.31 in this section, as well as each recipient of a  
25.32 grant awarded under this section, must provide  
25.33 geographic information to the Lessard-Sams  
25.34 Outdoor Heritage Council to map any lands  
25.35 that are acquired in fee with money

26.1 appropriated in this section and open to public  
26.2 taking of fish and game. The commissioner  
26.3 of natural resources must include the lands  
26.4 acquired in fee with money appropriated in  
26.5 this section on maps showing public recreation  
26.6 opportunities. Maps must include information  
26.7 on and acknowledgment of the outdoor  
26.8 heritage fund, including a notation of any  
26.9 restrictions.

26.10 **Subd. 10. Opportunities for Youth**

26.11 (a) Each direct recipient of money  
26.12 appropriated in this section and each recipient  
26.13 of a grant awarded pursuant to this section  
26.14 must contact the commissioner of natural  
26.15 resources in writing to determine whether  
26.16 opportunities to coordinate with recipients of  
26.17 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section  
26.18 84.976, or other opportunities providing  
26.19 training and education to racially, ethnically,  
26.20 and economically diverse youth in the  
26.21 practical implementation of conservation  
26.22 practices that protect, restore, and enhance  
26.23 wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish,  
26.24 game, and wildlife are available when  
26.25 implementing the projects funded in this  
26.26 section.

26.27 (b) Each direct recipient of money  
26.28 appropriated in this section and each recipient  
26.29 of a grant awarded pursuant to this section  
26.30 must contact Conservation Corps Minnesota  
26.31 in writing and consider use of their restoration  
26.32 and enhancement services.

26.33 (c) A copy of the written contacts required  
26.34 under this subdivision must be filed with the

- 27.1 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
- 27.2 within 15 days of execution.
- 27.3 **Subd. 11. Carryforward**
- 27.4 (a) The availability of the appropriation under
- 27.5 Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section 2,
- 27.6 subdivision 5, paragraph (j), Roseau Lake
- 27.7 Rehabilitation, is extended to June 30, 2024.
- 27.8 (b) The availability of the appropriation under
- 27.9 Laws 2017, chapter 91, article 1, section 2,
- 27.10 subdivision 2, paragraph (g), Reinvest in
- 27.11 Minnesota (RIM) Buffers for Wildlife and
- 27.12 Water - Phase VII, is extended to June 30,
- 27.13 2025.
- 27.14 (c) The availability of the appropriation under
- 27.15 Laws 2018, chapter 208, article 1, section 2,
- 27.16 subdivision 5, paragraph (i), Lower
- 27.17 Mississippi River Habitat Partnership - Phase
- 27.18 IV, is extended to June 30, 2027.
- 27.19 (d) The availability of the appropriation under
- 27.20 Laws 2018, chapter 208, section 2, subdivision
- 27.21 5, paragraph (n), Buffalo River Watershed
- 27.22 Stream Habitat Program, is extended to June
- 27.23 30, 2025.
- 27.24 (e) The availability of the appropriation under
- 27.25 Laws 2020, chapter 104, article 1, section 2,
- 27.26 subdivision 5, paragraph (a), Protecting
- 27.27 Coldwater Fisheries on Minnesota's North
- 27.28 Shore, is extended to June 30, 2025.
- 27.29 (f) The availability of the appropriation under
- 27.30 Laws 2020, chapter 104, article 1, section 2,
- 27.31 subdivision 5, paragraph (h), Hennepin County
- 27.32 Habitat Conservation Program - Phase II, is
- 27.33 extended to June 30, 2025.

28.1 (g) The availability of the appropriation under  
28.2 Laws 2022, chapter 77, article 1, section 2,  
28.3 subdivision 6, paragraph (a), Contract  
28.4 Management, is extended to June 30, 2024.

28.5 (h) The availability of the appropriation under  
28.6 Laws 2022, chapter 77, article 1, section 2,  
28.7 subdivision 6, paragraph (b), Technical  
28.8 Evaluation Panel, is extended to June 30,  
28.9 2024.

28.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Subdivision 11 is effective the day following final enactment.

28.11 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97A.056, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

28.12 Subd. 2. **Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.** (a) The Lessard-Sams Outdoor  
28.13 Heritage Council of 12 members is created in the legislative branch, consisting of:

28.14 (1) two public members appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees of the  
28.15 Committee on Rules and Administration;

28.16 (2) two public members appointed by the speaker of the house;

28.17 (3) four public members appointed by the governor;

28.18 (4) two members of the senate appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees  
28.19 of the Committee on Rules and Administration; and

28.20 (5) two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house.

28.21 (b) Members appointed under paragraph (a) must not be registered lobbyists. In making  
28.22 appointments, the governor, senate Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on  
28.23 Rules and Administration, and the speaker of the house shall consider geographic balance,  
28.24 gender, age, ethnicity, and varying interests including hunting and fishing. The governor's  
28.25 appointments to the council are subject to the advice and consent of the senate.

28.26 (c) Public members appointed under paragraph (a) shall have practical experience or  
28.27 expertise or demonstrated knowledge in the science, policy, or practice of restoring,  
28.28 protecting, and enhancing wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife.

28.29 (d) Legislative members appointed under paragraph (a) shall include the chairs of the  
28.30 legislative committees with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources finance or  
28.31 their designee, one member from the minority party of the senate, and one member from  
28.32 the minority party of the house of representatives.

29.1 (e) Public members serve four-year terms. Appointed legislative members serve at the  
29.2 pleasure of the appointing authority. Public and legislative members continue to serve until  
29.3 their successors are appointed. Public members shall be initially appointed according to the  
29.4 following schedule of terms:

29.5 (1) two public members appointed by the governor for a term ending the first Monday  
29.6 in January 2011;

29.7 (2) one public member appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees of the  
29.8 Committee on Rules and Administration for a term ending the first Monday in January  
29.9 2011;

29.10 (3) one public member appointed by the speaker of the house for a term ending the first  
29.11 Monday in January 2011;

29.12 (4) two public members appointed by the governor for a term ending the first Monday  
29.13 in January 2013;

29.14 (5) one public member appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees of the  
29.15 Committee on Rules and Administration for a term ending the first Monday in January  
29.16 2013; and

29.17 (6) one public member appointed by the speaker of the house for a term ending the first  
29.18 Monday in January 2013.

29.19 (f) Terms, compensation, and removal of public members are as provided in section  
29.20 15.0575, except that a public member may be compensated at the rate of up to \$125 a day.  
29.21 A vacancy on the council may be filled by the appointing authority for the remainder of the  
29.22 unexpired term.

29.23 (g) Members shall elect a chair, vice-chair, secretary, and other officers as determined  
29.24 by the council. The chair may convene meetings as necessary to conduct the duties prescribed  
29.25 by this section.

29.26 (h) The Legislative Coordinating Commission may appoint nonpartisan staff and contract  
29.27 with consultants as necessary to support the functions of the council. The council has final  
29.28 approval authority for the hiring of a candidate for executive director. Up to one percent of  
29.29 the money appropriated from the fund may be used to pay for administrative expenses of  
29.30 the council and for compensation and expense reimbursement of council members.

30.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97A.056, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

30.2 Subd. 11. **Recipient requirements.** (a) A state agency or other recipient of a direct  
30.3 appropriation from the outdoor heritage fund must compile and submit all information for  
30.4 funded projects or programs, including the proposed measurable outcomes and all other  
30.5 items required under section 3.303, subdivision 10, to the Legislative Coordinating  
30.6 Commission as soon as practicable or by January 15 of the applicable fiscal year, whichever  
30.7 comes first. The Legislative Coordinating Commission must post submitted information on  
30.8 the website required under section 3.303, subdivision 10, as soon as it becomes available.

30.9 (b) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the outdoor heritage  
30.10 fund shall prominently display on the recipient's website home page the legacy logo required  
30.11 under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws 2010, chapter  
30.12 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more information."  
30.13 When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the website must direct the person to a web  
30.14 page that includes both the contact information that a person may use to obtain additional  
30.15 information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating Commission website required  
30.16 under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

30.17 (c) Future eligibility for money from the outdoor heritage fund is contingent upon a state  
30.18 agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section, as well as  
30.19 any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of the  
30.20 Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a recipient  
30.21 of money from the outdoor heritage fund has not complied with the laws, rules, or regulations  
30.22 in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient must be listed in an  
30.23 annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the legacy funds. The list  
30.24 must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a recipient from the list  
30.25 upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient on the list is not eligible  
30.26 for future funding from the outdoor heritage fund until the recipient demonstrates compliance  
30.27 to the legislative auditor.

30.28 (d) A project or program receiving funding from the outdoor heritage fund must include  
30.29 an assessment of whether the funding celebrates cultural diversity or reaches diverse  
30.30 communities in Minnesota, including reaching low- and moderate-income households.

30.31 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97A.056, subdivision 22, is amended to read:

30.32 Subd. 22. **Revenues.** (a) A recipient must disclose to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage  
30.33 Council and the commissioner all revenues that are received by the recipient before the  
30.34 availability of the appropriation ends and that are generated from activities on land acquired

31.1 in fee title or easement, restored, or enhanced with money from the outdoor heritage fund.  
 31.2 The revenues must be disclosed to the council and commissioner no later than ~~60~~ 90 days  
 31.3 after the availability of the appropriation ends.

31.4 (b) For all revenues disclosed under paragraph (a), a recipient must:

31.5 (1) use the revenues to protect, restore, or enhance wetlands, prairies, forests, or habitat  
 31.6 for fish, game, or wildlife according to the appropriation purposes and the approved  
 31.7 accomplishment plan;

31.8 (2) use the revenues for other purposes as approved in the accomplishment plan by the  
 31.9 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council; or

31.10 (3) transfer the revenues to the outdoor heritage fund no later than ~~60~~ 90 days after the  
 31.11 availability of the appropriation ends, unless otherwise approved by the council.

31.12 (c) Paragraph (b), clause (3), does not apply to the state and its departments and agencies.

31.13 Sec. 6. Laws 2020, chapter 104, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, as amended by Laws  
 31.14 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article 1, section 4, is amended to read:

31.15 Subd. 5. **Habitats** -0- 55,429,000

31.16 **(a) Protecting Coldwater Fisheries on**  
 31.17 **Minnesota's North Shore**

31.18 \$1,809,000 the second year is to the  
 31.19 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 31.20 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
 31.21 acquire permanent conservation easements  
 31.22 and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat in  
 31.23 priority coldwater tributaries to Lake Superior.

31.24 Of this amount, up to ~~\$144,000~~ \$240,000 is  
 31.25 to establish a monitoring and enforcement  
 31.26 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
 31.27 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
 31.28 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
 31.29 conservation easement acquisitions,  
 31.30 restorations, and enhancements must be  
 31.31 provided as part of the required  
 31.32 accomplishment plan.

31.33 **(b) Metro Big Rivers - Phase X**

32.1 \$6,473,000 the second year is to the  
32.2 commissioner of natural resources for  
32.3 agreements to acquire lands in fee and  
32.4 permanent conservation easements and to  
32.5 restore and enhance natural habitat systems  
32.6 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,  
32.7 and St. Croix Rivers and their tributaries in  
32.8 the metropolitan area. Of this amount,  
32.9 \$801,000 is to Minnesota Valley National  
32.10 Wildlife Refuge Trust Inc., \$300,000 is to  
32.11 Friends of the Mississippi River, \$366,000 is  
32.12 to Great River Greening, \$3,406,000 is to The  
32.13 Trust for Public Land, and \$1,600,000 is to  
32.14 Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$144,000 to  
32.15 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a  
32.16 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
32.17 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
32.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
32.19 subdivision 17. A list of proposed land  
32.20 acquisitions and permanent conservation  
32.21 easements must be provided as part of the  
32.22 required accomplishment plan.

32.23 **(c) Resilient Habitat for Heritage Brook Trout**

32.24 \$2,266,000 the second year is to the  
32.25 commissioner of natural resources for  
32.26 agreements to acquire land in fee and  
32.27 permanent conservation easements and to  
32.28 restore and enhance habitat in targeted  
32.29 watersheds of southeast Minnesota to improve  
32.30 heritage brook trout and coldwater  
32.31 communities. Of this amount, \$350,000 is to  
32.32 The Nature Conservancy, \$258,000 is to Trout  
32.33 Unlimited, \$857,000 is to The Trust for Public  
32.34 Land, and \$801,000 is to Minnesota Land  
32.35 Trust. Up to \$96,000 to Minnesota Land Trust



33.1 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement  
33.2 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
33.3 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
33.4 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
33.5 land acquisitions and permanent conservation  
33.6 easements must be provided as part of the  
33.7 required accomplishment plan.

33.8 **(d) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic**  
33.9 **North Central Minnesota Lakes - Phase VI**

33.10 \$2,814,000 the second year is to the  
33.11 commissioner of natural resources for  
33.12 agreements to acquire lands in fee and  
33.13 permanent conservation easements and to  
33.14 restore and enhance wildlife habitat to sustain  
33.15 healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes in  
33.16 Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard  
33.17 Counties. Of this amount, \$883,000 is to  
33.18 Northern Waters Land Trust and \$1,931,000  
33.19 is to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$192,000  
33.20 to Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a  
33.21 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
33.22 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
33.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
33.24 subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions must be  
33.25 provided as part of the required  
33.26 accomplishment plan.

33.27 **(e) Accelerating Habitat Conservation in**  
33.28 **Southwest Minnesota**

33.29 \$3,044,000 the second year is to the  
33.30 commissioner of natural resources for an  
33.31 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
33.32 acquire permanent conservation easements  
33.33 and to restore and enhance high-quality  
33.34 wildlife habitat in southwest Minnesota. Of  
33.35 this amount, up to \$144,000 is to establish a  
33.36 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved

34.1 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
34.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
34.3 subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
34.4 conservation easement acquisitions,  
34.5 restorations, and enhancements must be  
34.6 provided as part of the required  
34.7 accomplishment plan.

34.8 **(f) Targeted RIM Easement Program to**  
34.9 **Individual Parcel: Pine and Leech Watersheds**  
34.10 **- Phase I**

34.11 \$2,458,000 the second year is to the Board of  
34.12 Water and Soil Resources to acquire and  
34.13 restore permanent conservation easements of  
34.14 high-quality forest, wetland, and shoreline  
34.15 habitat. Of this amount, \$164,000 is for an  
34.16 agreement with the Crow Wing County Soil  
34.17 and Water Conservation District. Up to  
34.18 \$97,000 of the total amount is for establishing  
34.19 a monitoring and enforcement fund as  
34.20 approved in the accomplishment plan and  
34.21 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
34.22 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
34.23 acquisitions must be included as part of the  
34.24 required accomplishment plan.

34.25 **(g) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor**  
34.26 **Project - Phase V**

34.27 \$3,695,000 the second year is to acquire lands  
34.28 in fee and conservation easement and restore  
34.29 wildlife habitat in the Mississippi headwaters  
34.30 as follows:

34.31 (1) \$2,177,000 is to the commissioner of  
34.32 natural resources for agreements as follows:  
34.33 \$69,000 to the Mississippi Headwaters Board  
34.34 and \$2,108,000 to The Trust for Public Land;  
34.35 and

35.1 (2) \$1,518,000 is to the Board of Water and  
35.2 Soil Resources, of which up to \$175,000 is  
35.3 for establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
35.4 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
35.5 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
35.6 97A.056, subdivision 17.

35.7 A list of proposed acquisitions must be  
35.8 included as part of the required  
35.9 accomplishment plan.

35.10 **(h) Hennepin County Habitat Conservation**  
35.11 **Program - Phase II**

35.12 \$3,155,000 the second year is to the  
35.13 commissioner of natural resources for  
35.14 agreements with Hennepin County, in  
35.15 cooperation with Minnesota Land Trust, to  
35.16 acquire permanent conservation easements  
35.17 and to restore and enhance habitats in  
35.18 Hennepin County as follows: \$446,000 to  
35.19 Hennepin County and \$2,709,000 to  
35.20 Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$264,000 to  
35.21 Minnesota Land Trust is for establishing a  
35.22 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
35.23 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
35.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
35.25 subdivision 17. A list of proposed permanent  
35.26 conservation easements, restorations, and  
35.27 enhancements must be provided as part of the  
35.28 required accomplishment plan.

35.29 **(i) Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat**  
35.30 **Enhancement and Restoration - Phase XII**

35.31 \$1,474,000 the second year is to the  
35.32 commissioner of natural resources for an  
35.33 agreement with Trout Unlimited to restore and  
35.34 enhance habitat for trout and other species in  
35.35 and along coldwater rivers, lakes, and streams

36.1 in Minnesota. A list of proposed land  
36.2 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements  
36.3 must be provided as part of the required  
36.4 accomplishment plan.

36.5 **(j) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and**  
36.6 **Enhancement - Phase III**

36.7 \$3,790,000 the second year is to the  
36.8 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
36.9 and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded  
36.10 streams and aquatic management areas and to  
36.11 facilitate fish passage. A list of proposed land  
36.12 restorations and enhancements must be  
36.13 provided as part of the required  
36.14 accomplishment plan.

36.15 **(k) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative - Phase**  
36.16 **VII**

36.17 \$2,280,000 the second year is to the  
36.18 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
36.19 priority aquatic and riparian habitats in the St.  
36.20 Louis River estuary. A list of proposed  
36.21 restorations must be provided as part of the  
36.22 required accomplishment plan.

36.23 **(l) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation - Phase**  
36.24 **V**

36.25 \$700,000 the second year is to the  
36.26 commissioner of natural resources for an  
36.27 agreement with Zeitgeist, a nonprofit  
36.28 corporation, in cooperation with the Lake  
36.29 Superior Steelhead Association, to restore and  
36.30 enhance trout habitat in the Knife River  
36.31 watershed. A list of proposed enhancements  
36.32 must be provided as part of the required  
36.33 accomplishment plan.

36.34 **(m) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**  
36.35 **Restoration Program - Phase IX**

37.1 \$1,918,000 the second year is to the  
37.2 commissioner of natural resources for an  
37.3 agreement with the Shell Rock River  
37.4 Watershed District to acquire lands in fee and  
37.5 to restore and enhance aquatic habitat in the  
37.6 Shell Rock River watershed. A list of proposed  
37.7 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements  
37.8 must be provided as part of the required  
37.9 accomplishment plan.

37.10 **(n) Rum River Wildlife and Fish Habitat**  
37.11 **Enhancement Using Bioengineered Bank**  
37.12 **Stabilization**

37.13 \$816,000 the second year is to the  
37.14 commissioner of natural resources for an  
37.15 agreement with the Anoka County Soil and  
37.16 Water Conservation District to restore and  
37.17 enhance riverine habitat in the Rum River  
37.18 using eco-sensitive, habitat-building, and  
37.19 bioengineering approaches. A list of proposed  
37.20 enhancements must be provided as part of the  
37.21 required accomplishment plan.

37.22 **(o) Roseau River Habitat Restoration**

37.23 \$3,036,000 the second year is to the  
37.24 commissioner of natural resources for an  
37.25 agreement with the Roseau River Watershed  
37.26 District to restore and enhance riverine habitat  
37.27 in the Roseau River and the Roseau River  
37.28 Wildlife Management Area.

37.29 **(p) Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection**  
37.30 **and Restoration - Phase II**

37.31 \$3,926,000 the second year is to the  
37.32 commissioner of natural resources for  
37.33 agreements to acquire lands in fee and  
37.34 permanent conservation easements and to  
37.35 restore and enhance wildlife habitat in the

38.1 Sauk River watershed as follows: \$430,000  
38.2 to the Sauk River Watershed District,  
38.3 \$2,073,000 to Pheasants Forever, and  
38.4 \$1,423,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to  
38.5 \$168,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to  
38.6 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund  
38.7 as approved in the accomplishment plan and  
38.8 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
38.9 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions  
38.10 must be provided as part of the required  
38.11 accomplishment plan.

38.12 **(q) Southeast Wetland Restoration**

38.13 \$1,351,000 the second year is to the  
38.14 commissioner of natural resources for an  
38.15 agreement with the city of Mankato to acquire  
38.16 land in fee in the city of Mankato for wetland  
38.17 and grassland restoration. A list of acquisitions  
38.18 must be provided as part of the required  
38.19 accomplishment plan.

38.20 **(r) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**  
38.21 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat - Phase**  
38.22 **XII**

38.23 \$10,424,000 the second year is to the  
38.24 commissioner of natural resources for a  
38.25 program to provide competitive matching  
38.26 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,  
38.27 state, and national organizations for enhancing,  
38.28 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,  
38.29 prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife  
38.30 in Minnesota. Of this amount, at least  
38.31 \$3,250,000 is for grants in the seven-county  
38.32 metropolitan area and cities with a population  
38.33 of 50,000 or more. Grants must not be made  
38.34 for activities required to fulfill the duties of  
38.35 owners of lands subject to conservation  
38.36 easements. Grants must not be made from the

39.1 appropriation in this paragraph for projects  
39.2 that have a total project cost exceeding  
39.3 \$575,000. Of the total appropriation, \$475,000  
39.4 may be spent for personnel costs and other  
39.5 direct and necessary administrative costs.  
39.6 Grantees may acquire land or interests in land.  
39.7 Easements must be permanent. Grants may  
39.8 not be used to establish easement stewardship  
39.9 accounts. Land acquired in fee must be open  
39.10 to hunting and fishing during the open season  
39.11 unless otherwise provided by law. The  
39.12 program must require a match of at least ten  
39.13 percent from nonstate sources for all grants.  
39.14 The match may be cash or in-kind resources.  
39.15 For grant applications of \$25,000 or less, the  
39.16 commissioner must provide a separate,  
39.17 simplified application process. Subject to  
39.18 Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner of  
39.19 natural resources must, when evaluating  
39.20 projects of equal value, give priority to  
39.21 organizations that have a history of receiving,  
39.22 or a charter to receive, private contributions  
39.23 for local conservation or habitat projects. For  
39.24 grant requests to acquire land in fee or a  
39.25 conservation easement, the commissioner must  
39.26 give priority to projects associated with or  
39.27 within one mile of existing wildlife  
39.28 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
39.29 section 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and  
39.30 natural areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
39.31 sections 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or  
39.32 aquatic management areas under Minnesota  
39.33 Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and  
39.34 97C.02. All restoration or enhancement  
39.35 projects must be on land permanently  
39.36 protected by a permanent covenant ensuring

40.1 perpetual maintenance and protection of  
40.2 restored and enhanced habitat, by a  
40.3 conservation easement or public ownership or  
40.4 in public waters as defined in Minnesota  
40.5 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 15.  
40.6 Priority must be given to restoration and  
40.7 enhancement projects on public lands.  
40.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
40.9 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded  
40.10 under this paragraph. This appropriation is  
40.11 available until June 30, 2024. No less than five  
40.12 percent of the amount of each grant must be  
40.13 held back from reimbursement until the grant  
40.14 recipient has completed a grant  
40.15 accomplishment report by the deadline and in  
40.16 the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the  
40.17 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The  
40.18 commissioner must provide notice of the grant  
40.19 program in the summary of game and fish law  
40.20 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section  
40.21 97A.051, subdivision 2.

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

40.23 **ARTICLE 2**  
40.24 **CLEAN WATER FUND**

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

40.26 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies  
40.27 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the clean water  
40.28 fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for allowable activities under the  
40.29 Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15. The figures "2024" and "2025" used in this  
40.30 article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal year  
40.31 ending June 30, 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2024.  
40.32 "The second year" is fiscal year 2025. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2024 and 2025. These  
40.33 are onetime appropriations.



41.1			<b><u>APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>
41.2			<b><u>Available for the Year</u></b>
41.3			<b><u>Ending June 30</u></b>
41.4			<b><u>2024</u>                      <u>2025</u></b>
41.5	Sec. 2. <b><u>CLEAN WATER FUND</u></b>		
41.6	<b><u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u></b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>158,897,000</u>    \$    <u>158,499,000</u></b>
41.7	<u>This appropriation is from the clean water</u>		
41.8	<u>fund. The amounts that may be spent for each</u>		
41.9	<u>purpose are specified in the following sections.</u>		
41.10	<b><u>Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation</u></b>		
41.11	<u>Money appropriated in this article may not be</u>		
41.12	<u>spent on activities unless they are directly</u>		
41.13	<u>related to and necessary for a specific</u>		
41.14	<u>appropriation. Money appropriated in this</u>		
41.15	<u>article must be spent in accordance with</u>		
41.16	<u>Minnesota Management and Budget <i>MMB</i></u>		
41.17	<u><i>Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund</i></u>		
41.18	<u><i>Expenditure</i>. Notwithstanding Minnesota</u>		
41.19	<u>Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless otherwise</u>		
41.20	<u>specified in this article, fiscal year 2024</u>		
41.21	<u>appropriations are available until June 30,</u>		
41.22	<u>2025, and fiscal year 2025 appropriations are</u>		
41.23	<u>available until June 30, 2026. If a project</u>		
41.24	<u>receives federal funds, the period of the</u>		
41.25	<u>appropriation is extended to equal the</u>		
41.26	<u>availability of federal funding.</u>		
41.27	<b><u>Subd. 3. Disability Access</u></b>		
41.28	<u>Where appropriate, grant recipients of clean</u>		
41.29	<u>water funds, in consultation with the Council</u>		
41.30	<u>on Disability and other appropriate</u>		
41.31	<u>governor-appointed disability councils, boards,</u>		
41.32	<u>committees, and commissions, should make</u>		
41.33	<u>progress toward providing people with</u>		
41.34	<u>disabilities greater access to programs, print</u>		

42.1 publications, and digital media related to the  
 42.2 programs the recipient funds using  
 42.3 appropriations made in this article.

42.4 **Subd. 4. Increasing Diversity in Environmental**  
 42.5 **Careers**

42.6 Agencies should work to provide opportunities  
 42.7 that encourage a diversity of students to pursue  
 42.8 careers in environment and natural resources  
 42.9 when implementing appropriations in this  
 42.10 article.

42.11 **Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE    \$        20,839,000    \$        20,839,000**

42.12 (a) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the  
 42.13 second year are to increase monitoring for  
 42.14 pesticides and pesticide degradates in surface  
 42.15 water and groundwater and to use data  
 42.16 collected to assess pesticide use practices. This  
 42.17 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028.

42.18 (b) \$3,000,000 the first year and \$3,000,000  
 42.19 the second year are for monitoring and  
 42.20 evaluating trends in the concentration of  
 42.21 nitrate in groundwater; promoting, developing,  
 42.22 and evaluating regional and crop-specific  
 42.23 nutrient best management practices, cover  
 42.24 crops, and other vegetative cover; assessing  
 42.25 adoption of best management practices and  
 42.26 other recommended practices; education and  
 42.27 technical support from University of  
 42.28 Minnesota Extension; grants to support  
 42.29 agricultural demonstration and implementation  
 42.30 activities, including research activities at the  
 42.31 Rosholt Research Farm; and other actions to  
 42.32 protect groundwater from degradation from  
 42.33 nitrate. This appropriation is available until  
 42.34 June 30, 2028.

43.1 (c) \$4,799,000 the first year and \$4,799,000  
43.2 the second year are for the agriculture best  
43.3 management practices loan program. Any  
43.4 unencumbered balance at the end of the second  
43.5 year must be added to the corpus of the loan  
43.6 fund.

43.7 (d) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000  
43.8 the second year are for technical assistance;  
43.9 research, demonstration, and promotion  
43.10 projects on properly implementing best  
43.11 management practices and vegetative cover;  
43.12 and more-precise information on nonpoint  
43.13 contributions to impaired waters and for grants  
43.14 to support on-farm demonstration of  
43.15 agricultural practices. This appropriation is  
43.16 available until June 30, 2028.

43.17 (e) \$40,000 the first year and \$40,000 the  
43.18 second year are for maintenance of the  
43.19 Minnesota Water Research Digital Library.  
43.20 Costs for information technology development  
43.21 or support for the digital library may be paid  
43.22 to the Office of MN.IT Services. This  
43.23 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028.

43.24 (f) \$3,500,000 the first year and \$3,500,000  
43.25 the second year are to implement the  
43.26 Minnesota agricultural water quality  
43.27 certification program statewide. This  
43.28 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028.

43.29 (g) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the  
43.30 second year are for a regional irrigation water  
43.31 quality specialist through University of  
43.32 Minnesota Extension. This appropriation is  
43.33 available until June 30, 2028.

- 44.1 (h) \$3,000,000 the first year and \$3,000,000  
44.2 the second year are for grants to the Board of  
44.3 Regents of the University of Minnesota to  
44.4 fund the Forever Green agriculture initiative  
44.5 and to protect the state's natural resources  
44.6 while increasing the efficiency, profitability,  
44.7 and productivity of Minnesota farmers by  
44.8 incorporating perennial and winter-annual  
44.9 crops into existing agricultural practices. This  
44.10 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028.
- 44.11 (i) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
44.12 second year are for testing drinking-water  
44.13 wells for pesticides and establishing a  
44.14 mitigation program for water treatment of  
44.15 contaminated wells. This appropriation is  
44.16 available until June 30, 2028.
- 44.17 (j) \$1,750,000 the first year and \$1,750,000  
44.18 the second year are for conservation  
44.19 equipment assistance grants to purchase  
44.20 equipment or items to retrofit existing  
44.21 equipment that has climate and water quality  
44.22 benefits. This appropriation is available until  
44.23 June 30, 2028.
- 44.24 (k) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000  
44.25 the second year are for expanding the existing  
44.26 state weather station and soil temperature  
44.27 network to provide accurate and timely  
44.28 weather data to optimize the timing of  
44.29 irrigation, fertilizer, pesticide, and manure  
44.30 applications and support land management  
44.31 decisions. This appropriation is available until  
44.32 June 30, 2028.
- 44.33 (l) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the  
44.34 second year are for grants for research and  
44.35 demonstration sites and projects to evaluate,

45.1 develop, demonstrate, and promote regional  
 45.2 and animal-specific recommendations for  
 45.3 manure crediting and to develop or revise  
 45.4 manure best management practices through  
 45.5 University of Minnesota Extension. This  
 45.6 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028.

45.7 **Sec. 4. POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY     \$     24,187,000     \$     24,188,000**

45.8 (a) \$9,050,000 the first year and \$9,050,000  
 45.9 the second year are for completing needed  
 45.10 statewide assessments of surface water quality  
 45.11 and trends according to Minnesota Statutes,  
 45.12 chapter 114D.

45.13 (b) \$6,350,000 the first year and \$6,350,000  
 45.14 the second year are to update watershed  
 45.15 restoration and protection strategies, which  
 45.16 include total maximum daily load (TMDL)  
 45.17 studies and TMDL implementation plans  
 45.18 according to Minnesota Statutes, chapter  
 45.19 114D, for waters on the impaired waters list  
 45.20 approved by the United States Environmental  
 45.21 Protection Agency.

45.22 (c) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000  
 45.23 the second year are for groundwater  
 45.24 assessment, including enhancing the ambient  
 45.25 monitoring network, modeling, evaluating  
 45.26 trends.

45.27 (d) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the  
 45.28 second year are for implementing the St. Louis  
 45.29 River System Area of Concern remedial action  
 45.30 plan.

45.31 (e) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000  
 45.32 the second year are for national pollutant  
 45.33 discharge elimination system wastewater and  
 45.34 stormwater TMDL implementation efforts.

46.1 (f) \$3,550,000 the first year and \$3,550,000  
46.2 the second year are for enhancing the  
46.3 county-level delivery systems for subsurface  
46.4 sewage treatment system (SSTS) activities  
46.5 necessary to implement Minnesota Statutes,  
46.6 sections 115.55 and 115.56, for protecting  
46.7 groundwater. This appropriation includes base  
46.8 grants for all counties with SSTS programs.  
46.9 Counties that receive base grants must report  
46.10 the number of properties with noncompliant  
46.11 systems upgraded through an SSTS  
46.12 replacement, connection to a centralized sewer  
46.13 system, or other means, including property  
46.14 abandonment or buyout. Counties also must  
46.15 report the number of existing SSTS  
46.16 compliance inspections conducted in areas  
46.17 under county jurisdiction. The required reports  
46.18 must be part of the established annual  
46.19 reporting for SSTS programs. Of this amount,  
46.20 at least \$900,000 each year is available to  
46.21 counties for grants to low-income landowners  
46.22 to address systems that pose an imminent  
46.23 threat to public health or safety or fail to  
46.24 protect groundwater. A county receiving a  
46.25 grant under this paragraph must submit a  
46.26 report to the agency listing the projects funded,  
46.27 including an account of the expenditures.

46.28 (g) \$650,000 the first year and \$650,000 the  
46.29 second year are for activities and grants that  
46.30 reduce chloride pollution.

46.31 (h) \$337,000 the first year and \$338,000 the  
46.32 second year are to support activities of the  
46.33 Clean Water Council according to Minnesota  
46.34 Statutes, section 114D.30, subdivision 1.

47.1 (i) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000  
 47.2 the second year are for a grant program for  
 47.3 sanitary sewer projects that are included in the  
 47.4 draft or any updated *Voyageurs National Park*  
 47.5 *Clean Water Project Comprehensive Plan* to  
 47.6 restore the water quality of waters in  
 47.7 *Voyageurs National Park*. Grants must be  
 47.8 awarded to local government units for projects  
 47.9 approved by the *Voyageurs National Park*  
 47.10 *Clean Water Joint Powers Board* and must be  
 47.11 matched by at least 25 percent from sources  
 47.12 other than the clean water fund.

47.13 (j) Any unencumbered grant balances in the  
 47.14 first year do not cancel but are available for  
 47.15 grants in the second year. Notwithstanding  
 47.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the  
 47.17 appropriations in this section are available  
 47.18 until June 30, 2028.

47.19 **Sec. 5. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**  
 47.20 **RESOURCES**

**\$ 12,780,000 \$ 12,780,000**

47.21 (a) \$2,550,000 the first year and \$2,550,000  
 47.22 the second year are for streamflow monitoring.

47.23 (b) \$1,450,000 the first year and \$1,450,000  
 47.24 the second year are for lake Index of  
 47.25 Biological Integrity (IBI) assessments.

47.26 (c) \$455,000 the first year and \$455,000 the  
 47.27 second year are for assessing mercury and  
 47.28 other fish contaminants, including PFAS  
 47.29 compounds, and monitoring to track the status  
 47.30 of impaired waters over time.

47.31 (d) \$2,150,000 the first year and \$2,150,000  
 47.32 the second year are for developing targeted,  
 47.33 science-based watershed restoration and

- 48.1 protection strategies and for technical  
48.2 assistance for local governments.
- 48.3 (e) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000  
48.4 the second year are for water-supply planning,  
48.5 aquifer protection, and monitoring activities  
48.6 and analysis.
- 48.7 (f) \$1,600,000 the first year and \$1,600,000  
48.8 the second year are for technical assistance to  
48.9 support local implementation of nonpoint  
48.10 source restoration and protection activities and  
48.11 targeted forest stewardship for water quality.
- 48.12 (g) \$650,000 the first year and \$650,000 the  
48.13 second year are for applied research and tools,  
48.14 including maintaining and updating spatial  
48.15 data for watershed boundaries, streams, and  
48.16 water bodies and integrating high-resolution  
48.17 digital elevation data and for assessing the  
48.18 effectiveness of forestry best management  
48.19 practices for water quality.
- 48.20 (h) \$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 the  
48.21 second year are for maintaining and updating  
48.22 buffer maps and for technical guidance on  
48.23 interpreting buffer maps for local units of  
48.24 government implementing buffer  
48.25 requirements. Maps must be provided to local  
48.26 units of government and made available to  
48.27 landowners on the Department of Natural  
48.28 Resources website.
- 48.29 (i) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the  
48.30 second year are for accelerating completion  
48.31 of or updates to county geologic atlases and  
48.32 supplementing water chemistry or chemical  
48.33 movement studies.



49.1 (j) \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the  
 49.2 second year are for increasing native  
 49.3 freshwater mussel production capacity and  
 49.4 restoring and monitoring freshwater mussel  
 49.5 restoration efforts.

49.6 (k) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
 49.7 second year are for implementing water  
 49.8 storage projects on state-administered land to  
 49.9 enhance water quality and ecological benefits.

49.10 (l) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000  
 49.11 the second year are for providing technical  
 49.12 and financial assistance for county and local  
 49.13 governments to replace failing or ineffective  
 49.14 culverts using modern designs that restore  
 49.15 floodplain connectivity, biological  
 49.16 connectivity, and channel stability. This  
 49.17 appropriation is available for up to two  
 49.18 additional years.

49.19 **Sec. 6. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL**  
 49.20 **RESOURCES**

**\$ 78,064,000 \$ 78,063,000**

49.21 (a) \$39,500,000 the first year and \$39,500,000  
 49.22 the second year are for grants to implement  
 49.23 state-approved watershed-based plans. The  
 49.24 grants may be used to implement projects or  
 49.25 programs that protect, enhance, and restore  
 49.26 surface water quality in lakes, rivers, and  
 49.27 streams; protect groundwater from  
 49.28 degradation; and protect drinking water  
 49.29 sources. Projects must be identified in a  
 49.30 comprehensive watershed plan developed  
 49.31 under the One Watershed, One Plan program  
 49.32 and seven-county metropolitan groundwater  
 49.33 or surface water management frameworks as  
 49.34 provided for in Minnesota Statutes, chapters  
 49.35 103B, 103C, 103D, and 114D. Grant recipients

50.1 must identify a nonstate match and may use  
50.2 other legacy funds to supplement projects  
50.3 funded under this paragraph. This  
50.4 appropriation may be used for:  
50.5 (1) implementing state-approved plans,  
50.6 including within the following watershed  
50.7 planning areas: Bois de Sioux - Mustinka,  
50.8 Buffalo-Red River, Cannon River, Cedar -  
50.9 Wapsipinicon, Chippewa River, Clearwater  
50.10 River, Cottonwood-Middle Minnesota, Crow  
50.11 Wing River, Des Moines River, Greater  
50.12 Zumbro River, Hawk Creek - Middle  
50.13 Minnesota, Kettle and Upper St. Croix, Lac  
50.14 qui Parle-Yellow Bank, Lake of the Woods,  
50.15 Lake Superior North, Le Sueur River, Leech  
50.16 Lake River, Long Prairie River, Lower  
50.17 Minnesota River East, Lower Minnesota River  
50.18 West, Lower St. Croix River,  
50.19 Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers, Mississippi  
50.20 River Brainerd, Mississippi River Headwaters,  
50.21 Mississippi River St. Cloud, Mississippi River  
50.22 Winona/La Crescent, Missouri River Basin,  
50.23 Nemadji River, North Fork Crow River, Otter  
50.24 Tail, Pine River, Pomme de Terre River,  
50.25 Rainy-Rapid River, Rainy River Headwaters  
50.26 - Vermilion River, Rainy River-Rainy  
50.27 Lake/Lower Rainy River, Red Lake River,  
50.28 Redeye River, Root River, Roseau River, Rum  
50.29 River, Sand Hill River, Sauk River, Shell Rock  
50.30 and Winnebago River, Snake River, South  
50.31 Fork of the Crow River, St. Louis River, Thief  
50.32 River, Two Rivers Plus, Upper and Lower Red  
50.33 Lake, Upper Minnesota River, Upper  
50.34 Mississippi - Grand Rapids, Watonwan River,  
50.35 Wild Rice - Marsh, and Yellow Medicine  
50.36 River;

51.1 (2) seven-county metropolitan groundwater  
51.2 or surface water management frameworks;  
51.3 and  
51.4 (3) other comprehensive watershed  
51.5 management plan planning areas that have a  
51.6 board-approved and local-government-adopted  
51.7 plan as authorized in Minnesota Statutes,  
51.8 section 103B.801.

51.9 The board must establish eligibility criteria  
51.10 and determine whether a planning area is ready  
51.11 to proceed and has the nonstate match  
51.12 committed.

51.13 (b) \$8,500,000 the first year and \$8,500,000  
51.14 the second year are for grants to local  
51.15 government units to protect and restore surface  
51.16 water and drinking water; to keep water on  
51.17 the land; to protect, enhance, and restore water  
51.18 quality in lakes, rivers, and streams; and to  
51.19 protect groundwater and drinking water,  
51.20 including feedlot water quality and subsurface  
51.21 sewage treatment system projects and stream  
51.22 bank, stream channel, shoreline restoration,  
51.23 and ravine stabilization projects. The projects  
51.24 must use practices demonstrated to be  
51.25 effective, be of long-lasting public benefit,  
51.26 include a match, and be consistent with total  
51.27 maximum daily load (TMDL) implementation  
51.28 plans, watershed restoration and protection  
51.29 strategies (WRAPS), or local water  
51.30 management plans or their equivalents. Up to  
51.31 20 percent of this appropriation is available  
51.32 for land-treatment projects and practices that  
51.33 benefit drinking water.

51.34 (c) \$5,500,000 the first year and \$5,500,000  
51.35 the second year are for accelerated

52.1 implementation, local resource protection,  
52.2 enhancement grants, statewide analytical  
52.3 targeting or technology tools that fill an  
52.4 identified gap, program enhancements for  
52.5 technical assistance, citizen and community  
52.6 outreach, compliance, and training and  
52.7 certification.

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

52.10 (1) to provide state oversight and  
52.11 accountability, evaluate and communicate  
52.12 results, provide implementation tools, and  
52.13 measure the value of conservation program  
52.14 implementation by local governments; and

52.15 (2) to prepare, in consultation with the  
52.16 commissioners of natural resources, health,  
52.17 agriculture, and the Pollution Control Agency,  
52.18 and submit to the legislature by March 1 each  
52.19 even-numbered year a biennial report detailing  
52.20 the recipients and projects funded and the  
52.21 results accomplished under this section.

52.22 (e) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000  
52.23 the second year are to provide assistance,  
52.24 oversight, and grants for supporting local  
52.25 governments in implementing and complying  
52.26 with riparian protection and excessive soil loss  
52.27 requirements.

52.28 (f) \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000  
52.29 the second year are for a working lands  
52.30 floodplain program and to purchase, restore,  
52.31 or preserve riparian land and floodplains  
52.32 adjacent to lakes, rivers, streams, and  
52.33 tributaries, by conservation easements or  
52.34 contracts to keep water on the land, to decrease

53.1 sediment, pollutant, and nutrient transport;  
53.2 reduce hydrologic impacts to surface waters;  
53.3 and increase protection and recharge for  
53.4 groundwater. Up to \$200,000 is for deposit in  
53.5 a conservation easement stewardship account  
53.6 established according to Minnesota Statutes,  
53.7 section 103B.103.

53.8 (g) \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000  
53.9 the second year are for permanent  
53.10 conservation easements on wellhead protection  
53.11 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section  
53.12 103F.515, subdivision 2, paragraph (d), or for  
53.13 grants to local units of government for fee title  
53.14 acquisition to permanently protect  
53.15 groundwater supply sources on wellhead  
53.16 protection areas or for otherwise ensuring  
53.17 long-term protection of groundwater supply  
53.18 sources as described under alternative  
53.19 management tools in the Department of  
53.20 Agriculture *Minnesota Nitrogen Fertilizer*  
53.21 *Management Plan*, including using  
53.22 low-nitrogen cropping systems or  
53.23 implementing nitrogen fertilizer best  
53.24 management practices. Priority must be placed  
53.25 on land that is located where the vulnerability  
53.26 of the drinking water supply is designated as  
53.27 high or very high by the commissioner of  
53.28 health, where drinking water protection plans  
53.29 have identified specific activities that will  
53.30 achieve long-term protection, and on lands  
53.31 with expiring conservation reserve program  
53.32 contracts. Up to \$200,000 is for deposit in a  
53.33 conservation easement stewardship account  
53.34 established according to Minnesota Statutes,  
53.35 section 103B.103.

- 54.1 (h) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the  
54.2 second year are for a technical evaluation  
54.3 panel to conduct restoration evaluations under  
54.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 114D.50,  
54.5 subdivision 6.
- 54.6 (i) \$1,750,000 the first year and \$1,750,000  
54.7 the second year are for assistance, oversight,  
54.8 and grants to local governments to transition  
54.9 local water management plans to a watershed  
54.10 approach as provided for in Minnesota  
54.11 Statutes, section 103B.801.
- 54.12 (j) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000  
54.13 the second year are for technical assistance  
54.14 and grants for the conservation drainage  
54.15 program, in consultation with the Drainage  
54.16 Work Group, coordinated under Minnesota  
54.17 Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision 13,  
54.18 and including projects to improve  
54.19 multipurpose water management under  
54.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 103E.015.
- 54.21 (k) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000  
54.22 the second year are to purchase permanent  
54.23 conservation easements to protect lands  
54.24 adjacent to public waters that have good water  
54.25 quality but that are threatened with  
54.26 degradation. Up to \$150,000 is for deposit in  
54.27 a conservation easement stewardship account  
54.28 established according to Minnesota Statutes,  
54.29 section 103B.103.
- 54.30 (l) \$425,000 the first year and \$425,000 the  
54.31 second year are for grants or contracts for a  
54.32 program to systematically collect data and  
54.33 produce county, watershed, and statewide  
54.34 estimates of soil erosion caused by water and  
54.35 wind, along with tracking adoption of

55.1 conservation measures, including cover crops,  
55.2 to address erosion. This appropriation may be  
55.3 used for grants to or contracts with the  
55.4 University of Minnesota to complete this  
55.5 work.

55.6 (m) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
55.7 second year are for developing and  
55.8 implementing a water legacy grant program  
55.9 to expand partnerships for clean water.

55.10 (n) \$5,000,000 the first year and \$5,000,000  
55.11 the second year are for permanent  
55.12 conservation easements to protect and restore  
55.13 wetlands and associated uplands. Up to  
55.14 \$300,000 is for deposit in a conservation  
55.15 easement stewardship account established  
55.16 according to Minnesota Statutes, section  
55.17 103B.103.

55.18 (o) \$6,039,000 the first year and \$6,038,000  
55.19 the second year are for financial and technical  
55.20 assistance to enhance adoption of cover crops  
55.21 and other soil health practices to achieve water  
55.22 quality or drinking water benefits. The board  
55.23 may use grants to local governments and  
55.24 agreements with the United States Department  
55.25 of Agriculture, AgCentric at Minnesota State  
55.26 Center for Excellence, and other practitioners  
55.27 and partners to accomplish this work. Up to  
55.28 \$450,000 is for an agreement with the  
55.29 University of Minnesota Office for Soil Health  
55.30 for applied research and education on  
55.31 Minnesota's agroecosystems and soil health  
55.32 management systems. This appropriation may  
55.33 be extended to leverage available federal  
55.34 funds.

56.1 (p) The board must contract for delivery of  
 56.2 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota  
 56.3 for restoration, maintenance, training, and  
 56.4 other activities under this section for up to  
 56.5 \$850,000 the first year and up to \$850,000 the  
 56.6 second year.

56.7 (q) The board may shift grant, implementation,  
 56.8 or easement funds in this section and may  
 56.9 adjust the technical and administrative  
 56.10 assistance portion of the funds to leverage  
 56.11 federal or other nonstate funds or to address  
 56.12 oversight responsibilities or high-priority  
 56.13 activities identified by the board consistent  
 56.14 with local water management plans.

56.15 (r) The board must require grantees to specify  
 56.16 the outcomes that will be achieved by the  
 56.17 grants.

56.18 (s) The appropriations in this section are  
 56.19 available until June 30, 2028, except grant or  
 56.20 easement funds are available for five years  
 56.21 after the date a grant or other agreement is  
 56.22 executed. Returned grant funds must be  
 56.23 regranted consistent with the purposes of this  
 56.24 section.

56.25 Sec. 7. **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**      \$      11,296,000 \$      11,904,000

56.26 (a) \$4,746,000 the first year and \$5,354,000  
 56.27 the second year are for developing health risk  
 56.28 limits for contaminants found or anticipated  
 56.29 to be found in Minnesota drinking water, to  
 56.30 certify private laboratories to conduct analyses  
 56.31 for these contaminants, and to increase the  
 56.32 capacity of the department's laboratory to  
 56.33 analyze for these contaminants.



- 57.1 (b) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000  
57.2 the second year are for ensuring safe drinking  
57.3 water for private well users, including studying  
57.4 the occurrence and magnitude of contaminants  
57.5 in private wells; developing guidance and  
57.6 conducting outreach and education about well  
57.7 testing and mitigation; awarding grants to local  
57.8 governments; and designing voluntary  
57.9 interventions to reduce health risks to private  
57.10 well owners.
- 57.11 (c) \$3,750,000 the first year and \$3,750,000  
57.12 the second year are for protecting sources of  
57.13 drinking water, including planning,  
57.14 implementation, and surveillance activities  
57.15 and grants to local governments and public  
57.16 water systems.
- 57.17 (d) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the  
57.18 second year are to develop and deliver  
57.19 groundwater restoration and protection  
57.20 strategies on a watershed scale for use in local  
57.21 comprehensive water planning efforts, to  
57.22 provide resources to local governments for  
57.23 activities that protect sources of drinking  
57.24 water, and to enhance approaches that improve  
57.25 the capacity of local governmental units to  
57.26 protect and restore groundwater resources.
- 57.27 (e) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the  
57.28 second year are to develop public health  
57.29 policies and an action plan to address threats  
57.30 to safe drinking water, including development  
57.31 of a statewide plan for protecting drinking  
57.32 water that incorporates select  
57.33 recommendations from the University of  
57.34 Minnesota's *Future of Drinking Water* report.

58.1 (f) \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the  
 58.2 second year are for developing a statewide  
 58.3 recreational water portal that includes an  
 58.4 inventory of public beaches and information  
 58.5 about local monitoring results and closures  
 58.6 and that provides information about preventing  
 58.7 illness and recreational water stewardship.

58.8 (g) Unless otherwise specified, the  
 58.9 appropriations in this section are available  
 58.10 until June 30, 2027.

58.11 **Sec. 8. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL                    \$            1,875,000 \$            1,875,000**

58.12 (a) \$1,125,000 the first year and \$1,125,000  
 58.13 the second year are to implement projects that  
 58.14 address emerging threats to the drinking water  
 58.15 supply; provide cost-effective regional  
 58.16 solutions; leverage interjurisdictional  
 58.17 coordination; support local implementation of  
 58.18 water supply reliability projects; support the  
 58.19 growing needs of community water suppliers  
 58.20 facing challenges, including PFAS, radium,  
 58.21 manganese, and selenium contamination,  
 58.22 groundwater appropriation limitations, system  
 58.23 reliability and resilience, and increased  
 58.24 regional growth; and prevent degradation of  
 58.25 groundwater resources in the metropolitan  
 58.26 area. These projects provide communities  
 58.27 with:

58.28 (1) potential solutions to leverage regional  
 58.29 water use by using surface water, stormwater,  
 58.30 wastewater, and groundwater;

58.31 (2) an analysis of infrastructure requirements  
 58.32 for different alternatives;

59.1 (3) development of planning-level cost  
 59.2 estimates, including capital costs and operating  
 59.3 costs;  
 59.4 (4) identification of funding mechanisms and  
 59.5 an equitable cost-sharing structure for  
 59.6 regionally beneficial water supply  
 59.7 development projects; and  
 59.8 (5) development of subregional groundwater  
 59.9 models and strategies.

59.10 (b) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the  
 59.11 second year are for the water demand  
 59.12 reduction grants to assist municipalities in the  
 59.13 metropolitan area with implementing water  
 59.14 demand reduction measures to ensure the  
 59.15 reliability and protection of drinking water  
 59.16 supplies.

59.17 **Sec. 9. UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA           \$           1,500,000 \$           1,500,000**

59.18 (a) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
 59.19 second year are for developing Part A of  
 59.20 county geologic atlases. This appropriation is  
 59.21 available until June 30, 2030.

59.22 (b) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000  
 59.23 the second year are for a program to evaluate  
 59.24 performance and technology transfer for  
 59.25 stormwater best management practices, to  
 59.26 evaluate best management performance and  
 59.27 effectiveness to support meeting total  
 59.28 maximum daily loads, to develop standards  
 59.29 and incorporate state-of-the-art guidance using  
 59.30 minimal impact design standards as the model,  
 59.31 and to implement a system to transfer  
 59.32 knowledge and technology across local  
 59.33 government, industry, and regulatory sectors.

60.1 This appropriation is available until June 30,  
 60.2 2030.

60.3 Sec. 10. LEGISLATURE \$ 6,000 \$ -0-

60.4 \$6,000 the first year is for the Legislative  
 60.5 Coordinating Commission for the website  
 60.6 required under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 60.7 3.303, subdivision 10.

60.8 Sec. 11. PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY \$ 8,350,000 \$ 8,350,000

60.9 (a) \$8,250,000 the first year and \$8,250,000  
 60.10 the second year are for the point source  
 60.11 implementation grants program under  
 60.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.073. This  
 60.13 appropriation is available until June 30, 2030.

60.14 (b) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the  
 60.15 second year are for small community  
 60.16 wastewater treatment grants and loans under  
 60.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.075. This  
 60.18 appropriation is available until June 30, 2030.

60.19 (c) If there is any uncommitted money at the  
 60.20 end of each fiscal year under paragraph (a) or  
 60.21 (b), the Public Facilities Authority may  
 60.22 transfer the remaining funds to eligible  
 60.23 projects under any of the programs listed in  
 60.24 this section according to a project's priority  
 60.25 rank on the Pollution Control Agency's project  
 60.26 priority list.

60.27 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 114D.20, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

60.28 Subd. 2. **Goals for implementation.** The following goals must guide the implementation  
 60.29 of this chapter:

60.30 (1) to identify impaired waters in accordance with federal TMDL requirements and to  
 60.31 ensure continuing evaluation of surface waters for impairments;

61.1 (2) to submit TMDLs to the United States Environmental Protection Agency in a timely  
61.2 manner in accordance with federal TMDL requirements;

61.3 (3) to inform and support strategies for implementing restoration and protection activities  
61.4 ~~in a reasonable time period~~ with the goal that all waters will have achieved the designated  
61.5 uses applicable to those waters by 2040;

61.6 (4) to systematically evaluate waters, to provide assistance and incentives to prevent  
61.7 waters from becoming impaired, and to improve the quality of waters that are listed as  
61.8 impaired;

61.9 (5) to promptly seek the delisting of waters from the impaired waters list when those  
61.10 waters are shown to achieve the designated uses applicable to the waters;

61.11 (6) to achieve compliance with federal Clean Water Act requirements in Minnesota;

61.12 (7) to support effective measures to prevent the degradation of groundwater according  
61.13 to the groundwater degradation prevention goal under section 103H.001; and

61.14 (8) to support effective measures to restore degraded groundwater.

61.15 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 114D.30, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

61.16 Subd. 4. **Terms; compensation; removal.** The terms of members representing the state  
61.17 agencies and the Metropolitan Council are four years and are coterminous with the governor.  
61.18 The terms of other nonlegislative members of the council shall be as provided in section  
61.19 15.059, subdivision 2. Members may serve until their successors are appointed and qualify.  
61.20 Compensation and removal of nonlegislative council members is as provided in section  
61.21 15.059, subdivisions 3 and 4, except that a nonlegislative member may be compensated at  
61.22 the rate of up to \$125 a day. Compensation of legislative members is as determined by the  
61.23 appointing authority. The Pollution Control Agency may reimburse legislative members  
61.24 for expenses. A vacancy on the council may be filled by the appointing authority provided  
61.25 in subdivision 1 for the remainder of the unexpired term.

61.26 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 114D.30, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

61.27 Subd. 6. **Recommended appropriations.** (a) The Clean Water Council ~~shall recommend~~  
61.28 must submit recommendations to the ~~governor and the legislature~~ the manner in which on  
61.29 how money from the clean water fund should be appropriated for the purposes stated in  
61.30 article XI, section 15, of the Minnesota Constitution and section 114D.50.

61.31 (b) The council's recommendations must:

62.1 (1) be to protect, enhance, and restore water quality in lakes, rivers, and streams and to  
 62.2 protect groundwater from degradation and ensure that at least five percent of the clean water  
 62.3 fund is spent only to protect drinking water sources;

62.4 (2) be consistent with the purposes, policies, goals, and priorities in this chapter; and

62.5 (3) allocate adequate support and resources to identify degraded groundwater and  
 62.6 impaired waters, develop TMDLs, implement restoration of groundwater and impaired  
 62.7 waters, and provide assistance and incentives to prevent groundwater and surface waters  
 62.8 from becoming degraded or impaired and improve the quality of surface waters which are  
 62.9 listed as impaired but have no approved TMDL.

62.10 (c) The council must recommend methods of ensuring that awards of grants, loans, or  
 62.11 other funds from the clean water fund specify the outcomes to be achieved as a result of the  
 62.12 funding and specify standards to hold the recipient accountable for achieving the desired  
 62.13 outcomes. Expenditures from the fund must be appropriated by law.

62.14 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 114D.30, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

62.15 Subd. 7. **Reports to legislature.** ~~(a) By January 15 each odd-numbered year, the council~~  
 62.16 ~~must submit a report to the legislature on~~ that includes:

62.17 (1) a summary of the activities for which money has been or will be spent for in the  
 62.18 ~~current biennium,~~ previous fiscal year;

62.19 (2) the activities for which money is recommended to recommendations required under  
 62.20 subdivision 6 for how money in the clean water fund should be spent in the next biennium,  
 62.21 fiscal year, including recommended legislative bill language; and

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

62.24 ~~(b) By January 15 each even-numbered year, the council may submit to the legislature~~  
 62.25 ~~supplemental recommendations on the manner in which money from the clean water fund~~  
 62.26 ~~should be appropriated in the next fiscal year.~~

62.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025, and applies to  
 62.28 recommendations for fiscal year 2026 and beyond.

62.29 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 114D.50, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

62.30 Subd. 4. **Expenditures; accountability.** (a) A project receiving funding from the clean  
 62.31 water fund must meet or exceed the constitutional requirements to protect, enhance, and

63.1 restore water quality in lakes, rivers, and streams and to protect groundwater and drinking  
63.2 water from degradation. Priority may be given to projects that meet more than one of these  
63.3 requirements. A project receiving funding from the clean water fund shall include measurable  
63.4 outcomes, as defined in section 3.303, subdivision 10, ~~and~~; a plan for measuring and  
63.5 evaluating the results; and an assessment of whether the funding celebrates cultural diversity  
63.6 or reaches diverse communities in Minnesota, including reaching low- and moderate-income  
63.7 households. A project must be consistent with current science and incorporate state-of-the-art  
63.8 technology.

63.9 (b) Money from the clean water fund shall be expended to balance the benefits across  
63.10 all regions and residents of the state.

63.11 (c) A state agency or other recipient of a direct appropriation from the clean water fund  
63.12 must compile and submit all information for proposed and funded projects or programs,  
63.13 including the proposed measurable outcomes and all other items required under section  
63.14 3.303, subdivision 10, to the Legislative Coordinating Commission as soon as practicable  
63.15 or by January 15 of the applicable fiscal year, whichever comes first. The Legislative  
63.16 Coordinating Commission must post submitted information on the website required under  
63.17 section 3.303, subdivision 10, as soon as it becomes available. Information classified as not  
63.18 public under section 13D.05, subdivision 3, paragraph (d), is not required to be placed on  
63.19 the website.

63.20 (d) Grants funded by the clean water fund must be implemented according to section  
63.21 16B.98 and must account for all expenditures. Proposals must specify a process for any  
63.22 regranting envisioned. Priority for grant proposals must be given to proposals involving  
63.23 grants that will be competitively awarded.

63.24 (e) Money from the clean water fund may only be spent on projects that benefit Minnesota  
63.25 waters.

63.26 (f) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the clean water fund  
63.27 shall prominently display on the recipient's website home page the legacy logo required  
63.28 under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws 2010, chapter  
63.29 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more information."  
63.30 When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the website must direct the person to a web  
63.31 page that includes both the contact information that a person may use to obtain additional  
63.32 information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating Commission website required  
63.33 under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

64.1 (g) Future eligibility for money from the clean water fund is contingent upon a state  
64.2 agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section, as well as  
64.3 any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of the  
64.4 Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a recipient  
64.5 of money from the clean water fund has not complied with the laws, rules, or regulations  
64.6 in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient must be listed in an  
64.7 annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the legacy funds. The list  
64.8 must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a recipient from the list  
64.9 upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient on the list is not eligible  
64.10 for future funding from the clean water fund until the recipient demonstrates compliance  
64.11 to the legislative auditor.

64.12 (h) Money from the clean water fund may be used to leverage federal funds through  
64.13 execution of formal project partnership agreements with federal agencies consistent with  
64.14 respective federal agency partnership agreement requirements.

64.15 (i) Any state agency or organization requesting a direct appropriation from the clean  
64.16 water fund must inform the Clean Water Council and the house of representatives and senate  
64.17 committees having jurisdiction over the clean water fund, at the time the request for funding  
64.18 is made, whether the request is supplanting or is a substitution for any previous funding that  
64.19 was not from a legacy fund and was used for the same purpose.

64.20 Sec. 17. **CLEAN WATER FUND APPROPRIATION EXTENSIONS.**

64.21 **Subdivision 1. Department of Health; contamination in private wells.** The availability  
64.22 of the appropriation from the clean water fund to the commissioner of health under Laws  
64.23 2019, First Special Session chapter 2, article 2, section 8, paragraph (d), is extended to June  
64.24 30, 2024.

64.25 **Subd. 2. Department of Health; water reuse implementation.** The availability of the  
64.26 appropriation from the clean water fund to the commissioner of health under Laws 2019,  
64.27 First Special Session chapter 2, article 2, section 8, paragraph (g), is extended to June 30,  
64.28 2024.

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

64.30 **ARTICLE 3**

64.31 **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND**

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





66.1 Where appropriate, grant recipients of parks  
 66.2 and trails funds, in consultation with the  
 66.3 Council on Disability and other appropriate  
 66.4 governor-appointed disability councils, boards,  
 66.5 committees, and commissions, should make  
 66.6 progress toward providing people with  
 66.7 disabilities greater access to programs, print  
 66.8 publications, and digital media related to the  
 66.9 programs the recipient funds using  
 66.10 appropriations made in this article.

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

66.12 Grant recipients of parks and trails funds  
 66.13 should prioritize water and energy  
 66.14 conservation technology and the use of  
 66.15 renewable energy for construction and  
 66.16 building projects funded with an appropriation  
 66.17 made in this article.

66.18 **Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**  
 66.19 **RESOURCES**

**\$ 43,580,000 \$ 38,931,000**

66.20 (a) \$28,572,000 the first year and \$25,524,000  
 66.21 the second year are for state parks, recreation  
 66.22 areas, and trails to:

- 66.23 (1) connect people to the outdoors;
- 66.24 (2) acquire land and create opportunities;
- 66.25 (3) maintain existing holdings; and
- 66.26 (4) improve cooperation by coordinating with  
 66.27 partners to implement the 25-year long-range  
 66.28 parks and trails legacy plan.

66.29 (b) The commissioner may spend money  
 66.30 appropriated under paragraph (a) on I Can!  
 66.31 programs, including but not limited to  
 66.32 programs designed to provide underserved  
 66.33 youth and youth who identify as lesbian, gay,  
 66.34 bisexual, transgender, and queer the

67.1 opportunity to experience the outdoors with  
67.2 similar peers.

67.3 (c) \$14,286,000 the first year and \$12,762,000  
67.4 the second year are for grants for parks and  
67.5 trails of regional significance outside the  
67.6 seven-county metropolitan area under  
67.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.535. The grants  
67.8 awarded under this paragraph must be based  
67.9 on the lists of recommended projects  
67.10 submitted to the legislative committees under  
67.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536,  
67.12 subdivision 10, from the Greater Minnesota  
67.13 Regional Parks and Trails Commission  
67.14 established under Minnesota Statutes, section  
67.15 85.536. Grants funded under this paragraph  
67.16 must support parks and trails of regional or  
67.17 statewide significance that meet the applicable  
67.18 definitions and criteria for regional parks and  
67.19 trails contained in the *Greater Minnesota*  
67.20 *Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan*  
67.21 adopted by the Greater Minnesota Regional  
67.22 Parks and Trails Commission on April 22,  
67.23 2015. Grant recipients identified under this  
67.24 paragraph must submit a grant application to  
67.25 the commissioner of natural resources. Up to  
67.26 2.5 percent of the appropriation may be used  
67.27 by the commissioner for the actual cost of  
67.28 issuing and monitoring the grants for the  
67.29 commission. Of the amount appropriated,  
67.30 \$475,000 the first year and \$475,000 the  
67.31 second year are for the Greater Minnesota  
67.32 Regional Parks and Trails Commission to  
67.33 carry out its duties under Minnesota Statutes,  
67.34 section 85.536, including the continued  
67.35 development of a statewide system plan for

- 68.1 regional parks and trails outside the  
68.2 seven-county metropolitan area.
- 68.3 (d) By January 15, 2024, the Greater  
68.4 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails  
68.5 Commission must submit a list of projects that  
68.6 contains the commission's recommendations  
68.7 for funding from the parks and trails fund for  
68.8 fiscal year 2025 to the chairs and ranking  
68.9 minority members of the legislative  
68.10 committees and divisions with jurisdiction  
68.11 over environment and natural resources and  
68.12 the parks and trails fund.
- 68.13 (e) By January 15, 2024, the Greater  
68.14 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails  
68.15 Commission must submit a report that contains  
68.16 the commission's criteria for funding from the  
68.17 parks and trails fund, including the criteria  
68.18 used to determine if a park or trail is of  
68.19 regional significance, to the chairs and ranking  
68.20 minority members of the legislative  
68.21 committees and divisions with jurisdiction  
68.22 over environment and natural resources and  
68.23 the parks and trails fund.
- 68.24 (f) \$722,000 the first year and \$645,000 the  
68.25 second year are for coordination and projects  
68.26 between the department, the Metropolitan  
68.27 Council, and the Greater Minnesota Regional  
68.28 Parks and Trails Commission; enhanced  
68.29 web-based information for park and trail users;  
68.30 and support of activities of the Parks and  
68.31 Trails Legacy Advisory Committee.
- 68.32 (g) The commissioner must contract for  
68.33 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota  
68.34 for restoration, maintenance, and other  
68.35 activities under this section for at least

69.1 \$850,000 the first year and \$850,000 the  
 69.2 second year.

69.3 (h) Grant recipients of an appropriation under  
 69.4 this section must give consideration to  
 69.5 contracting with Conservation Corps  
 69.6 Minnesota for restoration, maintenance, and  
 69.7 other activities.

69.8 (i) In addition to the requirements under  
 69.9 paragraph (g), the commissioner should work  
 69.10 to provide other opportunities that encourage  
 69.11 a diversity of students to pursue careers in  
 69.12 environment and natural resources when  
 69.13 implementing appropriations in this section.

69.14 **Sec. 4. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL                    \$        28,572,000 \$        25,524,000**

69.15 (a) \$28,572,000 the first year and \$25,524,000  
 69.16 the second year are for distribution according  
 69.17 to Minnesota Statutes, section 85.53,  
 69.18 subdivision 3.

69.19 (b) Money appropriated under this section and  
 69.20 distributed to implementing agencies must be  
 69.21 used only to fund the list of projects approved  
 69.22 by the elected representatives of each of the  
 69.23 metropolitan parks implementing agencies.

69.24 Projects funded by the money appropriated  
 69.25 under this section must be substantially  
 69.26 consistent with the project descriptions and  
 69.27 dollar amounts approved by each elected body.

69.28 Any money remaining after completing the  
 69.29 listed projects may be spent by the  
 69.30 implementing agencies on projects to support  
 69.31 parks and trails.

69.32 (c) Grant agreements entered into by the  
 69.33 Metropolitan Council and recipients of money  
 69.34 appropriated under this section must ensure

70.1 that the money is used to supplement and not  
 70.2 substitute for traditional sources of funding.

70.3 (d) The implementing agencies receiving  
 70.4 appropriations under this section must give  
 70.5 consideration to contracting with Conservation  
 70.6 Corps Minnesota for restoration, maintenance,  
 70.7 and other activities.

70.8 **Sec. 5. LEGISLATURE** **\$** **3,000** **\$** **-0-**

70.9 \$3,000 the first year is for the Legislative  
 70.10 Coordinating Commission for the website  
 70.11 required under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 70.12 3.303, subdivision 10.

70.13 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 85.53, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

70.14 Subd. 2. **Expenditures; accountability.** (a) A project or program receiving funding  
 70.15 from the parks and trails fund must meet or exceed the constitutional requirement to support  
 70.16 parks and trails of regional or statewide significance. A project or program receiving funding  
 70.17 from the parks and trails fund must include measurable outcomes, as defined in section  
 70.18 3.303, subdivision 10, ~~and~~; a plan for measuring and evaluating the results; and an assessment  
 70.19 of whether the funding celebrates cultural diversity or reaches diverse communities in  
 70.20 Minnesota, including reaching low- and moderate-income households. A project or program  
 70.21 must be consistent with current science and incorporate state-of-the-art technology, except  
 70.22 when the project or program is a portrayal or restoration of historical significance.

70.23 (b) Money from the parks and trails fund shall be expended to balance the benefits across  
 70.24 all regions and residents of the state.

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

70.32 (d) Grants funded by the parks and trails fund must be implemented according to section  
 70.33 16B.98 and must account for all expenditures. Proposals must specify a process for any

71.1 regranting envisioned. Priority for grant proposals must be given to proposals involving  
71.2 grants that will be competitively awarded.

71.3 (e) Money from the parks and trails fund may only be spent on projects located in  
71.4 Minnesota.

71.5 (f) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the parks and trails fund  
71.6 shall prominently display on the recipient's website home page the legacy logo required  
71.7 under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws 2010, chapter  
71.8 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more information."  
71.9 When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the website must direct the person to a web  
71.10 page that includes both the contact information that a person may use to obtain additional  
71.11 information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating Commission website required  
71.12 under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

71.13 (g) Future eligibility for money from the parks and trails fund is contingent upon a state  
71.14 agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section, as well as  
71.15 any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of the  
71.16 Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a recipient  
71.17 of money from the parks and trails fund has not complied with the laws, rules, or regulations  
71.18 in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient must be listed in an  
71.19 annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the legacy funds. The list  
71.20 must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a recipient from the list  
71.21 upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient on the list is not eligible  
71.22 for future funding from the parks and trails fund until the recipient demonstrates compliance  
71.23 to the legislative auditor.

71.24 (h) Any state agency or organization requesting a direct appropriation from the parks  
71.25 and trails fund must inform the house of representatives and senate committees having  
71.26 jurisdiction over the parks and trails fund, at the time the request for funding is made,  
71.27 whether the request is supplanting or is a substitution for any previous funding that was not  
71.28 from a legacy fund and was used for the same purpose.

71.29 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 85.53, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
71.30 read:

71.31 Subd. 7. Free park days. An implementing agency, county, or city that charges an  
71.32 entrance fee or requires a vehicle permit must provide free access to all its parks at least  
71.33 four days each calendar year in order to be eligible for money appropriated from the parks

72.1 and trails fund. The implementing agency, county, or city must publicly announce the date  
72.2 when entrance will be free at least 30 days in advance of the date it occurs.

72.3 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 85.536, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

72.4 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; purpose.** The Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and  
72.5 Trails Commission is created to undertake system planning and provide recommendations  
72.6 to the legislature for grants funded by the parks and trails fund to counties ~~and~~, cities, and  
72.7 Tribal governments outside of the seven-county metropolitan area for parks and trails of  
72.8 regional significance.

72.9 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 85.536, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

72.10 Subd. 2. **Commission.** The commission shall include 13 members appointed by the  
72.11 governor with two members from each of the regional parks and trails districts determined  
72.12 under subdivision 5 and one member at large. Membership terms, compensation, and removal  
72.13 of members and filling of vacancies are as provided in section 15.0575, except that a  
72.14 commission member may be compensated at the rate of up to \$125 a day.

72.15 Sec. 10. **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND APPROPRIATION EXTENSIONS.**

72.16 Subdivision 1. **Beaver Island Regional Trail; city of St. Cloud.** The availability of the  
72.17 grant to the city of St. Cloud for the Beaver Island Regional Trail construction and restoration  
72.18 project from the parks and trails fund appropriation under Laws 2019, First Special Session  
72.19 chapter 2, article 3, section 3, paragraph (b), is extended to June 30, 2024.

72.20 Subd. 2. **Robinson Park; city of Sandstone.** The portions of the appropriations from  
72.21 the parks and trails fund in Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 2, article 3, section 3,  
72.22 paragraph (b), and Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3, paragraph  
72.23 (b), that were granted to the city of Sandstone for the Robinson Park project are available  
72.24 until June 30, 2025.

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

72.26 Sec. 11. **EXPANDING ACCESS TO PARKS AND TRAILS FUND GRANTS IN**  
72.27 **GREATER MINNESOTA; REPORT.**

72.28 By January 15, 2024, the commissioner of natural resources, in cooperation with the  
72.29 Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission, must submit a report to the  
72.30 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with  
72.31 jurisdiction over the parks and trails fund with recommendations for expanding eligibility



73.1 of parks and trails fund grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536, to Tribal  
73.2 governments and for expanding cooperation with nonprofit organizations, including any  
73.3 necessary statutory changes.

73.4 **ARTICLE 4**

73.5 **ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND**

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

73.7 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the entities  
73.8 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the arts and cultural  
73.9 heritage fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for allowable activities under  
73.10 the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15, except that any unencumbered balance  
73.11 remaining under this article from the first year does not cancel but is available in the second  
73.12 year. The figures "2024" and "2025" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed  
73.13 under the figure are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2025,  
73.14 respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2024. "The second year" is fiscal year 2025. "The  
73.15 biennium" is fiscal years 2024 and 2025. All appropriations in this article are onetime.

73.16 **APPROPRIATIONS**

73.17 **Available for the Year**

73.18 **Ending June 30**

73.19 **2024**

**2025**

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

73.21 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation**                                 \$     **106,118,000**     \$     **88,928,000**

73.22 The amounts that may be spent for each  
73.23 purpose are specified in the following  
73.24 subdivisions.

73.25 **Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation**

73.26 Money appropriated in this article must not  
73.27 be spent on activities unless they are directly  
73.28 related to and necessary for a specific  
73.29 appropriation. Money appropriated in this  
73.30 article must not be spent on institutional  
73.31 overhead charges that are not directly related  
73.32 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.  
73.33 Money appropriated in this article must be

74.1 spent in accordance with Minnesota  
 74.2 Management and Budget MMB Guidance to  
 74.3 Agencies on Legacy Fund Expenditure.  
 74.4 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
 74.5 16A.28, and unless otherwise specified in this  
 74.6 article, fiscal year 2024 appropriations are  
 74.7 available until June 30, 2025, and fiscal year  
 74.8 2025 appropriations are available until June  
 74.9 30, 2026. Water and energy conservation  
 74.10 technology and the use of renewable energy  
 74.11 should be priorities for construction and  
 74.12 building projects funded through this  
 74.13 appropriation. If a project receives federal  
 74.14 funds, the period of the appropriation is  
 74.15 extended to equal the availability of federal  
 74.16 funding.

74.17	<u>Subd. 3. <b>Minnesota State Arts Board</b></u>	<u>50,835,000</u>	<u>45,836,000</u>
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74.18 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are  
 74.19 appropriated to the Minnesota State Arts  
 74.20 Board for arts, arts education, arts  
 74.21 preservation, and arts access. Grant  
 74.22 agreements entered into by the Minnesota  
 74.23 State Arts Board and other recipients of  
 74.24 appropriations in this subdivision must ensure  
 74.25 that these funds are used to supplement and  
 74.26 not substitute for traditional sources of  
 74.27 funding. Each grant program established in  
 74.28 this appropriation must be separately  
 74.29 administered from other state appropriations  
 74.30 for program planning and outcome  
 74.31 measurements, but may take into consideration  
 74.32 other state resources awarded in the selection  
 74.33 of applicants and grant award size.

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

75.1 \$19,523,000 the first year and \$19,524,000  
75.2 the second year are to support Minnesota  
75.3 artists and arts organizations in creating,  
75.4 producing, and presenting high-quality arts  
75.5 activities; to preserve, maintain, and interpret  
75.6 art forms and works of art so that they are  
75.7 accessible to Minnesota audiences; to  
75.8 overcome barriers to accessing high-quality  
75.9 arts activities; and to instill the arts into the  
75.10 community and public life in this state. Grants  
75.11 provided under this paragraph must prioritize  
75.12 artists and arts organizations that plan to  
75.13 present art from communities that have been  
75.14 historically underrepresented in the arts or that  
75.15 improve access to the programs and projects  
75.16 for groups, including youth and historically  
75.17 underserved communities, that have struggled  
75.18 to access arts programming in the past.

75.19 Of this amount, \$50,000 each year must be  
75.20 used to fund:

75.21 (1) free-access days for Minnesota citizens to  
75.22 access art institutions and to provide grants to  
75.23 organizations and individual artists who will  
75.24 provide completely free public art events  
75.25 throughout the state, including grants for  
75.26 transportation and accessibility grants to  
75.27 broaden the audience of arts programming;  
75.28 and

75.29 (2) free admission for children to art, music,  
75.30 cultural, and dance programs, including  
75.31 transportation and accessibility grants to  
75.32 broaden the audience for arts programming.

75.33 **(c) Arts Education**

76.1 \$5,978,000 the first year and \$5,978,000 the  
76.2 second year are for high-quality,  
76.3 age-appropriate arts education for Minnesotans  
76.4 of all ages to develop knowledge, skills, and  
76.5 understanding of the arts. Priority in the award  
76.6 of grants under this paragraph must be given  
76.7 to providing educational opportunities to  
76.8 underserved communities with grants for  
76.9 organizations or entities providing  
76.10 opportunities to K-12 students throughout the  
76.11 state for arts education, including access to  
76.12 arts instruction, arts programming, museums,  
76.13 and arts presentations.

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

76.15 \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the  
76.16 second year are for events and activities that  
76.17 represent, preserve, and maintain the diverse  
76.18 cultural arts traditions, including folk and  
76.19 traditional artists and art organizations,  
76.20 represented in this state.

76.21 **(e) Significant Public Arts Installations**

76.22 \$5,000,000 the first year is for grants for up  
76.23 to three organizations or local governments  
76.24 for the design, land development, land transfer  
76.25 fees, and production costs of a significant and  
76.26 publicly accessible art project celebrating  
76.27 Minnesota arts and cultural heritage and  
76.28 providing a unique public art experience  
76.29 through art installation, including sculpture  
76.30 and design. The projects funded by this  
76.31 paragraph must have a matching grant and  
76.32 must include in the grant agreement terms for  
76.33 the future ownership, maintenance, taxes, and  
76.34 associated costs for the art project and project  
76.35 site. The projects funded by this paragraph

77.1 must have a permanent sign indicating the  
 77.2 project was funded through the arts and  
 77.3 cultural heritage fund. The funding for the  
 77.4 significant public art installations in this  
 77.5 paragraph is available until June 30, 2028.

77.6 **(f) Administrative Costs**

77.7 Up to five percent of the totals in paragraphs  
 77.8 (b) to (e) each year is for administering grant  
 77.9 programs, delivering technical services,  
 77.10 providing fiscal oversight for the statewide  
 77.11 system, and ensuring accountability in fiscal  
 77.12 years 2024 and 2025.

77.13 **(g) Regional Arts Councils**

77.14 \$18,334,000 the first year and \$18,334,000  
 77.15 the second year are for grants to the regional  
 77.16 arts councils. One-fourth of this amount is to  
 77.17 establish, continue, improve, and expand  
 77.18 grants for organizations and educational  
 77.19 institutions to improve and expand access for  
 77.20 youth to artistic instruction and arts  
 77.21 programming and for the participation of  
 77.22 youth in the arts.

77.23 **(h) Any unencumbered balance remaining**  
 77.24 **under this subdivision the first year does not**  
 77.25 **cancel but is available the second year.**

77.26 <b><u>Subd. 4. Minnesota Historical Society</u></b>	<u>17,808,000</u>	<u>19,692,000</u>
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77.27 **(a) The amounts in this subdivision are**  
 77.28 **appropriated to the governing board of the**  
 77.29 **Minnesota Historical Society to preserve and**  
 77.30 **enhance access to Minnesota's history and its**  
 77.31 **cultural and historical resources. Grant**  
 77.32 **agreements entered into by the Minnesota**  
 77.33 **Historical Society and other recipients of**  
 77.34 **appropriations in this subdivision must ensure**

78.1 that these funds are used to supplement and  
78.2 not substitute for traditional sources of  
78.3 funding. Funds directly appropriated to the  
78.4 Minnesota Historical Society must be used to  
78.5 supplement and not substitute for traditional  
78.6 sources of funding. The appropriations in this  
78.7 subdivision are onetime, and any  
78.8 unencumbered balance remaining under this  
78.9 subdivision in the first year does not cancel  
78.10 but is available for the second year.  
78.11 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
78.12 16A.28, for historic preservation projects that  
78.13 improve historic structures, the amounts are  
78.14 available until June 30, 2027. The Minnesota  
78.15 Historical Society or grant recipients of the  
78.16 Minnesota Historical Society using arts and  
78.17 cultural heritage funds under this subdivision  
78.18 must give consideration to Conservation Corps  
78.19 Minnesota and Northern Bedrock Historic  
78.20 Preservation Corps, or an organization  
78.21 carrying out similar work, for projects with  
78.22 the potential to need historic preservation  
78.23 services.

78.24 **(b) Historical Grants and Programs**

78.25 **(1) Statewide Historic and Cultural Grants**

78.26 \$7,150,000 the first year and \$7,850,000 the  
78.27 second year are for statewide historic and  
78.28 cultural grants to local, county, regional, or  
78.29 other historical or cultural organizations or for  
78.30 activities to preserve significant historic and  
78.31 cultural resources. Money must be distributed  
78.32 through a competitive grant process. The  
78.33 Minnesota Historical Society must administer  
78.34 the money using established grant mechanisms  
78.35 with assistance from the advisory committee

79.1 created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article  
79.2 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), item  
79.3 (ii).

79.4 (2) Statewide History Programs

79.5 \$7,600,000 the first year and \$7,900,000 the  
79.6 second year are for historic and cultural  
79.7 programs and purposes related to the heritage  
79.8 of the state.

79.9 Of this amount, \$400,000 the first year is for  
79.10 grants to organizations or local governments  
79.11 that own buildings or structures that are  
79.12 considered historically significant to their local  
79.13 communities to improve access to the  
79.14 buildings or structures, to preserve the  
79.15 buildings or structures, or to enhance the use  
79.16 of the buildings or structures, including  
79.17 improving access to museums, music halls,  
79.18 opera houses, libraries, and sites celebrating  
79.19 diverse cultures and heritages throughout the  
79.20 state. Grant funding not encumbered in the  
79.21 first year is available for statewide history  
79.22 programs in the second year.

79.23 Of this amount, \$50,000 the first year and  
79.24 \$50,000 the second year are for the production  
79.25 and distribution of "Making Minnesota" on  
79.26 Minnesota's natural resources, legacy, culture,  
79.27 and history, to be made available free of cost.

79.28 (3) History Partnerships

79.29 \$2,183,000 the first year and \$3,067,000 the  
79.30 second year are for history partnerships  
79.31 involving multiple organizations, which may  
79.32 include the Minnesota Historical Society, to  
79.33 preserve and enhance access to Minnesota's

80.1 history and cultural heritage in all regions of  
 80.2 the state.

80.3 (4) Statewide Survey of Historical and  
 80.4 Archaeological Sites

80.5 \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
 80.6 second year are for one or more contracts to  
 80.7 be competitively awarded to conduct statewide  
 80.8 surveys or investigations of Minnesota's sites  
 80.9 of historical, archeological, and cultural  
 80.10 significance. Results of the surveys or  
 80.11 investigations must be published in a  
 80.12 searchable form and available to the public  
 80.13 cost free. The Minnesota Historical Society,  
 80.14 the Office of the State Archeologist, the Indian  
 80.15 Affairs Council, and the State Historic  
 80.16 Preservation Office must each appoint a  
 80.17 representative to an oversight board to select  
 80.18 contractors and direct the conduct of the  
 80.19 surveys or investigations. The oversight board  
 80.20 must consult with the Departments of  
 80.21 Transportation and Natural Resources.

80.22 (5) Digital Library

80.23 \$375,000 the first year and \$375,000 the  
 80.24 second year are for a digital library project to  
 80.25 preserve, digitize, and share Minnesota  
 80.26 images, documents, and historical materials.  
 80.27 The Minnesota Historical Society must  
 80.28 cooperate with the Minitex interlibrary loan  
 80.29 system and must jointly share this  
 80.30 appropriation for these purposes.

80.31 Subd. 5. Department of Education

3,000,000

2,750,000

80.32 (a) \$2,750,000 each year is appropriated to  
 80.33 the commissioner of education for grants to  
 80.34 the 12 Minnesota regional library systems to  
 80.35 provide educational opportunities in the arts,



81.1 history, literary arts, and cultural heritage of  
81.2 Minnesota. When possible, funding under this  
81.3 subdivision should be used to promote and  
81.4 share the work of Minnesota authors,  
81.5 including authors from diverse backgrounds.  
81.6 This money must be allocated using the  
81.7 formulas in Minnesota Statutes, section  
81.8 134.355, subdivisions 3 to 5, with the  
81.9 remaining 25 percent to be distributed to all  
81.10 qualifying systems in an amount proportionate  
81.11 to the number of qualifying system entities in  
81.12 each system. For purposes of this subdivision,  
81.13 "qualifying system entity" means a public  
81.14 library, a regional library system, a regional  
81.15 library system headquarters, a county, or an  
81.16 outreach service program. This money may  
81.17 be used to sponsor programs provided by  
81.18 regional libraries or to provide grants to local  
81.19 arts and cultural heritage programs for  
81.20 programs in partnership with regional libraries.  
81.21 This money must be distributed in ten equal  
81.22 payments per year. Notwithstanding  
81.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the  
81.24 appropriations encumbered on or before June  
81.25 30, 2025, as grants or contracts in this  
81.26 subdivision are available until June 30, 2026.  
  
81.27 (b) \$250,000 the first year is appropriated to  
81.28 the commissioner of education for a water  
81.29 safety grant program. The commissioner of  
81.30 education must allocate grants to eligible  
81.31 applicants. Eligible applicants include  
81.32 nonprofit organizations and city and county  
81.33 parks and recreation programs providing  
81.34 swimming lessons to youth. Eligible applicants  
81.35 are not required to partner with other entities.  
81.36 Grant funds must primarily be used to provide

82.1 scholarships to low-income and at-risk  
 82.2 children for swimming lessons. Up to 15  
 82.3 percent of the grant funds may also be used  
 82.4 to hire water safety instructors or lifeguards  
 82.5 or train water safety instructors or lifeguards  
 82.6 in nationally recognized water safety practices  
 82.7 and instruction.

82.8 **Subd. 6. Department of Administration** 12,450,000 12,300,000

82.9 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are  
 82.10 appropriated to the commissioner of  
 82.11 administration for grants to the named  
 82.12 organizations for the purposes specified in this  
 82.13 subdivision. The commissioner of  
 82.14 administration may use a portion of this  
 82.15 appropriation for costs that are directly related  
 82.16 to and necessary for the administration of  
 82.17 grants in this subdivision.

82.18 (b) Grant agreements entered into by the  
 82.19 commissioner and recipients of appropriations  
 82.20 under this subdivision must ensure that money  
 82.21 appropriated in this subdivision is used to  
 82.22 supplement and not substitute for traditional  
 82.23 sources of funding.

82.24 **(c) Minnesota Public Radio**  
 82.25 \$2,100,000 each year is for Minnesota Public  
 82.26 Radio to create programming and expand news  
 82.27 service on Minnesota's cultural heritage and  
 82.28 history.

82.29 **(d) Association of Minnesota Public Educational**  
 82.30 **Radio Stations**  
 82.31 \$2,100,000 the first year and \$2,100,000 the  
 82.32 second year are to the Association of  
 82.33 Minnesota Public Educational Radio Stations  
 82.34 for production and acquisition grants in

83.1 accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section  
83.2 129D.19.

83.3 **(e) Public Television**

83.4 \$4,500,000 each year is to the Minnesota  
83.5 Public Television Association for production  
83.6 and acquisition grants according to Minnesota  
83.7 Statutes, section 129D.18. A portion of this  
83.8 funding may be used for producing television  
83.9 related to Minnesota military and veterans'  
83.10 history and unique immigration stories from  
83.11 around the state.

83.12 **(f) Wilderness Inquiry**

83.13 \$500,000 the first year and \$600,000 the  
83.14 second year are to Wilderness Inquiry to  
83.15 preserve Minnesota's outdoor history, culture,  
83.16 and heritage by connecting Minnesota youth  
83.17 to natural resources.

83.18 **(g) Como Park Zoo**

83.19 \$1,750,000 each year is to the Como Park Zoo  
83.20 and Conservatory for program development  
83.21 that features educational programs and habitat  
83.22 enhancement, special exhibits, music  
83.23 appreciation programs, and historical garden  
83.24 access and preservation.

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

83.26 \$850,000 each year is to the Science Museum  
83.27 of Minnesota for arts, arts education, and arts  
83.28 access and to preserve Minnesota's history and  
83.29 cultural heritage, including student and teacher  
83.30 outreach, statewide educational initiatives, and  
83.31 community-based exhibits that preserve  
83.32 Minnesota's history and cultural heritage.

83.33 **(i) Appetite for Change**

84.1 \$200,000 the first year is to the nonprofit  
 84.2 Appetite for Change for the Community Cooks  
 84.3 programming, which will preserve the cultural  
 84.4 heritage of growing and cooking food in  
 84.5 Minnesota.

84.6 **(j) Lake Superior Zoo**

84.7 \$150,000 each year is to the Lake Superior  
 84.8 Zoo to develop educational exhibits and  
 84.9 programs.

84.10 **(k) Great Lakes Aquarium**

84.11 \$250,000 each year is to the Lake Superior  
 84.12 Center Authority to prepare, fabricate, and  
 84.13 install a hands-on exhibit with interactive  
 84.14 learning components to educate Minnesotans  
 84.15 on the history of the natural landscape of the  
 84.16 state.

84.17 **(l) State Band**

84.18 \$50,000 the first year is to the Minnesota state  
 84.19 band to provide free concerts throughout the  
 84.20 state.

84.21 **Subd. 7. Minnesota Zoo** 2,000,000      2,000,000

84.22 The amounts in this subdivision are  
 84.23 appropriated to the Minnesota Zoological  
 84.24 Board for programs at and development of the  
 84.25 Minnesota Zoological Garden and to provide  
 84.26 access and education related to programs on  
 84.27 the cultural heritage of Minnesota.

84.28 **Subd. 8. Minnesota Humanities Center** 17,321,000      3,650,000

84.29 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are  
 84.30 appropriated to the Board of Directors of the  
 84.31 Minnesota Humanities Center for the purposes  
 84.32 specified in this subdivision. The Minnesota  
 84.33 Humanities Center may use up to 5.5 percent

85.1 of the appropriations for the administration of  
85.2 these funds and to cover the cost of  
85.3 administering, planning, evaluating, and  
85.4 reporting these grants. The Minnesota  
85.5 Humanities Center must develop a written  
85.6 plan to issue the grants under this subdivision  
85.7 and must submit the plan for review and  
85.8 approval by the commissioner of  
85.9 administration. The written plan must require  
85.10 the Minnesota Humanities Center to create  
85.11 and adhere to grant policies that are similar to  
85.12 those established according to Minnesota  
85.13 Statutes, section 16B.97, subdivision 4,  
85.14 paragraph (a), clause (1).

85.15 The grant agreement must specify the  
85.16 repercussions for failing to comply with the  
85.17 grant agreement.

85.18 **(b) Programs and Purposes**

85.19 \$2,000,000 each year is for statewide  
85.20 humanities programs and to support and  
85.21 expand outreach, partnerships, and humanities  
85.22 programming with organizations and  
85.23 individuals throughout the state, including but  
85.24 not limited to programming related to veterans  
85.25 and the military experience, professional  
85.26 development opportunities for educators, and  
85.27 programming celebrating, representing, and  
85.28 reflecting upon the heritage of diverse  
85.29 Minnesota communities that have been  
85.30 historically underserved.

85.31 **(c) Children's Museum Grants**

85.32 \$1,695,000 the first year and \$1,650,000 the  
85.33 second year are for grants to children's  
85.34 museums for arts and cultural exhibits and

86.1 related educational outreach programs. Grants  
86.2 under this paragraph may include hands-on  
86.3 exhibits related to the history and cultural  
86.4 impact of science, medicine, and STEM  
86.5 developments for youth in Minnesota.

86.6 Of this amount:

86.7 (1) \$695,000 the first year and \$650,000 the  
86.8 second year are for grants to children's  
86.9 museums to be distributed through a  
86.10 competitive grant process for children's  
86.11 museums that have an operating budget greater  
86.12 than \$3,000,000. Priority must be given to  
86.13 youth education, new exhibits development,  
86.14 outreach to underserved and diverse  
86.15 communities, and programming that celebrates  
86.16 cultural diversity. The Minnesota Humanities  
86.17 Center must administer these funds using  
86.18 established grant mechanisms; and

86.19 (2) \$1,000,000 each year is for grants to  
86.20 children's museums to be distributed through  
86.21 a competitive grant process for children's  
86.22 museums that have an operating budget of  
86.23 \$3,000,000 or less. Priority must be given to  
86.24 youth education, new exhibits development,  
86.25 outreach to underserved and diverse  
86.26 communities, and programming that celebrates  
86.27 cultural diversity. The Minnesota Humanities  
86.28 Center must administer these funds using  
86.29 established grant mechanisms.

86.30 **(d) Community Identity and Heritage Grant**  
86.31 **Program; Administration and Capacity-Building**  
86.32 **Grants**

86.33 (1) \$75,000 the first year is for outreach and  
86.34 education on the humanities center grant  
86.35 program with a focus on reaching diverse

87.1 community organizations and providing  
87.2 assistance with grant opportunities,  
87.3 qualifications, and reporting requirements, and  
87.4 specifically providing technical assistance and  
87.5 a nontraditional application process to improve  
87.6 access to grant funding for diverse  
87.7 communities.

87.8 (2) \$1,500,000 the first year is for  
87.9 capacity-building grants to organizations  
87.10 working with and promoting the culture of  
87.11 underserved communities to assist with:

87.12 (i) training and assisting staff on grant writing  
87.13 and grant reporting;

87.14 (ii) the costs of consultation and training from  
87.15 experts in nonprofit management; and

87.16 (iii) capacity-building and fundraising  
87.17 capabilities for smaller organizations.

87.18 (3) \$11,621,000 the first year is for a  
87.19 competitive grant program to provide grants  
87.20 to organizations or individuals working to  
87.21 create, celebrate, and teach the art, culture,  
87.22 and heritage of diverse Minnesota  
87.23 communities, including but not limited to  
87.24 Asian and Pacific Island communities, the  
87.25 Somali diaspora and other African immigrant  
87.26 communities, Indigenous communities with  
87.27 a focus on the 11 Tribes in Minnesota, the  
87.28 African American community, the Latinx  
87.29 community, the LGBTQIA+ community, and  
87.30 other underrepresented cultural groups,  
87.31 including communities of Black, Indigenous,  
87.32 and people of color, to celebrate the cultural  
87.33 diversity of Minnesota. At least \$2,000,000  
87.34 of the grant funding in this clause must be for

88.1 grants greater than \$150,000. An individual  
88.2 or organization that receives a grant under this  
88.3 clause must do at least one of the following:  
88.4 (i) preserve and honor the cultural heritage of  
88.5 Minnesota;  
88.6 (ii) provide education and student outreach on  
88.7 cultural diversity;  
88.8 (iii) support the development of culturally  
88.9 diverse humanities programming, including  
88.10 arts programming, by individuals and  
88.11 organizations; or  
88.12 (iv) empower communities in building identity  
88.13 and culture, including preserving and honoring  
88.14 communities whose Indigenous cultures are  
88.15 endangered or disappearing.  
88.16 (4) Of the amount in clause (3), \$25,000 the  
88.17 first year is available for emergency grants to  
88.18 respond to urgent community needs to  
88.19 organizations otherwise qualified to receive  
88.20 grants under clause (3). Grants under this  
88.21 clause should be designed to be awarded on a  
88.22 rolling basis based on emerging needs to assist  
88.23 communities responding to major events and  
88.24 to facilitate the process of grieving, encourage  
88.25 healing, create memorials, or assist in recovery  
88.26 of the community. This amount is available  
88.27 through the second year and any amount not  
88.28 expended by October 15 of the second year  
88.29 may be used for general programming costs  
88.30 or grants under this paragraph.  
88.31 **(e) Civics Grants Program**  
88.32 \$400,000 the first year is for grants to support  
88.33 programs and organizations providing civics  
88.34 education for youth on law, democracy,



89.1 government, and debate and to conduct civics  
 89.2 education programs.

89.3 **(f) Fiscal Accountability Study**

89.4 \$30,000 the first year is for a study on fiscal  
 89.5 sponsorship and fiscal oversight to study and  
 89.6 report on best practices in grant making to  
 89.7 nonprofit organizations. This funding is  
 89.8 available in the second year, and the study  
 89.9 may be conducted by an entity hired by the  
 89.10 Board of Directors of the Minnesota  
 89.11 Humanities Center.

89.12	<b><u>Subd. 9. Indian Affairs Council</u></b>	<u>2,300,000</u>	<u>2,300,000</u>
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89.13 \$850,000 each year is to provide grants to  
 89.14 Minnesota Tribal Nations to preserve Dakota  
 89.15 and Ojibwe Indian language and to foster  
 89.16 education programs and services for Dakota  
 89.17 and Ojibwe language.

89.18 \$650,000 each year is for grants to Dakota and  
 89.19 Ojibwe language-immersion educational  
 89.20 institutions.

89.21 \$600,000 each year is to provide grants to  
 89.22 preserve the Dakota and Ojibwe Indian  
 89.23 language through support of projects and  
 89.24 services and to support educational programs  
 89.25 and immersion efforts in Dakota and Ojibwe  
 89.26 language.

89.27 \$50,000 each year is for a Dakota and Ojibwe  
 89.28 Indian language working group coordinated  
 89.29 by the Indian Affairs Council.

89.30 \$150,000 each year is for the Indian Affairs  
 89.31 Council to carry out responsibilities under  
 89.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 307.08, to comply  
 89.33 with Public Law 101-601, the Native

90.1 American Graves Protection and Repatriation  
 90.2 Act.

90.3 **Subd. 10. Department of Agriculture** 400,000 400,000

90.4 The amounts in this subdivision are  
 90.5 appropriated to the commissioner of  
 90.6 agriculture for grants to county agricultural  
 90.7 societies to enhance arts access and education  
 90.8 and to preserve and promote Minnesota's  
 90.9 history and cultural heritage as embodied in  
 90.10 its county fairs. The grants may be distributed  
 90.11 in equal amounts to each of the county fairs  
 90.12 that submitted an application. The grants are  
 90.13 in addition to the aid distribution to county  
 90.14 agricultural societies under Minnesota  
 90.15 Statutes, section 38.02. The commissioner of  
 90.16 agriculture must develop grant-making criteria  
 90.17 and guidance for expending money under this  
 90.18 subdivision to provide funding for projects  
 90.19 and events that provide access to the arts or  
 90.20 the state's agricultural, historical, and cultural  
 90.21 heritage. The commissioner must seek input  
 90.22 from all interested parties. Money not used in  
 90.23 the first year may be used in the second year.

90.24 **Subd. 11. Legislative Coordinating Commission** 4,000 -0-

90.25 The amount in this subdivision is appropriated  
 90.26 to the Legislative Coordinating Commission  
 90.27 to maintain the website required under  
 90.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision  
 90.29 10.

90.30 **Subd. 12. Legacy Arts and Cultural Heritage**  
 90.31 **Access Days**

90.32 A portion of all funding from the arts and  
 90.33 cultural heritage fund appropriations in this  
 90.34 section must be used by grantees to improve  
 90.35 access to programs, exhibits, and events that

91.1 traditionally have a fee for entry. Grantees are  
91.2 encouraged to provide access to all community  
91.3 members using free programming days and to  
91.4 distribute free or reduced-cost tickets to  
91.5 improve access to all households throughout  
91.6 the state to increase participation in arts,  
91.7 history, and cultural programs that may be  
91.8 inaccessible due to cost. Grantees may partner  
91.9 with nonprofits that provide low- or no-cost  
91.10 access to arts and cultural heritage events and  
91.11 provide open access to free or reduced-cost  
91.12 programming to all economically  
91.13 disadvantaged households. All grantees should  
91.14 work to promote and advertise the ability to  
91.15 attend programs, exhibits, and events through  
91.16 free-access days for all Minnesotans and free  
91.17 or reduced-cost ticketing programs and  
91.18 provide instructions on how these programs  
91.19 work.

91.20 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 129D.17, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
91.21 read:

91.22 Subd. 6. **Report.** Each fiscal agent who receives funding from the arts and cultural  
91.23 heritage fund in a biennial budget must submit a report by February 15 the next  
91.24 odd-numbered year to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees  
91.25 with jurisdiction over the legacy arts and cultural heritage fund. Each report must cover the  
91.26 two years prior to the report and include:

91.27 (1) an accounting of funding that has been distributed;

91.28 (2) an accounting of funding not yet expended;

91.29 (3) summary information on programs supported by the funding;

91.30 (4) an assessment of whether the funding celebrates cultural diversity or reaches diverse  
91.31 communities in Minnesota;

91.32 (5) summary information on competitive grant programs, when offered; and

92.1 (6) grant information for grants provided to individuals, entities, or organizations,  
92.2 including whether the programs or projects awarded funding have been completed.

## 92.3 ARTICLE 5

### 92.4 GRANTS MANAGEMENT

#### 92.5 Section 1. FINANCIAL REVIEW OF NONPROFIT GRANT RECIPIENTS 92.6 REQUIRED.

92.7 Subdivision 1. Financial review required. (a) Before awarding a competitive,  
92.8 legislatively named, single source, or sole source grant to a nonprofit organization under  
92.9 this act, the grantor must require the applicant to submit financial information sufficient for  
92.10 the grantor to document and assess the applicant's current financial standing and management.  
92.11 Items of significant concern must be addressed with the applicant and resolved to the  
92.12 satisfaction of the grantor before a grant is awarded. The grantor must document the material  
92.13 requested and reviewed; whether the applicant had a significant operating deficit, a deficit  
92.14 in unrestricted net assets, or insufficient internal controls; whether and how the applicant  
92.15 resolved the grantor's concerns; and the grantor's final decision. This documentation must  
92.16 be maintained in the grantor's files.

92.17 (b) At a minimum, the grantor must require each applicant to provide the following  
92.18 information:

92.19 (1) the applicant's most recent Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-N filed with the  
92.20 Internal Revenue Service. If the applicant has not been in existence long enough or is not  
92.21 required to file Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-N, the applicant must demonstrate  
92.22 to the grantor that the applicant is exempt and must instead submit documentation of internal  
92.23 controls and the applicant's most recent financial statement prepared in accordance with  
92.24 generally accepted accounting principles and approved by the applicant's board of directors  
92.25 or trustees or, if there is no such board, by the applicant's managing group;

92.26 (2) evidence of registration and good standing with the secretary of state under Minnesota  
92.27 Statutes, chapter 317A, or other applicable law;

92.28 (3) unless exempt under Minnesota Statutes, section 309.515, evidence of registration  
92.29 and good standing with the attorney general under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 309; and

92.30 (4) if required under Minnesota Statutes, section 309.53, subdivision 3, the applicant's  
92.31 most recent audited financial statement prepared in accordance with generally accepted  
92.32 accounting principles.

93.1 Subd. 2. Authority to postpone or forgo. Notwithstanding any contrary provision in  
93.2 this act, a grantor that identifies an area of significant concern regarding the financial standing  
93.3 or management of a legislatively named applicant may postpone or forgo awarding the  
93.4 grant.

93.5 Subd. 3. Authority to award subject to additional assistance and oversight. A grantor  
93.6 that identifies an area of significant concern regarding an applicant's financial standing or  
93.7 management may award a grant to the applicant if the grantor provides or the grantee  
93.8 otherwise obtains additional technical assistance, as needed, and the grantor imposes  
93.9 additional requirements in the grant agreement. Additional requirements may include but  
93.10 are not limited to enhanced monitoring, additional reporting, or other reasonable requirements  
93.11 imposed by the grantor to protect the interests of the state.

93.12 Subd. 4. Relation to other law and policy. The requirements in this section are in  
93.13 addition to any other requirements imposed by law; the commissioner of administration  
93.14 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 16B.97 and 16B.98; or agency policy.