

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to state government; appropriating money from the outdoor heritage
1.3 fund, clean water fund, parks and trails fund, and arts and cultural heritage fund;
1.4 modifying Water Law; modifying use of legacy funds; modifying previous
1.5 appropriations; modifying certain grant eligibility; providing for rehearsal and
1.6 storage space for state band; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections
1.7 16B.24, by adding a subdivision; 85.53, subdivision 2; 97A.056, subdivision
1.8 8, by adding subdivisions; 103A.206; 103B.101, by adding a subdivision;
1.9 103C.101, by adding a subdivision; 103C.401, subdivision 1; 103C.501,
1.10 subdivision 5; 103F.731, subdivision 2; Laws 2012, chapter 264, article 1,
1.11 section 2, subdivision 5; Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 2, sections 6; 7; article
1.12 3, section 4; Laws 2014, chapter 256, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5; Laws
1.13 2014, chapter 295, sections 10, subdivision 12; 12; proposing coding for new law
1.14 in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103B.

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

1.16 **ARTICLE 1**1.17 **OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND**1.18 Section 1. **OUTDOOR HERITAGE APPROPRIATION.**

1.19 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the
1.20 agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the
1.21 outdoor heritage fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The figures "2016"
1.22 and "2017" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are
1.23 available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, respectively. The
1.24 "first year" is fiscal year 2016. The "second year" is fiscal year 2017. The "biennium" is
1.25 fiscal years 2016 and 2017, respectively. The appropriations in this article are onetime.

1.26 **APPROPRIATIONS**
1.27 **Available for the Year**

2.1			<u>Ending June 30</u>	
2.2			<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>

2.3 **Sec. 2. OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND**

2.4	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	\$	<u>99,386,000</u>	\$	<u>607,000</u>
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2.5 This appropriation is from the outdoor
 2.6 heritage fund. The amounts that may be
 2.7 spent for each purpose are specified in the
 2.8 following subdivisions.

2.9	<u>Subd. 2. Prairies</u>		<u>40,948,000</u>		<u>-0-</u>
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2.10 **(a) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**
 2.11 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition - Phase**
 2.12 **VII**

2.13 \$4,570,000 in the first year is to the
 2.14 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
 2.15 land in fee for wildlife management purposes
 2.16 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 2.17 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee
 2.18 for scientific and natural area purposes
 2.19 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 2.20 subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria
 2.21 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
 2.22 must be given to acquisition of lands that
 2.23 are eligible for the native prairie bank under
 2.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
 2.25 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
 2.26 proposed land and permanent conservation
 2.27 easement acquisitions must be provided as
 2.28 part of the required accomplishment plan.

2.29 **(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area**
 2.30 **Acquisition - Phase VII**

2.31 \$7,452,000 in the first year is to the
 2.32 commissioner of natural resources for an
 2.33 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire
 2.34 land in fee for wildlife management area
 2.35 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section

3.1 86A.05, subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation
3.2 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,
3.3 priority must be given to acquisition of
3.4 lands that are eligible for the native prairie
3.5 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section
3.6 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native
3.7 prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions
3.8 must be provided as part of the required
3.9 accomplishment plan.

3.10 **(c) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project - Phase**
3.11 **VI**

3.12 \$4,032,000 in the first year is to the
3.13 commissioner of natural resources for an
3.14 agreement with The Nature Conservancy
3.15 to acquire native prairie, wetlands, and
3.16 savanna and restore and enhance grasslands,
3.17 wetlands, and savanna. Subject to evaluation
3.18 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,
3.19 priority must be given to acquisition of lands
3.20 that are eligible for the native prairie bank
3.21 under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or
3.22 lands adjacent to protected native prairie.
3.23 Annual income statements and balance sheets
3.24 for income and expenses from land acquired
3.25 with this appropriation must be submitted
3.26 to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage
3.27 Council no later than 180 days following
3.28 the close of The Nature Conservancy's fiscal
3.29 year. A list of proposed land acquisitions
3.30 must be provided as part of the required
3.31 accomplishment plan and must be consistent
3.32 with the priorities identified in the Minnesota
3.33 Prairie Conservation Plan.

3.34 **(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National**
3.35 **Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase V**

4.1 \$3,430,000 in the first year is to the
4.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
4.3 agreement with The Nature Conservancy
4.4 in cooperation with the United States Fish
4.5 and Wildlife Service to acquire land in
4.6 fee or permanent conservation easements
4.7 within the Northern Tallgrass Prairie Habitat
4.8 Preservation Area in western Minnesota
4.9 for addition to the Northern Tallgrass
4.10 Prairie National Wildlife Refuge. Subject
4.11 to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules,
4.12 part 6136.0900, priority must be given to
4.13 acquisition of lands that are eligible for
4.14 the native prairie bank under Minnesota
4.15 Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to
4.16 protected native prairie. A list of proposed
4.17 land acquisitions must be provided as part
4.18 of the required accomplishment plan and
4.19 must be consistent with the priorities in the
4.20 Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

4.21 **(e) Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection**
4.22 **- Phase IV**

4.23 \$3,740,000 in the first year is to the
4.24 commissioner of natural resources
4.25 to implement the Minnesota Prairie
4.26 Conservation Plan through the acquisition
4.27 of permanent conservation easements to
4.28 protect native prairie and grasslands. Up
4.29 to \$165,000 is for establishing monitoring
4.30 and enforcement funds as approved in
4.31 the accomplishment plan and subject to
4.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
4.33 subdivision 17. Subject to evaluation criteria
4.34 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
4.35 must be given to acquisition of lands that
4.36 are eligible for the native prairie bank under

5.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
5.2 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
5.3 permanent conservation easements must be
5.4 provided as part of the final report.

5.5 **(f) Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and Water**
5.6 **- Phase V**

5.7 \$4,544,000 in the first year is to the Board
5.8 of Water and Soil Resources to acquire
5.9 permanent conservation easements to protect
5.10 and enhance habitat by expanding the clean
5.11 water fund riparian buffer program for at
5.12 least equal wildlife benefits from buffers
5.13 on private land. Up to \$72,500 is for
5.14 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
5.15 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
5.16 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
5.17 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
5.18 conservation easements must be provided as
5.19 part of the final report.

5.20 **(g) Cannon River Headwaters Habitat**
5.21 **Complex - Phase V**

5.22 \$1,380,000 in the first year is to the
5.23 commissioner of natural resources for an
5.24 agreement with The Trust for Public Land to
5.25 acquire and restore lands in the Cannon River
5.26 watershed for wildlife management purposes
5.27 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
5.28 subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation criteria
5.29 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
5.30 must be given to acquisition of lands that
5.31 are eligible for the native prairie bank under
5.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
5.33 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
5.34 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
5.35 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

6.1 **(h) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the**
6.2 **Southern Red River Valley**

6.3 \$1,800,000 in the first year is to the
6.4 commissioner of natural resources for
6.5 an agreement with Pheasants Forever in
6.6 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie
6.7 Chicken Society to acquire and restore lands
6.8 in the southern Red River Valley for wildlife
6.9 management purposes under Minnesota
6.10 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8,
6.11 or for designation and management as
6.12 waterfowl production areas in Minnesota,
6.13 in cooperation with the United States Fish
6.14 and Wildlife Service. A list of proposed land
6.15 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
6.16 required accomplishment plan.

6.17 **(i) Protecting and Restoring Minnesota's**
6.18 **Important Bird Areas**

6.19 \$1,730,000 in the first year is to the
6.20 commissioner of natural resources for
6.21 agreements to acquire conservation
6.22 easements within important bird areas
6.23 identified in the Minnesota Prairie
6.24 Conservation Plan, to be used as follows:
6.25 \$408,000 is to Audubon Minnesota and
6.26 \$1,322,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust, of
6.27 which up to \$100,000 is for establishing
6.28 monitoring and enforcement funds as
6.29 approved in the accomplishment plan and
6.30 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
6.31 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
6.32 conservation easements must be provided as
6.33 part of the final report.

6.34 **(j) Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat**
6.35 **Restoration**

7.1 \$2,270,000 in the first year is to the
 7.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
 7.3 agreement with the Wild Rice Watershed
 7.4 District to acquire land in fee and permanent
 7.5 conservation easement and to restore river
 7.6 and related habitat in the Wild Rice River
 7.7 corridor. A list of proposed acquisitions and
 7.8 restorations must be provided as part of the
 7.9 required accomplishment plan.

7.10 **(k) Accelerated Prairie Restoration and**
 7.11 **Enhancement on DNR Lands - Phase VII**

7.12 \$4,880,000 in the first year is to the
 7.13 commissioner of natural resources to
 7.14 accelerate the restoration and enhancement
 7.15 of prairie communities on wildlife
 7.16 management areas, scientific and natural
 7.17 areas, state forest land, and land under
 7.18 native prairie bank easements. A list of
 7.19 proposed land restorations and enhancements
 7.20 must be provided as part of the required
 7.21 accomplishment plan.

7.22 **(l) Enhanced Public Land Grasslands - Phase II**

7.23 \$1,120,000 in the first year is to the
 7.24 commissioner of natural resources for an
 7.25 agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance
 7.26 and restore habitat on public lands. A list of
 7.27 proposed land restorations and enhancements
 7.28 must be provided as part of the final report.

7.29 Subd. 3. Forests 14,822,000 -0-

7.30 **(a) Protecting Forest Wildlife Habitat in the**
 7.31 **Wild Rice River Watershed**

7.32 \$2,188,000 in the first year is to the
 7.33 commissioner of natural resources for an
 7.34 agreement with the White Earth Nation
 7.35 to acquire lands in fee to be managed for

8.1 wildlife habitat purposes. As a condition of
8.2 receiving the grant under this paragraph, the
8.3 White Earth Nation shall ensure that current
8.4 access roads and trails on the property are
8.5 maintained and open to continue the current
8.6 access to adjoining lands. A list of proposed
8.7 land acquisitions must be provided as part of
8.8 the required accomplishment plan.

8.9 **(b) Camp Ripley Partnership - Phase V**

8.10 \$1,500,000 in the first year is to the
8.11 Board of Water and Soil Resources in
8.12 cooperation with the Morrison County Soil
8.13 and Water Conservation District to acquire
8.14 permanent conservation easements within
8.15 the boundaries of the Minnesota National
8.16 Guard Compatible Use Buffer to protect
8.17 forest wildlife habitat. Up to \$55,000 is for
8.18 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
8.19 fund, as approved in the accomplishment
8.20 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
8.21 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
8.22 permanent conservation easements must be
8.23 provided as part of the final report.

8.24 **(c) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**
8.25 **Restoration - Phase III**

8.26 \$2,910,000 in the first year is to the
8.27 commissioner of natural resources for an
8.28 agreement with The Nature Conservancy to
8.29 acquire land in fee for wildlife management
8.30 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
8.31 86A.05, subdivision 8; to acquire land
8.32 in fee for scientific and natural areas
8.33 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
8.34 subdivision 5; for state forest purposes
8.35 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,

9.1 subdivision 7; and to enhance grasslands,
9.2 forest, and savanna. A list of proposed
9.3 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
9.4 required accomplishment plan.

9.5 **(d) Protecting Pinelands Sands Aquifer**
9.6 **Forestlands - Phase II**

9.7 \$2,180,000 in the first year is to the
9.8 commissioner of natural resources to
9.9 acquire forest lands in Cass and Wadena
9.10 Counties for wildlife management purposes
9.11 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
9.12 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee
9.13 for state forests under Minnesota Statutes,
9.14 section 86A.05, subdivision 7. A list of
9.15 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
9.16 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

9.17 **(e) Protect Key Forest Lands in Cass County**
9.18 **- Phase VI**

9.19 \$442,000 in the first year is to the
9.20 commissioner of natural resources for an
9.21 agreement with Cass County to acquire land
9.22 in fee in Cass County for forest wildlife
9.23 habitat or to prevent forest fragmentation.
9.24 A list of proposed land acquisitions
9.25 must be provided as part of the required
9.26 accomplishment plan.

9.27 **(f) Critical Shoreland Protection Program -**
9.28 **Phase III**

9.29 \$1,690,000 in the first year is to the
9.30 commissioner of natural resources for an
9.31 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
9.32 acquire permanent conservation easements
9.33 along rivers and lakes in the northern
9.34 forest region. Up to \$220,000 is for
9.35 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
9.36 fund, as approved in the accomplishment

10.1 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
 10.2 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
 10.3 proposed permanent conservation easements
 10.4 must be provided as part of the required
 10.5 accomplishment plan.

10.6 **(g) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat**
 10.7 **Partnership**

10.8 \$3,002,000 in the first year is to the
 10.9 commissioner of natural resources to
 10.10 acquire lands in fee and for permanent
 10.11 conservation easements in the Mississippi
 10.12 Headwaters and for agreements as follows:
 10.13 \$1,217,000 to The Trust for Public Land;
 10.14 and \$824,000 to Minnesota Land Trust,
 10.15 of which up to \$80,000 is for establishing
 10.16 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
 10.17 approved in the accomplishment plan and
 10.18 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 10.19 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
 10.20 acquisitions must be included as part of the
 10.21 required accomplishment plan.

10.22 **(h) Southeast Forest Habitat Enhancement**

10.23 \$910,000 in the first year is to the
 10.24 commissioner of natural resources to
 10.25 enhance forests in southeastern Minnesota.
 10.26 A list of proposed land enhancements
 10.27 must be provided as part of the required
 10.28 accomplishment plan.

10.29 **Subd. 4. Wetlands**

20,390,000

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10.30 **(a) Accelerating the Waterfowl Production**
 10.31 **Area Acquisition - Phase VII**

10.32 \$7,620,000 in the first year is to the
 10.33 commissioner of natural resources for an
 10.34 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire
 10.35 land in fee to be designated and managed as

11.1 waterfowl production areas in Minnesota,
11.2 in cooperation with the United States Fish
11.3 and Wildlife Service. A list of proposed land
11.4 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
11.5 required accomplishment plan.

11.6 **(b) Living Shallow Lakes and Wetland**
11.7 **Initiative - Phase V**

11.8 \$9,040,000 in the first year is to the
11.9 commissioner of natural resources for an
11.10 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire
11.11 land in fee for wildlife management purposes
11.12 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
11.13 subdivision 8. A list of proposed acquisitions
11.14 must be provided as part of the required
11.15 accomplishment plan.

11.16 **(c) Wild Rice Shoreland Protection Program**
11.17 **- Phase IV**

11.18 \$131,000 in the first year is to the
11.19 commissioner of natural resources for the
11.20 acquisition of land in fee and \$1,469,000 is
11.21 to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to
11.22 acquire permanent conservation easements
11.23 on wild rice lake shoreland habitat for native
11.24 wild rice bed protection. Of this amount, up
11.25 to \$90,000 to the Board of Water and Soil
11.26 Resources is for establishing a monitoring
11.27 and enforcement fund as approved in
11.28 the accomplishment plan and subject to
11.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
11.30 subdivision 17. A list of proposed fee land
11.31 acquisitions must be included as part of
11.32 the required accomplishment plan by the
11.33 Department of Natural Resources and a list
11.34 of permanent conservation easements must
11.35 be provided as part of the final report by the
11.36 Board of Water and Soil Resources.

12.1 **(d) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**
 12.2 **Enhancement - Phase VII**

12.3 \$2,130,000 in the first year is to the
 12.4 commissioner of natural resources to
 12.5 enhance and restore shallow lakes statewide.

12.6 A list of proposed land restorations and
 12.7 enhancements must be provided as part of
 12.8 the required accomplishment plan.

12.9 Subd. 5. **Habitats** 22,368,000 -0-

12.10 **(a) DNR Aquatic Habitat - Phase VII**

12.11 \$4,540,000 in the first year is to the
 12.12 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
 12.13 interests in land in fee and permanent
 12.14 conservation easements for aquatic
 12.15 management purposes under Minnesota
 12.16 Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14,
 12.17 and 97C.02, to acquire interests in land in
 12.18 permanent conservation easements for fish
 12.19 and wildlife habitat under Minnesota Statutes,
 12.20 section 84.66, and to restore and enhance
 12.21 aquatic habitat. Up to \$130,000 is for
 12.22 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
 12.23 fund as approved in the accomplishment
 12.24 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
 12.25 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
 12.26 proposed land acquisitions and restorations
 12.27 and enhancements must be provided as part
 12.28 of the required accomplishment plan.

12.29 **(b) Metro Big Rivers - Phase VI**

12.30 \$2,000,000 in the first year is to the
 12.31 commissioner of natural resources for
 12.32 agreements to acquire land in fee and in
 12.33 permanent conservation easements and
 12.34 to restore and enhance natural systems

13.1 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
13.2 and St. Croix Rivers as follows: \$475,000 to
13.3 Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge
13.4 Trust, Inc.; \$275,000 to Friends of the
13.5 Mississippi River; \$400,000 to Great River
13.6 Greening; \$375,000 to Minnesota Land Trust;
13.7 and \$475,000 to The Trust for Public Land.
13.8 Up to \$60,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is for
13.9 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
13.10 fund as approved in the accomplishment
13.11 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
13.12 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
13.13 proposed land acquisitions and permanent
13.14 conservation easements must be provided as
13.15 part of the required accomplishment plan.

13.16 **(c) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish**
13.17 **Habitat Enhancement and Restoration - Phase**
13.18 **VII**

13.19 \$1,890,000 in the first year is to the
13.20 commissioner of natural resources for an
13.21 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited
13.22 to restore and enhance habitat for trout
13.23 and other species in and along coldwater
13.24 rivers and streams in Minnesota. A list of
13.25 proposed restorations and enhancements
13.26 must be provided as part of the required
13.27 accomplishment plan.

13.28 **(d) Lake Bemidji South Shore Restoration and**
13.29 **Enhancement**

13.30 \$1,650,000 in the first year is to the
13.31 commissioner of natural resources for
13.32 an agreement with the city of Bemidji to
13.33 restore and enhance fish habitat on Lake
13.34 Bemidji. A list of proposed restorations and
13.35 enhancements must be provided as part of
13.36 the required accomplishment plan.

14.1 **(e) Sand Hill River Fish Passage**

14.2 \$990,000 in the first year is to the
14.3 commissioner of natural resources for
14.4 an agreement with the Sand Hill River
14.5 Watershed District to restore fish habitat
14.6 in the Sand Hill River watershed. A list of
14.7 proposed restorations must be provided as
14.8 part of the required accomplishment plan.

14.9 **(f) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**
14.10 **Restoration Program - Phase IV**

14.11 \$2,414,000 in the first year is to the
14.12 commissioner of natural resources for
14.13 an agreement with the Shell Rock River
14.14 Watershed District to protect, restore,
14.15 and enhance aquatic habitat in the Shell
14.16 Rock River watershed. A list of proposed
14.17 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements
14.18 must be provided as part of the required
14.19 accomplishment plan.

14.20 **(g) Lake Nokomis Integrated Habitat**
14.21 **Enhancement**

14.22 \$444,000 in the first year is to the
14.23 commissioner of natural resources for an
14.24 agreement with the Minneapolis Park and
14.25 Recreation Board to enhance aquatic habitat
14.26 on Lake Nokomis. A list of proposed
14.27 enhancements must be provided as part of
14.28 the required accomplishment plan.

14.29 **(h) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**
14.30 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat -**
14.31 **Phase VII**

14.32 \$8,440,000 in the first year is to the
14.33 commissioner of natural resources for a
14.34 program to provide competitive, matching
14.35 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,

15.1 state, and national organizations for
15.2 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,
15.3 wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game,
15.4 or wildlife in Minnesota. Of this amount,
15.5 \$3,692,000 is for grants in the seven-county
15.6 metropolitan area and cities with a population
15.7 of 50,000 or greater. Grants shall not be made
15.8 for activities required to fulfill the duties
15.9 of owners of lands subject to conservation
15.10 easements. Grants shall not be made from the
15.11 appropriation in this paragraph for projects
15.12 that have a total project cost exceeding
15.13 \$575,000. Of this appropriation, \$596,000
15.14 may be spent for personnel costs and other
15.15 direct and necessary administrative costs.
15.16 Grantees may acquire land or interests in
15.17 land. Easements must be permanent. Grants
15.18 may not be used to establish easement
15.19 stewardship accounts. Land acquired in fee
15.20 must be open to hunting and fishing during
15.21 the open season unless otherwise provided
15.22 by law. The program must require a match
15.23 of at least ten percent from nonstate sources
15.24 for all grants. The match may be cash or
15.25 in-kind resources. For grant applications
15.26 of \$25,000 or less, the commissioner shall
15.27 provide a separate, simplified application
15.28 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the
15.29 commissioner of natural resources shall,
15.30 when evaluating projects of equal value,
15.31 give priority to organizations that have a
15.32 history of receiving or a charter to receive
15.33 private contributions for local conservation
15.34 or habitat projects. If acquiring land or a
15.35 conservation easement, priority must be
15.36 given to projects associated with or within

16.1 one mile of existing wildlife management
 16.2 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section
 16.3 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and natural
 16.4 areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections
 16.5 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or aquatic
 16.6 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
 16.7 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02.
 16.8 All restoration or enhancement projects
 16.9 must be on land permanently protected by
 16.10 a permanent covenant ensuring perpetual
 16.11 maintenance and protection of restored
 16.12 and enhanced habitat, by a conservation
 16.13 easement, or by public ownership or in
 16.14 public waters as defined in Minnesota
 16.15 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision
 16.16 15. Priority must be given to restoration
 16.17 and enhancement projects on public lands.
 16.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 16.19 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded
 16.20 under this paragraph. This appropriation is
 16.21 available until June 30, 2018. No less than
 16.22 five percent of the amount of each grant
 16.23 must be held back from reimbursement until
 16.24 the grant recipient has completed a grant
 16.25 accomplishment report by the deadline and
 16.26 in the form prescribed by and satisfactory to
 16.27 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
 16.28 The commissioner shall provide notice of
 16.29 the grant program in the game and fish law
 16.30 summary prepared under Minnesota Statutes,
 16.31 section 97A.051, subdivision 2.

16.32 Subd. 6. Administration 858,000 607,000

16.33 **(a) Contract Management**

16.34 \$150,000 in the first year is to the
 16.35 commissioner of natural resources for

17.1 contract management duties assigned in this
17.2 section. The commissioner shall provide an
17.3 accomplishment plan in the form specified by
17.4 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
17.5 on the expenditure of this appropriation.
17.6 The accomplishment plan must include a
17.7 copy of the grant contract template and
17.8 reimbursement manual. No money may
17.9 be expended prior to the Lessard-Sams
17.10 Outdoor Heritage Council's approval of the
17.11 accomplishment plan.

17.12 **(b) Legislative Coordinating Commission**

17.13 \$608,000 in the first year and \$607,000
17.14 in the second year are to the Legislative
17.15 Coordinating Commission for administrative
17.16 expenses of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
17.17 Heritage Council and for compensation and
17.18 expense reimbursement of council members.
17.19 This appropriation is available until June 30,
17.20 2017. Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.281,
17.21 applies to this appropriation.

17.22 **(c) Technical Evaluation Panel**

17.23 \$100,000 in the first year is to the
17.24 commissioner of natural resources for a
17.25 technical evaluation panel to conduct up to
17.26 ten restoration evaluations under Minnesota
17.27 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 10.

17.28 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**

17.29 Money appropriated in this section may
17.30 not be spent on activities unless they are
17.31 directly related to and necessary for a
17.32 specific appropriation and are specified in
17.33 the accomplishment plan approved by the
17.34 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

18.1 Money appropriated in this section must not
18.2 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional
18.3 overhead charges that are not directly related
18.4 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.
18.5 Unless otherwise provided, the amounts
18.6 in this section are available until June 30,
18.7 2018. For acquisition of real property, the
18.8 amounts in this section are available until
18.9 June 30, 2019, if a binding agreement with a
18.10 landowner or purchase agreement is entered
18.11 into by June 30, 2018, and closed no later
18.12 than June 30, 2019. Money for restoration or
18.13 enhancement is available until June 30, 2020,
18.14 or five years after acquisition, whichever is
18.15 later, in order to complete initial restoration
18.16 or enhancement work. If a project receives
18.17 at least 15 percent of its funding from federal
18.18 funds, the time period of the appropriation
18.19 may be extended to equal the availability
18.20 of federal funding to a maximum of six
18.21 years, provided the federal funding was
18.22 confirmed and included within the first draft
18.23 accomplishment plan. Money appropriated
18.24 for fee title acquisition of land may be used to
18.25 restore, enhance, and provide for public use
18.26 of the land acquired with the appropriation.
18.27 Public use facilities must have a minimal
18.28 impact on habitat in acquired lands.

18.29 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**
18.30 **Equipment Expenditures**

18.31 All agreements referred to in this section must
18.32 be administered on a reimbursement basis
18.33 unless otherwise provided in this section.
18.34 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
18.35 16A.41, expenditures directly related
18.36 to each appropriation's purpose made

19.1 on or after July 1, 2015, or the date of
19.2 accomplishment plan approval, whichever is
19.3 later, are eligible for reimbursement unless
19.4 otherwise provided in this section. For the
19.5 purposes of administering appropriations
19.6 and legislatively authorized agreements
19.7 paid out of the outdoor heritage fund, an
19.8 expense must be considered reimbursable
19.9 by the administering agency when the
19.10 recipient presents the agency with an invoice
19.11 or binding agreement with the landowner,
19.12 and the recipient attests that the goods have
19.13 been received or the landowner agreement
19.14 is binding. Periodic reimbursement must
19.15 be made upon receiving documentation that
19.16 the items articulated in the accomplishment
19.17 plan approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
19.18 Heritage Council have been achieved,
19.19 including partial achievements as evidenced
19.20 by progress reports approved by the
19.21 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
19.22 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to
19.23 projects to accommodate cash flow needs,
19.24 support future management of acquired
19.25 lands, or match a federal share. The
19.26 advances must be approved as part of the
19.27 accomplishment plan. Capital equipment
19.28 expenditures for specific items in excess of
19.29 \$10,000 must be itemized in and approved as
19.30 part of the accomplishment plan.

19.31 **Subd. 9. Mapping**

19.32 Each direct recipient of money appropriated
19.33 in this section, as well as each recipient of
19.34 a grant awarded pursuant to this section,
19.35 must provide geographic information to the
19.36 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

20.1 for mapping any lands acquired in fee with
 20.2 money appropriated in this section and
 20.3 open to public taking of fish and game.
 20.4 The commissioner of natural resources
 20.5 shall include the lands acquired in fee with
 20.6 money appropriated in this section on maps
 20.7 showing public recreation opportunities.
 20.8 Maps must include information on and
 20.9 acknowledgement of the outdoor heritage
 20.10 fund, including a notation of any restrictions.

20.11 Subd. 10. **Disability Access**

20.12 Where appropriate, grant recipients of
 20.13 the outdoor heritage fund, in consultation
 20.14 with the appropriate governor-appointed
 20.15 disability councils, boards, committees, and
 20.16 commissions, should make progress toward
 20.17 providing greater access to programs, print
 20.18 publications, and digital media for people
 20.19 with disabilities related to the programs the
 20.20 recipient funds using appropriations made
 20.21 in this article.

20.22 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.056, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

20.23 Subd. 8. **Revenues.** (a) When a parcel of land that was previously purchased with
 20.24 money from the outdoor heritage funds fund is transferred to the state, the owner of the
 20.25 land shall disclose to the council and commissioner of natural resources:

20.26 (1) all revenues generated from activities on the land from the time the land was
 20.27 purchased with money from the outdoor heritage funds fund until the land was transferred
 20.28 to the state;

20.29 (2) all holding costs associated with managing the land between the time of purchase
 20.30 with money from the outdoor heritage funds fund and the time the land was transferred to
 20.31 the state; and

20.32 (3) the total net revenues as determined by subtracting the costs described in clause
 20.33 (2) from the revenues described in clause (1).

21.1 (b) The owner of the land shall submit the total net revenues determined under
 21.2 paragraph (a), clause (3), to the state no later than 60 days after the land is transferred to
 21.3 the state.

21.4 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision
 21.5 to read:

21.6 Subd. 20. **Donations.** A recipient shall not accept a monetary donation or payment
 21.7 from an owner of land that is acquired in fee in whole or in part with an appropriation from
 21.8 the outdoor heritage fund that exceeds the documented expenses that are directly related
 21.9 to and necessary for activities specified in the accomplishment plan approved by the
 21.10 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council, unless expressly approved by the Lessard-Sams
 21.11 Outdoor Heritage Council in the accomplishment plan. This subdivision does not apply to
 21.12 donations that are not connected with the acquisition transaction or bargain sales, as defined
 21.13 by Code of Federal Regulations, title 26, section 1.1011-2, provided that the purchase
 21.14 price reimbursed by the state does not exceed the purchase price paid by the recipient.

21.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2016, and applies to money
 21.16 appropriated on or after that date.

21.17 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision
 21.18 to read:

21.19 Subd. 21. **Haying and grazing.** Lands acquired with money appropriated from the
 21.20 outdoor heritage fund may not be used for emergency haying and grazing in response to
 21.21 federal or state disaster declarations. Conservation grazing under a management plan that
 21.22 is being implemented prior to the emergency declaration may continue.

21.23 Sec. 6. Laws 2012, chapter 264, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

21.24 Subd. 5. **Habitats** -0- 28,620,000

21.25 (a) **DNR Aquatic Habitat - Phase IV**

21.26 \$3,480,000 in the second year is to the
 21.27 commissioner of natural resources to
 21.28 acquire interests in land in fee or permanent
 21.29 conservation easements for aquatic
 21.30 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
 21.31 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and
 21.32 97C.02, and to restore and enhance aquatic

22.1 habitat. A list of proposed land acquisitions
22.2 must be provided as part of the required
22.3 accomplishment plan. The accomplishment
22.4 plan must include an easement stewardship
22.5 plan. Up to \$25,000 is for establishing
22.6 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
22.7 approved in the accomplishment plan
22.8 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
22.9 97A.056, subdivision 17. An annual financial
22.10 report is required for any monitoring and
22.11 enforcement fund established, including
22.12 expenditures from the fund and a description
22.13 of annual monitoring and enforcement
22.14 activities.

22.15 **(b) Metro Big Rivers Habitat - Phase III**

22.16 \$3,680,000 in the second year is to the
22.17 commissioner of natural resources for
22.18 agreements to acquire interests in land in
22.19 fee or permanent conservation easements
22.20 and to restore and enhance natural systems
22.21 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
22.22 and St. Croix Rivers as follows: \$1,000,000
22.23 to the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife
22.24 Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$375,000 to the Friends
22.25 of the Mississippi; \$375,000 to Great River
22.26 Greening; \$930,000 to The Minnesota
22.27 Land Trust; and \$1,000,000 to The Trust
22.28 for Public Land. A list of proposed
22.29 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements
22.30 must be provided as part of the required
22.31 accomplishment plan. The accomplishment
22.32 plan must include an easement stewardship
22.33 plan. Up to \$51,000 is for establishing
22.34 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
22.35 approved in the accomplishment plan
22.36 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section

23.1 97A.056, subdivision 17. An annual financial
23.2 report is required for any monitoring and
23.3 enforcement fund established, including
23.4 expenditures from the fund and a description
23.5 of annual monitoring and enforcement
23.6 activities.

23.7 **(c) Dakota County Riparian and Lakeshore**
23.8 **Protection and Management - Phase III**

23.9 \$480,000 in the second year is to the
23.10 commissioner of natural resources for an
23.11 agreement with Dakota County to acquire
23.12 permanent conservation easements and
23.13 restore and enhance habitats along the
23.14 Mississippi, Cannon, and Vermillion Rivers.

23.15 A list of proposed acquisitions, restorations,
23.16 and enhancements must be provided as
23.17 part of the required accomplishment plan.

23.18 The accomplishment plan must include
23.19 an easement stewardship plan. Up to
23.20 \$20,000 is for establishing a monitoring
23.21 and enforcement fund as approved in
23.22 the accomplishment plan and subject to
23.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
23.24 subdivision 17. An annual financial report is
23.25 required for any monitoring and enforcement
23.26 fund established, including expenditures
23.27 from the fund and a description of annual
23.28 monitoring and enforcement activities.

23.29 **(d) Lower St. Louis River Habitat Restoration**

23.30 \$3,670,000 in the second year is to the
23.31 commissioner of natural resources to restore
23.32 habitat in the lower St. Louis River estuary.

23.33 A list of proposed projects must be provided
23.34 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

23.35 **(e) Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement -**
23.36 **Phase IV**

24.1 \$2,120,000 in the second year is to the
24.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
24.3 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited
24.4 to restore and enhance coldwater fish lake,
24.5 river, and stream habitats in Minnesota. A list
24.6 of proposed restorations and enhancements
24.7 must be provided as part of the required
24.8 accomplishment plan.

24.9 **(f) Grand Marais Creek Outlet Restoration**

24.10 \$2,320,000 in the second year is to the
24.11 commissioner of natural resources for an
24.12 agreement with the Red Lake Watershed
24.13 District to restore and enhance stream and
24.14 related habitat in Grand Marais Creek. A list
24.15 of proposed restorations and enhancements
24.16 must be provided as part of the required
24.17 accomplishment plan.

24.18 **(g) Knife River Habitat Restoration**

24.19 \$380,000 in the second year is to the
24.20 commissioner of natural resources for an
24.21 agreement with the Lake Superior Steelhead
24.22 Association to restore trout habitat in the
24.23 Upper Knife River Watershed. A list of
24.24 proposed restorations must be provided as
24.25 part of the required accomplishment plan.
24.26 Notwithstanding rules of the commissioner
24.27 of natural resources, restorations conducted
24.28 pursuant to this paragraph may be
24.29 accomplished by excavation.

24.30 **(h) Protect Aquatic Habitat from Asian**
24.31 **Invasive Carp**

24.32 \$7,500,000 in the second year is to the
24.33 commissioner of natural resources ~~to~~ for
24.34 ~~design, construct, operate, and evaluate~~
24.35 construction, including acquisition,

25.1 operation, and evaluation of structural
25.2 deterrents for Asian invasive carp to protect
25.3 Minnesota's aquatic habitat. Use of this
25.4 money requires a one-to-one match for
25.5 projects on state boundary waters.

25.6 **(i) Outdoor Heritage Conservation Partners**
25.7 **Grant Program - Phase IV**

25.8 \$4,990,000 in the second year is to the
25.9 commissioner of natural resources for a
25.10 program to provide competitive, matching
25.11 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
25.12 state, and national organizations for
25.13 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,
25.14 wetlands, prairies, and habitat for fish, game,
25.15 or wildlife in Minnesota. Grants shall not be
25.16 made for activities required to fulfill the duties
25.17 of owners of lands subject to conservation
25.18 easements. Grants shall not be made from
25.19 appropriations in this paragraph for projects
25.20 that have a total project cost exceeding
25.21 \$575,000. \$366,000 of this appropriation
25.22 may be spent for personnel costs and other
25.23 direct and necessary administrative costs.
25.24 Grantees may acquire land or interests in
25.25 land. Easements must be permanent. Land
25.26 acquired in fee must be open to hunting
25.27 and fishing during the open season unless
25.28 otherwise provided by state law. The
25.29 program shall require a match of at least ten
25.30 percent from nonstate sources for all grants.
25.31 The match may be cash or in-kind resources.
25.32 For grant applications of \$25,000 or less,
25.33 the commissioner shall provide a separate,
25.34 simplified application process. Subject to
25.35 Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner of
25.36 natural resources shall, when evaluating

26.1 projects of equal value, give priority to
26.2 organizations that have a history of receiving
26.3 or charter to receive private contributions
26.4 for local conservation or habitat projects. If
26.5 acquiring land or a conservation easement,
26.6 priority shall be given to projects associated
26.7 with existing wildlife management areas
26.8 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
26.9 subdivision 8; scientific and natural areas
26.10 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 84.033
26.11 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; and aquatic
26.12 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
26.13 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02.
26.14 All restoration or enhancement projects
26.15 must be on land permanently protected by a
26.16 conservation easement or public ownership
26.17 or in public waters as defined in Minnesota
26.18 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision
26.19 15. Priority shall be given to restoration
26.20 and enhancement projects on public lands.
26.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
26.22 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded
26.23 under this paragraph. This appropriation is
26.24 available until June 30, 2016. No less than
26.25 five percent of the amount of each grant
26.26 must be held back from reimbursement until
26.27 the grant recipient has completed a grant
26.28 accomplishment report by the deadline and
26.29 in the form prescribed by and satisfactory to
26.30 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
26.31 The commissioner shall provide notice of
26.32 the grant program in the game and fish law
26.33 summaries that are prepared under Minnesota
26.34 Statutes, section 97A.051, subdivision 2.

26.35 Sec. 7. Laws 2014, chapter 256, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

- 27.1 Subd. 5. **Habitats** -0- 30,890,000
- 27.2 **(a) DNR Aquatic Habitat - Phase VI**
- 27.3 \$2,560,000 in the second year is to the
- 27.4 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
- 27.5 interests in land in fee and permanent
- 27.6 conservation easements for aquatic
- 27.7 management purposes under Minnesota
- 27.8 Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14,
- 27.9 and 97C.02, and to restore and enhance
- 27.10 aquatic habitat. Up to \$32,500 is for
- 27.11 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
- 27.12 fund as approved in the accomplishment
- 27.13 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
- 27.14 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of
- 27.15 proposed land acquisitions and restorations
- 27.16 and enhancements must be provided as part
- 27.17 of the required accomplishment plan.
- 27.18 **(b) Fisheries Habitat Protection on**
- 27.19 **Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes**
- 27.20 \$2,130,000 in the second year is to the
- 27.21 commissioner of natural resources for
- 27.22 agreements with the Leech Lake Area
- 27.23 Watershed Foundation and Minnesota Land
- 27.24 Trust to acquire land in fee and permanent
- 27.25 conservation easements to sustain healthy
- 27.26 fish habitat on lakes in Aitkin, Cass, Crow
- 27.27 Wing, and Hubbard Counties as follows:
- 27.28 \$1,150,300 to Leech Lake Area Watershed
- 27.29 Foundation; and \$979,700 to Minnesota
- 27.30 Land Trust, of which up to \$120,000 to
- 27.31 Minnesota Land Trust is for establishing
- 27.32 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
- 27.33 approved in the accomplishment plan and
- 27.34 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
- 27.35 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed

28.1 land acquisitions must be provided as part of
28.2 the required accomplishment plan.

28.3 **(c) Habitat Protection in Dakota County**

28.4 **- Phase V**

28.5 \$1,190,000 in the second year is to the
28.6 commissioner of natural resources for a
28.7 contract with Dakota County to acquire
28.8 permanent conservation easements and land
28.9 in fee and to restore and enhance habitats in
28.10 rivers and lake watersheds in Dakota County.

28.11 Up to \$15,000 to Dakota County is for
28.12 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
28.13 fund as approved in the accomplishment
28.14 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,
28.15 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. Lands
28.16 acquired or lands with easements acquired
28.17 with this appropriation may not be used for
28.18 emergency haying and grazing in response
28.19 to federal or state disaster declarations.

28.20 Conservation grazing under a management
28.21 plan that is already being implemented may
28.22 continue. A list of proposed land acquisitions
28.23 and restorations and enhancements must
28.24 be provided as part of the required
28.25 accomplishment plan.

28.26 **(d) Metro Big Rivers - Phase V**

28.27 \$2,650,000 in the second year is to the
28.28 commissioner of natural resources for
28.29 agreements to acquire land in fee and
28.30 permanent conservation easements and
28.31 to restore and enhance natural systems
28.32 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
28.33 and St. Croix Rivers as follows: \$600,000
28.34 to Minnesota Valley National Wildlife
28.35 Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$160,000 to Friends of

29.1 the Mississippi River; \$400,000 to Great
29.2 River Greening; \$590,000 to Minnesota
29.3 Land Trust, of which up to \$77,000 is for
29.4 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
29.5 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
29.6 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
29.7 97A.056, subdivision 17; and \$900,000 to
29.8 The Trust for Public Land. Lands acquired
29.9 or lands with easements acquired with
29.10 this appropriation may not be used for
29.11 emergency haying and grazing in response
29.12 to federal or state disaster declarations.
29.13 Conservation grazing under a management
29.14 plan that is already being implemented may
29.15 continue. A list of proposed land acquisitions
29.16 and permanent conservation easements
29.17 must be provided as part of the required
29.18 accomplishment plan.

29.19 **(e) Mustinka River Fish and Wildlife**

29.20 **Habitat Corridor Rehabilitation**

29.21 \$2,440,000 in the second year is to the
29.22 commissioner of natural resources for
29.23 an agreement with the Bois de Sioux
29.24 Watershed District to acquire land in fee
29.25 and to restore natural systems associated
29.26 with the Mustinka River located within the
29.27 Bois de Sioux Watershed. Lands acquired
29.28 with this appropriation may not be used for
29.29 emergency haying and grazing in response
29.30 to federal or state disaster declarations.
29.31 Conservation grazing under a management
29.32 plan that is already being implemented may
29.33 continue. A list of proposed land acquisitions
29.34 must be provided as part of the required
29.35 accomplishment plan.

30.1 **(f) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater**
30.2 **Fish Habitat Enhancement and**
30.3 **Restoration - Phase VI**

30.4 \$1,900,000 in the second year is to the
30.5 commissioner of natural resources for an
30.6 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited
30.7 to restore and enhance habitat for trout
30.8 and other species in and along coldwater
30.9 rivers and streams in Minnesota. A list of
30.10 proposed land restorations and enhancements
30.11 must be provided as part of the required
30.12 accomplishment plan.

30.13 **(g) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative -**
30.14 **Phase II**

30.15 \$2,290,000 in the second year is to the
30.16 commissioner of natural resources to restore
30.17 habitat in the lower St. Louis River estuary.
30.18 Of this appropriation, up to \$500,000 is for
30.19 an agreement with Minnesota Land Trust. A
30.20 list of proposed restorations must be provided
30.21 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

30.22 **(h) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation -**
30.23 **Phase II**

30.24 \$1,410,000 in the second year is to the
30.25 commissioner of natural resources for an
30.26 agreement with the Lake Superior Steelhead
30.27 Association to enhance trout habitat in the
30.28 Knife River watershed. A list of proposed
30.29 enhancements must be provided as part of
30.30 the required accomplishment plan.

30.31 **(i) Restoration and Enhancement of**
30.32 **Washington County Public Lands**

30.33 \$430,000 in the second year is to the
30.34 commissioner of natural resources for an

31.1 agreement with Washington County to
31.2 restore and enhance habitat on public lands
31.3 in Washington County. A restoration and
31.4 enhancement plan and a list of proposed
31.5 land restorations and enhancements
31.6 must be provided as part of the required
31.7 accomplishment plan.

31.8 **(j) Wirth Park Enhancements**

31.9 \$600,000 in the second year is to the
31.10 commissioner of natural resources for an
31.11 agreement with the Minneapolis Park Board
31.12 to enhance riparian and upland habitat
31.13 within Wirth Park in Hennepin County.
31.14 A restoration and enhancement plan and
31.15 a list of proposed land restorations and
31.16 enhancements must be provided as part of
31.17 the required accomplishment plan.

31.18 **(k) Evaluate Effectiveness of Aquatic**
31.19 **Invasive Species Prevention Strategies**

31.20 \$4,040,000 in the second year is to the
31.21 commissioner of natural resources for an
31.22 agreement with the Central Minnesota
31.23 Initiative Fund to develop a series of pilot
31.24 projects to enhance aquatic habitat by
31.25 preventing the spread of aquatic invasive
31.26 species, including pilot projects conducting
31.27 education and outreach, inspection and
31.28 decontamination, enforcement, and other
31.29 activities. All pilot projects must be
31.30 conducted on a reimbursement basis and
31.31 require a match of nonoutdoor heritage fund
31.32 dollars. A required evaluation of results
31.33 must be funded with nonoutdoor heritage
31.34 fund dollars. The required evaluation must
31.35 evaluate the efficacy of inspection and

32.1 decontamination activities utilized in any of
32.2 the pilot projects in preventing the spread
32.3 of aquatic invasive species. A list of pilot
32.4 projects must be included in the required final
32.5 report. This appropriation is available until
32.6 June 30, 2019. The accomplishment plan
32.7 must accelerate the start of the pilot project.

32.8 **(l) Albert Lea Lake Management and**
32.9 **Invasive Species Control Structure -**
32.10 **Supplement**

32.11 \$700,000 in the second year is added to
32.12 the appropriation contained in Laws 2013,
32.13 chapter 137, article 1, section 2, subdivision
32.14 5, paragraph (h), to the commissioner of
32.15 natural resources for an agreement with
32.16 the Shell Rock River Watershed District to
32.17 construct structural deterrents and lake level
32.18 controls.

32.19 **(m) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**
32.20 **Program - Phase VI**

32.21 \$4,550,000 in the second year is to the
32.22 commissioner of natural resources for a
32.23 program to provide competitive, matching
32.24 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
32.25 state, and national organizations for
32.26 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,
32.27 wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game,
32.28 or wildlife in Minnesota. Grants shall not
32.29 be made for activities required to fulfill
32.30 the duties of owners of lands subject to
32.31 conservation easements. Grants shall not
32.32 be made from the appropriation in this
32.33 paragraph for projects that have a total
32.34 project cost exceeding \$575,000. Of this
32.35 appropriation, ~~\$460,000~~ \$265,000 may be

33.1 spent for personnel costs and other direct and
33.2 necessary administrative costs. Grantees may
33.3 acquire land or interests in land. Easements
33.4 must be permanent. Grants may not be used
33.5 to establish easement stewardship accounts.
33.6 Land acquired in fee must be open to hunting
33.7 and fishing during the open season unless
33.8 otherwise provided by law. Lands acquired
33.9 or lands with easements acquired with this
33.10 appropriation may not be used for emergency
33.11 haying and grazing in response to federal
33.12 or state disaster declarations. Conservation
33.13 grazing under a management plan that is
33.14 already being implemented may continue.
33.15 The program shall require a match of at
33.16 least ten percent from nonstate sources
33.17 for all grants. The match may be cash or
33.18 in-kind resources. For grant applications
33.19 of \$25,000 or less, the commissioner shall
33.20 provide a separate, simplified application
33.21 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the
33.22 commissioner of natural resources shall,
33.23 when evaluating projects of equal value,
33.24 give priority to organizations that have a
33.25 history of receiving or charter to receive
33.26 private contributions for local conservation
33.27 or habitat projects. If acquiring land or a
33.28 conservation easement, priority shall be
33.29 given to projects associated with or within
33.30 one mile of existing wildlife management
33.31 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section
33.32 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and natural
33.33 areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections
33.34 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or aquatic
33.35 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
33.36 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02.

34.1 All restoration or enhancement projects
34.2 must be on land permanently protected by
34.3 a permanent covenant ensuring perpetual
34.4 maintenance and protection of restored
34.5 and enhanced habitat, by a conservation
34.6 easement, or by public ownership or in public
34.7 waters as defined in Minnesota Statutes,
34.8 section 103G.005, subdivision 15. Priority
34.9 shall be given to restoration and enhancement
34.10 projects on public lands. Minnesota Statutes,
34.11 section 97A.056, subdivision 13, applies
34.12 to grants awarded under this paragraph.
34.13 This appropriation is available until June
34.14 30, 2018. No less than five percent of the
34.15 amount of each grant must be held back from
34.16 reimbursement until the grant recipient has
34.17 completed a grant accomplishment report by
34.18 the deadline and in the form prescribed by
34.19 and satisfactory to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
34.20 Heritage Council. The commissioner shall
34.21 provide notice of the grant program in
34.22 the game and fish law summary prepared
34.23 under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.051,
34.24 subdivision 2.

34.25 **(n) Conservation Partners Legacy Metro**
34.26 **Grant Program**

34.27 \$4,000,000 in the second year is to the
34.28 commissioner of natural resources for a
34.29 program to provide competitive, matching
34.30 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
34.31 state, and national organizations for
34.32 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,
34.33 wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game,
34.34 or wildlife in the seven-county metropolitan
34.35 area and cities with a population of 50,000
34.36 or greater. Grants shall not be made for

35.1 activities required to fulfill the duties of
35.2 owners of lands subject to conservation
35.3 easements. Grants shall not be made from the
35.4 appropriation in this paragraph for projects
35.5 that have a total project cost exceeding
35.6 \$575,000. Of this appropriation, ~~\$70,000~~
35.7 \$250,000 may be spent for personnel costs
35.8 and other direct and necessary administrative
35.9 costs. Grantees may acquire land or interests
35.10 in land. Easements must be permanent.
35.11 Grants may not be used to establish easement
35.12 stewardship accounts. Land acquired in fee
35.13 must be open to hunting and fishing during
35.14 the open season unless otherwise provided
35.15 by law. Lands acquired or lands with
35.16 easements acquired with this appropriation
35.17 may not be used for emergency haying and
35.18 grazing in response to federal or state disaster
35.19 declarations. Conservation grazing under
35.20 a management plan that is already being
35.21 implemented may continue. The program
35.22 shall require a match of at least ten percent
35.23 from nonstate sources for all grants. The
35.24 match may be cash or in-kind resources.
35.25 For grant applications of \$25,000 or less,
35.26 the commissioner shall provide a separate,
35.27 simplified application process. Subject to
35.28 Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner of
35.29 natural resources shall, when evaluating
35.30 projects of equal value, give priority to
35.31 organizations that have a history of receiving
35.32 or charter to receive private contributions
35.33 for local conservation or habitat projects. If
35.34 acquiring land or a conservation easement,
35.35 priority shall be given to projects associated
35.36 with or within one mile of existing wildlife

36.1 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
36.2 section 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific
36.3 and natural areas under Minnesota Statutes,
36.4 sections 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision
36.5 5; or aquatic management areas under
36.6 Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05,
36.7 subdivision 14, and 97C.02. All restoration
36.8 or enhancement projects must be on land
36.9 permanently protected by a permanent
36.10 covenant ensuring perpetual maintenance
36.11 and protection of restored and enhanced
36.12 habitat, by a conservation easement, or
36.13 by public ownership or in public waters
36.14 as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
36.15 103G.005, subdivision 15. Priority shall
36.16 be given to restoration and enhancement
36.17 projects on public lands. Minnesota Statutes,
36.18 section 97A.056, subdivision 13, applies
36.19 to grants awarded under this paragraph.
36.20 This appropriation is available until June
36.21 30, 2018. No less than five percent of the
36.22 amount of each grant must be held back from
36.23 reimbursement until the grant recipient has
36.24 completed a grant accomplishment report by
36.25 the deadline and in the form prescribed by
36.26 and satisfactory to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
36.27 Heritage Council. The commissioner shall
36.28 provide notice of the grant program in
36.29 the game and fish law summary prepared
36.30 under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.051,
36.31 subdivision 2.

36.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2014.

38.1 receives federal funds, the time period of
 38.2 the appropriation is extended to equal the
 38.3 availability of federal funding.

38.4 **Subd. 3. Disability Access**

38.5 Where appropriate, grant recipients of
 38.6 clean water funds, in consultation with
 38.7 the appropriate governor-appointed
 38.8 disability councils, boards, committees, and
 38.9 commissions , should make progress toward
 38.10 providing greater access to programs, print
 38.11 publications, and digital media for people
 38.12 with disabilities related to the programs the
 38.13 recipient funds using appropriations made
 38.14 in this article.

38.15 **Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE \$ 8,584,000 \$ 8,582,000**

38.16 (a) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
 38.17 second year are to increase monitoring for
 38.18 pesticides and pesticide degradates in surface
 38.19 water and groundwater and to use data
 38.20 collected to assess pesticide use practices.

38.21 (b) \$2,586,000 the first year and \$2,585,000
 38.22 the second year are for monitoring and
 38.23 evaluating trends in the concentration of
 38.24 nitrate in groundwater in areas vulnerable
 38.25 to groundwater degradation; monitoring
 38.26 for pesticides when nitrate is detected;
 38.27 promoting, developing, and evaluating
 38.28 regional and crop-specific nutrient best
 38.29 management practices; assessing best
 38.30 management practice adoption; education
 38.31 and technical support from University of
 38.32 Minnesota Extension; and other actions to
 38.33 protect groundwater from degradation from

39.1 nitrate. This appropriation is available until
39.2 June 30, 2018.

39.3 (c) \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the
39.4 second year are for administering clean water
39.5 funds managed through the agriculture best
39.6 management practices loan program. Any
39.7 unencumbered balance at the end of the
39.8 second year shall be added to the corpus of
39.9 the loan fund.

39.10 (d) \$1,125,000 the first year and \$1,125,000
39.11 the second year are for technical assistance,
39.12 research, and demonstration projects on
39.13 proper implementation of best management
39.14 practices and more precise information on
39.15 nonpoint contributions to impaired waters.

39.16 This appropriation is available until June 30,
39.17 2020.

39.18 (e) \$788,000 the first year and \$787,000 the
39.19 second year are for research to quantify and
39.20 reduce agricultural contributions to impaired
39.21 waters and for development and evaluation
39.22 of best management practices to protect and
39.23 restore water resources. This appropriation
39.24 is available until June 30, 2020.

39.25 (f) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
39.26 second year are for a research inventory
39.27 database containing water-related research
39.28 activities. Costs for information technology
39.29 development or support for this research
39.30 inventory database may be paid to the Office
39.31 of MN.IT Services. This appropriation is
39.32 available until June 30, 2018.

39.33 (g) \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000
39.34 the second year are to implement the
39.35 Minnesota agricultural water quality

40.1 certification program statewide. This
 40.2 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020.

40.3 (h) \$110,000 the first year and \$110,000 the
 40.4 second year are to provide funding for a
 40.5 regional irrigation water quality specialist
 40.6 through University of Minnesota Extension.

40.7 (i) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
 40.8 the second year are for grants to the Board of
 40.9 Regents of the University of Minnesota to
 40.10 fund the Forever Green Agriculture Initiative
 40.11 and to protect the state's natural resources
 40.12 while increasing the efficiency, profitability,
 40.13 and productivity of Minnesota farmers by
 40.14 incorporating perennial and winter-annual
 40.15 crops into existing agricultural practices.

40.16 **Sec. 4. PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY \$ 9,250,000 \$ 9,250,000**

40.17 (a) \$9,000,000 the first year and \$9,000,000
 40.18 the second year are for the point source
 40.19 implementation grants program under
 40.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.073. This
 40.21 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020.

40.22 (b) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000
 40.23 the second year are for small community
 40.24 wastewater treatment grants and loans under
 40.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.075. This
 40.26 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020.

40.27 (c) If there are any uncommitted funds at
 40.28 the end of each fiscal year under paragraph
 40.29 (a) or (b), the Public Facilities Authority
 40.30 may transfer the remaining funds to eligible
 40.31 projects under any of the programs listed
 40.32 in this section based on their priority rank
 40.33 on the Pollution Control Agency's project
 40.34 priority list.

41.1 Sec. 5. POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY \$ 28,855,000 \$ 28,853,000

41.2 (a) \$8,550,000 the first year and \$8,550,000

41.3 the second year are for completion of 20

41.4 percent of the needed statewide assessments

41.5 of surface water quality and trends. Of this

41.6 amount, \$100,000 each year is for grants

41.7 to the Red River Watershed Management

41.8 Board to enhance and expand the existing

41.9 water quality and watershed monitoring river

41.10 watch activities in the schools along the Red

41.11 River of the North. The Red River Watershed

41.12 Management Board shall provide a report to

41.13 the commissioner of the Pollution Control

41.14 Agency and the legislative committees and

41.15 divisions with jurisdiction over environment

41.16 and natural resources finance and policy and

41.17 the clean water fund by February 15, 2017,

41.18 on the expenditure of this appropriation. If

41.19 the amount in the first year is insufficient, the

41.20 amount in the second year is available in the

41.21 first year.

41.22 (b) \$10,600,000 the first year and

41.23 \$10,600,000 the second year are to develop

41.24 watershed restoration and protection

41.25 strategies (WRAPS), which include total

41.26 maximum daily load (TMDL) studies and

41.27 TMDL implementation plans for waters

41.28 listed on the Unites States Environmental

41.29 Protection Agency approved impaired waters

41.30 list in accordance with Minnesota Statutes,

41.31 chapter 114D. The agency shall complete an

41.32 average of ten percent of the TMDLs each

41.33 year over the biennium.

41.34 (c) \$1,182,000 the first year and \$1,181,000

41.35 the second year are for groundwater

42.1 assessment, including enhancing the
42.2 ambient monitoring network, modeling, and
42.3 evaluating trends, including the reassessment
42.4 of groundwater that was assessed ten to 15
42.5 years ago and found to be contaminated.

42.6 (d) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
42.7 second year are for implementation of the
42.8 St. Louis River System Area of Concern
42.9 Remedial Action Plan. This appropriation
42.10 must be matched at a rate of 65 percent
42.11 nonstate money to 35 percent state money.

42.12 (e) \$275,000 the first year and \$275,000 the
42.13 second year are for storm water research and
42.14 guidance.

42.15 (f) \$1,150,000 the first year and \$1,150,000
42.16 the second year are for TMDL research and
42.17 database development.

42.18 (g) \$900,000 the first year and \$900,000
42.19 the second year are for national pollutant
42.20 discharge elimination system wastewater and
42.21 storm water TMDL implementation efforts.

42.22 (h) \$3,623,000 the first year and \$3,622,000
42.23 the second year are for enhancing the
42.24 county-level delivery systems for subsurface
42.25 sewage treatment system (SSTS) activities
42.26 necessary to implement Minnesota Statutes,
42.27 sections 115.55 and 115.56, for protection
42.28 of groundwater, including base grants
42.29 for all counties with SSTS programs and
42.30 competitive grants to counties with specific
42.31 plans to significantly reduce water pollution
42.32 by reducing the number of systems that
42.33 are an imminent threat to public health or
42.34 safety or are otherwise failing. Counties that
42.35 receive base grants must report the number

43.1 of sewage noncompliant properties upgraded
43.2 through SSTS replacement, connection
43.3 to a centralized sewer system, or other
43.4 means, including property abandonment
43.5 or buy-out. Counties also must report
43.6 the number of existing SSTS compliance
43.7 inspections conducted in areas under county
43.8 jurisdiction. These required reports are to
43.9 be part of established annual reporting for
43.10 SSTS programs. Counties that conduct SSTS
43.11 inventories or those with an ordinance in
43.12 place that requires an SSTS to be inspected
43.13 as a condition of transferring property or as a
43.14 condition of obtaining a local permit must be
43.15 given priority for competitive grants under
43.16 this paragraph. Of this amount, \$750,000
43.17 each year is available to counties for grants to
43.18 low-income landowners to address systems
43.19 that pose an imminent threat to public health
43.20 or safety or fail to protect groundwater. A
43.21 grant awarded under this paragraph may not
43.22 exceed \$500,000 for the biennium. A county
43.23 receiving a grant under this paragraph must
43.24 submit a report to the agency listing the
43.25 projects funded, including an account of the
43.26 expenditures.

43.27 (i) \$275,000 the first year and \$275,000
43.28 the second year are for a storm water
43.29 best management practice performance
43.30 evaluation and technology transfer program
43.31 to enhance data and information management
43.32 of storm water best management practices;
43.33 evaluate best management performance
43.34 and effectiveness to support meeting total
43.35 maximum daily loads; develop standards
43.36 and incorporate state of the art guidance

44.1 using minimal impact design standards as
 44.2 the model; and implement a knowledge
 44.3 and technology transfer system across
 44.4 local government, industry, and regulatory
 44.5 sectors for pass-through to the University of
 44.6 Minnesota. This appropriation is available
 44.7 until June 30, 2018.

44.8 (j) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
 44.9 second year are to support activities of the
 44.10 Clean Water Council according to Minnesota
 44.11 Statutes, section 114D.30, subdivision 1.

44.12 (k) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000
 44.13 the second year are for a grant program for
 44.14 sanitary sewer projects that are included in
 44.15 the draft or any updated Voyageurs National
 44.16 Park Clean Water Project Comprehensive
 44.17 Plan to restore the water quality of waters
 44.18 within Voyageurs National Park. Grants must
 44.19 be awarded to local government units for
 44.20 projects approved by the Voyageurs National
 44.21 Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board and
 44.22 must be matched by at least 25 percent from
 44.23 sources other than the clean water fund.

44.24 (l) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
 44.25 section 16A.28, the appropriations in this
 44.26 section encumbered on or before June 30,
 44.27 2017, as grants or contracts are available
 44.28 until June 30, 2020.

44.29	<u>Sec. 6. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL</u>			
44.30	<u>RESOURCES</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>8,500,000</u>	<u>\$</u>
				<u>8,500,000</u>

44.31 (a) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
 44.32 the second year are for stream flow
 44.33 monitoring.

- 45.1 (b) \$1,300,000 the first year and \$1,300,000
45.2 the second year are for lake Index of
45.3 Biological Integrity (IBI) assessments.
- 45.4 (c) \$135,000 the first year and \$135,000
45.5 the second year are for assessing mercury
45.6 and other contaminants of fish, including
45.7 monitoring to track the status of impaired
45.8 waters over time.
- 45.9 (d) \$1,940,000 the first year and \$1,940,000
45.10 the second year are for developing targeted,
45.11 science-based watershed restoration and
45.12 protection strategies.
- 45.13 (e) \$1,375,000 the first year and \$1,375,000
45.14 the second year are for water supply planning,
45.15 aquifer protection, and monitoring activities.
- 45.16 (f) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
45.17 second year are for technical assistance to
45.18 support local implementation of nonpoint
45.19 source restoration and protection activities.
- 45.20 (g) \$675,000 the first year and \$675,000 the
45.21 second year are for applied research and tools,
45.22 including watershed hydrologic modeling;
45.23 maintaining and updating spatial data for
45.24 watershed boundaries, streams, and water
45.25 bodies and integrating high-resolution digital
45.26 elevation data; assessing effectiveness of
45.27 forestry best management practices for water
45.28 quality; and developing a biomonitoring
45.29 database.
- 45.30 (h) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000
45.31 the second year are for developing county
45.32 geologic atlases.
- 45.33 (i) \$325,000 the first year and \$325,000 the
45.34 second year are for analysis and mapping

46.1 in each county related to compliance
 46.2 with riparian buffer or alternate practice
 46.3 requirements and to provide statewide
 46.4 coordination and guidance to local units of
 46.5 government for implementation of buffer
 46.6 requirements. Maps must be provided to
 46.7 local units of government and made available
 46.8 to landowners on the Department of Natural
 46.9 Resources' Web site.

46.10 **Sec. 7. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL**
 46.11 **RESOURCES**

\$ 51,274,000 \$ 51,274,000

46.12 (a) \$5,480,000 the first year and \$6,000,000
 46.13 the second year are for grants to local
 46.14 government units organized for the
 46.15 management of water in a watershed or
 46.16 subwatershed that have multiyear plans
 46.17 that will result in a significant reduction in
 46.18 water pollution in a selected subwatershed.
 46.19 The grants may be used for establishment
 46.20 of riparian buffers; practices to store
 46.21 water for natural treatment and infiltration,
 46.22 including rain gardens; capturing storm
 46.23 water for reuse; stream bank, shoreland, and
 46.24 ravine stabilization; enforcement activities;
 46.25 and implementation of best management
 46.26 practices for feedlots within riparian areas
 46.27 and other practices demonstrated to be
 46.28 most effective in protecting, enhancing, and
 46.29 restoring water quality in lakes, rivers, and
 46.30 streams and protecting groundwater from
 46.31 degradation. Grant recipients must identify
 46.32 a nonstate match and may use other legacy
 46.33 funds to supplement projects funded under
 46.34 this paragraph. Grants awarded under this
 46.35 paragraph are available for four years and

47.1 priority must be given to the best designed
47.2 plans each year.

47.3 (b) \$13,890,000 the first year and
47.4 \$13,890,000 the second year are for grants
47.5 to protect and restore surface water and
47.6 drinking water; to keep water on the land; to
47.7 protect, enhance, and restore water quality
47.8 in lakes, rivers, and streams; and to protect
47.9 groundwater and drinking water, including
47.10 feedlot water quality and subsurface sewage
47.11 treatment system projects and stream bank,
47.12 stream channel, shoreline restoration,
47.13 and ravine stabilization projects. The
47.14 projects must use practices demonstrated
47.15 to be effective, be of long-lasting public
47.16 benefit, include a match, and be consistent
47.17 with total maximum daily load (TMDL)
47.18 implementation plans, watershed restoration
47.19 and protection strategies (WRAPS), or local
47.20 water management plans or their equivalents.

47.21 (c) \$6,000,000 the first year and \$6,000,000
47.22 the second year are for targeted local
47.23 resource protection and enhancement grants
47.24 and statewide program enhancements for
47.25 technical assistance, citizen and community
47.26 outreach, and training and certification, as
47.27 well as projects, practices, and programs that
47.28 supplement or otherwise exceed current state
47.29 standards for protection, enhancement, and
47.30 restoration of water quality in lakes, rivers,
47.31 and streams or that protect groundwater from
47.32 degradation, including compliance.

47.33 (d) \$950,000 the first year and \$950,000
47.34 the second year are to provide state
47.35 oversight and accountability, evaluate

48.1 results, provide implementation tools, and
48.2 measure the value of conservation program
48.3 implementation by local governments,
48.4 including submission to the legislature by
48.5 March 1 each even-numbered year a biennial
48.6 report prepared by the board, in consultation
48.7 with the commissioners of natural resources,
48.8 health, agriculture, and the Pollution Control
48.9 Agency, detailing the recipients, the projects
48.10 funded under this section, and the amount of
48.11 pollution reduced.

48.12 (e) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
48.13 the second year are for grants to local units
48.14 of government to enhance compliance
48.15 with riparian buffer or alternate practice
48.16 requirements.

48.17 (f) \$7,500,000 the first year and \$7,500,000
48.18 the second year are to restore or preserve
48.19 permanent conservation on riparian buffers
48.20 adjacent to lakes, rivers, streams, and
48.21 tributaries, to keep water on the land in order
48.22 to decrease sediment, pollutant, and nutrient
48.23 transport; reduce hydrologic impacts to
48.24 surface waters; and increase infiltration for
48.25 groundwater recharge. This appropriation
48.26 may be used for restoration of riparian
48.27 buffers permanently protected by easements
48.28 purchased with this appropriation or contracts
48.29 to achieve permanent protection for riparian
48.30 buffers or stream bank restorations when the
48.31 riparian buffers have been restored. Up to
48.32 \$344,000 is for deposit in a monitoring and
48.33 enforcement account.

48.34 (g) \$1,750,000 the first year and \$1,750,000
48.35 the second year are for permanent

49.1 conservation easements on wellhead
49.2 protection areas under Minnesota Statutes,
49.3 section 103F.515, subdivision 2, paragraph
49.4 (d), or for grants to local units of government
49.5 for fee title acquisition to permanently
49.6 protect groundwater supply sources on
49.7 wellhead protection areas or for otherwise
49.8 assuring long-term protection of groundwater
49.9 supply sources as described under alternative
49.10 management tools in the Department
49.11 of Agriculture's Nitrogen Fertilizer
49.12 Management Plan, including low nitrogen
49.13 cropping systems or implementing nitrogen
49.14 fertilizer best management practices. Priority
49.15 must be placed on land that is located where
49.16 the vulnerability of the drinking water supply
49.17 is designated as high or very high by the
49.18 commissioner of health and where drinking
49.19 water protection plans have identified
49.20 specific activities that will achieve long-term
49.21 protection. Up to \$52,500 is for deposit in a
49.22 monitoring and enforcement account.
49.23 (h) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000
49.24 the second year are for community partner
49.25 grants to local units of government for:
49.26 (1) structural or vegetative management
49.27 practices that reduce storm water runoff
49.28 from developed or disturbed lands to reduce
49.29 the movement of sediment, nutrients, and
49.30 pollutants for restoration, protection, or
49.31 enhancement of water quality in lakes, rivers,
49.32 and streams and to protect groundwater
49.33 and drinking water; and (2) installation
49.34 of proven and effective water retention
49.35 practices including, but not limited to, rain
49.36 gardens and other vegetated infiltration

50.1 basins and sediment control basins in order
50.2 to keep water on the land. The projects must
50.3 be of long-lasting public benefit, include a
50.4 local match, and be consistent with TMDL
50.5 implementation plans, watershed restoration
50.6 and protection strategies (WRAPS), or local
50.7 water management plans or their equivalents.
50.8 Local government unit costs may be used as
50.9 a match.

50.10 (i) \$84,000 the first year and \$84,000 the
50.11 second year are for a technical evaluation
50.12 panel to conduct ten restoration evaluations
50.13 under Minnesota Statutes, section 114D.50,
50.14 subdivision 6.

50.15 (j) \$2,100,000 the first year and \$2,100,000
50.16 the second year are for assistance, oversight,
50.17 and grants to local governments to transition
50.18 local water management plans to a watershed
50.19 approach as provided for in Minnesota
50.20 Statutes, chapters 103B, 103C, 103D, and
50.21 114D.

50.22 (k) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000
50.23 the second year are for technical assistance
50.24 and grants for the conservation drainage
50.25 program in consultation with the Drainage
50.26 Work Group, coordinated under Minnesota
50.27 Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision
50.28 13, that includes projects to improve
50.29 multipurpose water management under
50.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 103E.015.

50.31 (l) \$9,000,000 the first year and \$9,000,000
50.32 the second year are to purchase and restore
50.33 permanent conservation sites via easements
50.34 or contracts to treat and store water on the
50.35 land for water quality improvement purposes

51.1 and related technical assistance. This work
51.2 may be done in cooperation with the United
51.3 States Department of Agriculture with a first
51.4 priority use to accomplish a conservation
51.5 reserve enhancement program, or equivalent,
51.6 in the state. Up to \$1,285,000 is for deposit
51.7 in a monitoring and enforcement account.

51.8 (m) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
51.9 the second year are to purchase permanent
51.10 conservation easements to protect lands
51.11 adjacent to public waters with good water
51.12 quality but threatened with degradation. Up
51.13 to \$190,000 is for deposit in a monitoring
51.14 and enforcement account.

51.15 (n) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000
51.16 the second year are for a program to
51.17 systematically collect data and produce
51.18 county, watershed, and statewide estimates
51.19 of soil erosion caused by water and wind
51.20 along with tracking adoption of conservation
51.21 measures to address erosion.

51.22 (o) \$520,000 the first year is for a grant
51.23 to Washington County for a water quality
51.24 improvement project that will improve water
51.25 quality and restore an essential backwater
51.26 aquatic area by reconnecting Grey Cloud
51.27 Slough to the main channel of the Mississippi
51.28 River Area. This appropriation is not
51.29 available until at least an equal amount is
51.30 committed from nonstate sources.

51.31 (p) The board shall contract for delivery
51.32 of services with Conservation Corps
51.33 Minnesota for restoration, maintenance, and
51.34 other activities under this section for up to

52.1 \$500,000 the first year and up to \$500,000
 52.2 the second year.

52.3 (q) The board may shift grant or cost-share
 52.4 funds in this section and may adjust the
 52.5 technical and administrative assistance
 52.6 portion of the funds to leverage federal or
 52.7 other nonstate funds or to address oversight
 52.8 responsibilities or high-priority needs
 52.9 identified in local water management plans.

52.10 (r) The board shall require grantees to specify
 52.11 the outcomes that will be achieved by the
 52.12 grants prior to any grant awards.

52.13 (s) The appropriations in this section are
 52.14 available until June 30, 2020. Returned grant
 52.15 funds are available until expended and shall
 52.16 be regranted consistent with the purposes of
 52.17 this section.

52.18 **Sec. 8. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH \$ 4,013,000 \$ 3,812,000**

52.19 (a) \$1,100,000 the first year and \$1,100,000
 52.20 the second year are for addressing public
 52.21 health concerns related to contaminants
 52.22 found in Minnesota drinking water for which
 52.23 no health-based drinking water standards
 52.24 exist, including accelerating the development
 52.25 of health risk limits and improving the
 52.26 capacity of the department's laboratory to
 52.27 analyze unregulated contaminants. The
 52.28 commissioner shall contract with the Board
 52.29 of Regents of the University of Minnesota
 52.30 to provide an independent review of the
 52.31 department's drinking water contaminants
 52.32 of emerging concern program. The review
 52.33 must include an assessment of the process
 52.34 used by the department to rank contaminants

53.1 that are threats to drinking water supplies
53.2 and include a comparison of efforts at the
53.3 department with efforts by other states and
53.4 the United States Environmental Protection
53.5 Agency. The review must be submitted to
53.6 the Clean Water Council and the chairs and
53.7 ranking minority members of the house of
53.8 representatives and senate committees and
53.9 divisions with jurisdiction over environment
53.10 and natural resources by June 1, 2016.

53.11 (b) \$1,900,000 the first year and \$1,900,000
53.12 the second year are for protection of drinking
53.13 water sources.

53.14 (c) \$113,000 the first year and \$112,000 the
53.15 second year are for cost-share assistance to
53.16 public and private well owners for up to 50
53.17 percent of the cost of sealing unused wells.

53.18 (d) \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000
53.19 the second year are to develop and deliver
53.20 groundwater restoration and protection
53.21 strategies for use on a watershed scale for use
53.22 in local water planning efforts and to provide
53.23 resources to local governments for drinking
53.24 water source protection activities.

53.25 (e) \$325,000 the first year and \$325,000 the
53.26 second year are for studying the occurrence
53.27 and magnitude of contaminants in private
53.28 wells and developing guidance to ensure
53.29 that new well placement minimizes the
53.30 potential for risks, in cooperation with the
53.31 commissioner of agriculture.

53.32 (f) \$275,000 the first year and \$75,000
53.33 the second year are for development
53.34 and implementation of a groundwater
53.35 virus monitoring plan, including an

54.1 epidemiological study to determine the
 54.2 association between groundwater virus
 54.3 concentration and community illness rates.

54.4 (g) \$175,000 the first year and \$175,000 the
 54.5 second year are to prepare a comprehensive
 54.6 study of and recommendations for regulatory
 54.7 and nonregulatory approaches to water reuse
 54.8 for use in the development of state policy for
 54.9 water reuse in Minnesota.

54.10 (h) Unless otherwise specified, the
 54.11 appropriations in this section are available
 54.12 until June 30, 2019.

54.13 **Sec. 9. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL \$ 1,975,000 \$ 1,975,000**

54.14 (a) \$975,000 the first year and \$975,000
 54.15 the second year are to implement projects
 54.16 that address emerging drinking water supply
 54.17 threats, provide cost-effective regional
 54.18 solutions, leverage interjurisdictional
 54.19 coordination, support local implementation
 54.20 of water supply reliability projects, and
 54.21 prevent degradation of groundwater
 54.22 resources in the metropolitan area. These
 54.23 projects will provide to communities:

54.24 (1) potential solutions to leverage regional
 54.25 water use through utilization of surface water,
 54.26 storm water, wastewater, and groundwater;

54.27 (2) an analysis of infrastructure requirements
 54.28 for different alternatives;

54.29 (3) development of planning level cost
 54.30 estimates, including capital cost and
 54.31 operation cost;

54.32 (4) identification of funding mechanisms
 54.33 and an equitable cost-sharing structure

55.1 for regionally beneficial water supply
 55.2 development projects; and
 55.3 (5) development of subregional groundwater
 55.4 models.
 55.5 (b) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000
 55.6 the second year are for the water demand
 55.7 reduction grant program to encourage
 55.8 implementation of water demand reduction
 55.9 measures by municipalities in the
 55.10 metropolitan area to ensure the reliability and
 55.11 protection of drinking water supplies.
 55.12 (c) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
 55.13 second year are for grants or loans for local
 55.14 inflow and infiltration reduction programs
 55.15 addressing high-priority areas in the
 55.16 metropolitan area, as defined in Minnesota
 55.17 Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2. This
 55.18 appropriation is available until June 30, 2019.

55.19 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 103A.206, is amended to read:

55.20 **103A.206 SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION POLICY.**

55.21 Maintaining and enhancing the quality of soil and water for the environmental and
 55.22 economic benefits they produce, preventing degradation, and restoring degraded soil and
 55.23 water resources of this state contribute greatly to the health, safety, economic well-being,
 55.24 and general welfare of this state and its citizens. Land occupiers have the responsibility to
 55.25 implement practices that conserve the soil and water resources of the state. Soil and water
 55.26 conservation measures implemented on private lands in this state provide benefits to the
 55.27 general public by reducing erosion, sedimentation, siltation, water pollution, and damages
 55.28 caused by floods. The soil and water conservation policy of the state is to encourage land
 55.29 occupiers to conserve soil, water, and the natural resources they support through the
 55.30 implementation of practices that:

55.31 (1) control or prevent erosion, sedimentation, siltation, and related pollution in
 55.32 order to preserve natural resources;

55.33 (2) ensure continued soil health, as defined under section 103C.101, subdivision
 55.34 10a, and soil productivity;

- 56.1 (3) protect water quality;
- 56.2 (4) prevent impairment of dams and reservoirs;
- 56.3 (5) reduce damages caused by floods;
- 56.4 (6) preserve wildlife;
- 56.5 (7) protect the tax base; and
- 56.6 (8) protect public lands and waters.

56.7 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 103B.101, is amended by adding a
56.8 subdivision to read:

56.9 Subd. 16. **Water quality practices; standardized specifications.** The Board of
56.10 Water and Soil Resources shall work with state and federal agencies, academic institutions,
56.11 local governments, practitioners, and stakeholders to foster mutual understanding and
56.12 provide recommendations for standardized specifications for water quality and soil
56.13 conservation protection and improvement practices and projects. The board may convene
56.14 working groups or work teams to develop information, education, and recommendations.

56.15 Sec. 12. [103B.801] **COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT**
56.16 **PLANNING PROGRAM.**

56.17 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** The definitions under section 103B.3363, subdivisions 2
56.18 to 4, apply to this section.

56.19 Subd. 2. **Program purposes.** The purposes of the comprehensive watershed
56.20 management plan program under section 103B.101, subdivision 14, paragraph (a), are to:

56.21 (1) align local water planning purposes and procedures under chapters 103B, 103C,
56.22 and 103D on watershed boundaries to create a systematic, watershed-wide, science-based
56.23 approach to watershed management;

56.24 (2) acknowledge and build off existing local government structure, water plan
56.25 services, and local capacity;

56.26 (3) incorporate and make use of data and information, including watershed
56.27 restoration and protection strategies under section 114D.26;

56.28 (4) solicit input and engage experts from agencies, citizens, and stakeholder groups;

56.29 (5) focus on implementation of prioritized and targeted actions capable of achieving
56.30 measurable progress; and

56.31 (6) serve as a substitute for a comprehensive plan, local water management plan, or
56.32 watershed management plan developed or amended, approved, and adopted, according
56.33 to chapter 103B, 103C, or 103D.

57.1 Subd. 3. **Coordination.** The board shall develop policies for coordination and
57.2 development of comprehensive watershed management plans. To ensure effectiveness
57.3 and accountability in meeting the purposes of subdivision 2, these policies must address,
57.4 at a minimum:

57.5 (1) a boundary framework consistent with section 103B.101, subdivision 14,
57.6 paragraph (a), and procedures, requirements, and criteria for establishing or modifying
57.7 the framework consistent with the goals of section 103A.212. The metropolitan area, as
57.8 defined under section 473.121, subdivision 2, may be considered for inclusion in the
57.9 boundary framework. If included, the metropolitan area is not excluded from the water
57.10 management programs under sections 103B.201 to 103B.255;

57.11 (2) requirements for coordination, participation, and commitment between local
57.12 government units in the development, approval, adoption, and implementation of
57.13 comprehensive watershed management plans within planning boundaries identified
57.14 according to this subdivision;

57.15 (3) requirements for consistency with state agency-adopted water and natural
57.16 resources-related plans and documents required by chapters 103A, 103B, 103C, 103D,
57.17 103E, 103F, 103G, and 114D; and

57.18 (4) procedures for plan development, review, and approval consistent with the intent
57.19 of sections 103B.201, 103B.255, 103B.311, 103B.321, 103D.401, and 103D.405. If the
57.20 procedures in these sections are contradictory as applied to a specific proceeding, the
57.21 board must establish a forum where the public interest conflicts involved can be presented
57.22 and, by consideration of the whole body of water law, the controlling policy can be
57.23 determined and apparent inconsistencies resolved.

57.24 Subd. 4. **Plan content.** The board shall develop policies for required comprehensive
57.25 watershed management plan content consistent with comprehensive local water
57.26 management planning. To ensure effectiveness and accountability in meeting the purposes
57.27 of subdivision 2, plan content must include, at a minimum:

57.28 (1) an analysis and prioritization of issues and resource concerns;

57.29 (2) measurable goals to address the issues and concerns, including but not limited to:

57.30 (i) restoration, protection, and preservation of natural surface water and groundwater
57.31 storage and retention systems;

57.32 (ii) minimization of public capital expenditures needed to correct flooding and
57.33 water quality problems;

57.34 (iii) restoration, protection, and improvement of surface water and groundwater
57.35 quality;

58.1 (iv) establishment of more uniform local policies and official controls for surface
58.2 water and groundwater management;

58.3 (v) identification of priority areas for wetland enhancement, restoration, and
58.4 establishment;

58.5 (vi) identification of priority areas for riparian zone management and buffers;

58.6 (vii) prevention of erosion and soil transport into surface water systems;

58.7 (viii) promotion of groundwater recharge;

58.8 (ix) protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat and water recreational
58.9 facilities; and

58.10 (x) securing other benefits associated with the proper management of surface water
58.11 and groundwater;

58.12 (3) a targeted implementation schedule describing at a minimum the actions,
58.13 locations, timeline, estimated costs, method of measurement, and identification of roles
58.14 and responsible government units;

58.15 (4) a description of implementation programs, including how the implementation
58.16 schedule will be achieved and how the plan will be administered and coordinated between
58.17 local water management responsibilities; and

58.18 (5) a land and water resource inventory.

58.19 Subd. 5. **Timelines; administration.** (a) The board shall develop and adopt, by
58.20 June 30, 2016, a transition plan for development, approval, adoption, and coordination
58.21 of plans consistent with section 103A.212. The transition plan must include a goal of
58.22 completing statewide transition to comprehensive watershed management plans by 2025.
58.23 The metropolitan area may be considered for inclusion in the transition plan.

58.24 (b) The board may use the authority under section 103B.3369, subdivision 9, to
58.25 support development or implementation of a comprehensive watershed management
58.26 plan under this section.

58.27 Subd. 6. **Authority.** Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, the authorities
58.28 granted to local government through chapters 103B, 103C, and 103D are retained when
58.29 a comprehensive watershed management plan is adopted as a substitute for a watershed
58.30 management plan required under section 103B.231, a county groundwater plan authorized
58.31 under section 103B.255, a county water plan authorized under section 103B.311, a
58.32 comprehensive plan authorized under section 103C.331, or a watershed management plan
58.33 required under section 103D.401 or 103D.405.

58.34 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 103C.101, is amended by adding a
58.35 subdivision to read:

59.1 Subd. 10a. **Soil health.** "Soil health" means the continued capacity of soil to
59.2 function as a vital living system that sustains plants, animals, and humans. Indicators
59.3 of soil health include water infiltration capacity; organic matter content; water holding
59.4 capacity; biological capacity to break down plant residue and other substances and
59.5 to maintain soil aggregation; nutrient sequestration and cycling capacity; carbon
59.6 sequestration; and soil resistance.

59.7 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 103C.401, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

59.8 Subdivision 1. **Powers and duties.** In addition to the powers and duties of the state
59.9 board provided by other law, the state board shall:

59.10 (1) offer to assist the district boards to implement their programs;

59.11 (2) keep the district boards of the state informed of the activities and experience of
59.12 other districts and facilitate cooperation and an interchange of advice and experience
59.13 among the districts;

59.14 (3) coordinate the programs and activities of the districts with appropriate agencies
59.15 by advice and consultation;

59.16 (4) approve or disapprove the plans or programs of districts relating to the use of
59.17 state funds administered by the state board;

59.18 (5) secure the cooperation and assistance of agencies in the work of the districts
59.19 and develop a program to advise and assist appropriate agencies in obtaining state and
59.20 federal funds for erosion, sedimentation, flooding, and agriculturally related pollution
59.21 control programs;

59.22 (6) develop and implement a public information program concerning the districts'
59.23 activities and programs, the problems and preventive practices relating to erosion control,
59.24 sedimentation, agriculturally related pollution, flood prevention, and the advantages of
59.25 formation of districts in areas where their organization is desirable;

59.26 (7) consolidate districts without a hearing or a referendum;

59.27 (8) assist the statewide program to inventory and classify the types of soils in the
59.28 state as determined by the Minnesota Cooperative Soil Survey;

59.29 (9) identify research needs and cooperate with other public agencies in research
59.30 concerning the nature and extent of erosion, sedimentation, flooding and agriculturally
59.31 related pollution, the amounts and sources of sediment and pollutants delivered to the
59.32 waters of the state, and long-term soil productivity;

59.33 (10) develop structural, land use management practice, and other programs to reduce
59.34 or prevent soil erosion, sedimentation, flooding, and agriculturally related pollution;

60.1 (11) develop a system of priorities to identify the erosion, flooding, sediment, and
 60.2 agriculturally related pollution problem areas that most need control systems;

60.3 (12) ensure compliance with statewide programs and policies established by the state
 60.4 board by advice, consultation, and approval of grant agreements with the districts; ~~and~~

60.5 (13) service requests from districts to consolidate districts across county boundaries
 60.6 and facilitate other agreed-to reorganizations of districts with other districts or other
 60.7 local units of government, including making grants, within the limits of available funds,
 60.8 to offset the cost of consolidation or reorganization; and

60.9 (14) develop and implement a state-led technical training and certification program.

60.10 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 103C.501, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

60.11 Subd. 5. **Contracts by districts.** (a) A district board may contract on a cost-share
 60.12 basis to furnish financial aid to a land occupier or to a state agency for permanent systems
 60.13 for erosion or sedimentation control or water quality or water quantity improvements that
 60.14 are consistent with the district's comprehensive and annual work plans.

60.15 (b) A district board, with approval from the state board and consistent with state
 60.16 board rules and policies, may contract on a cost-share basis to furnish financial aid to a
 60.17 land occupier for nonstructural land management practices that are part of a planned
 60.18 erosion control or water quality improvement plan.

60.19 ~~(b)~~ (c) The duration of the contract must, at a minimum, be the time required to
 60.20 complete the planned systems. A contract must specify that the land occupier is liable for
 60.21 monetary damages and penalties in an amount up to 150 percent of the financial assistance
 60.22 received from the district, for failure to complete the systems or practices in a timely
 60.23 manner or maintain the systems or practices as specified in the contract.

60.24 ~~(e)~~ (d) A contract may provide for cooperation or funding with federal agencies.
 60.25 A land occupier or state agency may provide the cost-sharing portion of the contract
 60.26 through services in kind.

60.27 ~~(d)~~ (e) The state board or the district board may not furnish any financial aid for
 60.28 practices designed only to increase land productivity.

60.29 ~~(e)~~ (f) When a district board determines that long-term maintenance of a system or
 60.30 practice is desirable, the board may require that maintenance be made a covenant upon
 60.31 the land for the effective life of the practice. A covenant under this subdivision shall be
 60.32 construed in the same manner as a conservation restriction under section 84.65.

60.33 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 103F.731, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

61.1 Subd. 2. **Eligibility; documents required.** (a) Local units of government are
 61.2 eligible to apply for assistance. An applicant for assistance shall submit:

- 61.3 (1) a project proposal form as prescribed by the agency; and
- 61.4 (2) evidence that the applicant has consulted with the involved local soil and water
 61.5 conservation districts and watershed districts, where they exist, in preparing the application.

61.6 (b) The proposed project must be identified in at least one of the following documents:

- 61.7 (1) the comprehensive water plan authorized under sections 103B.301 to 103B.355;
- 61.8 (2) a surface water management plan required under section 103B.231;
- 61.9 (3) a comprehensive watershed management plan developed under section

61.10 103B.801, subdivision 4;

61.11 (4) an overall plan required under chapter 103D;

61.12 ~~(4)~~ (5) any other local plan that provides an inventory of existing physical and
 61.13 hydrologic information on the area, a general identification of water quality problems and
 61.14 goals, and that demonstrates a local commitment to water quality protection, enhancement,
 61.15 or restoration;

61.16 ~~(5)~~ (6) an approved total maximum daily load (TMDL) or a TMDL implementation
 61.17 plan; or

61.18 ~~(6)~~ (7) a watershed protection and restoration strategy implementation plan.

61.19 Sec. 17. Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 2, section 6, is amended to read:

61.20 **Sec. 6. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**
 61.21 **RESOURCES**

\$ 12,635,000 \$ 9,450,000

61.22 (a) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
 61.23 the second year are for stream flow
 61.24 monitoring, including the installation of
 61.25 additional monitoring gauges, and monitoring
 61.26 necessary to determine the relationship
 61.27 between stream flow and groundwater.

61.28 (b) \$1,300,000 the first year and \$1,300,000
 61.29 the second year are for lake Index of
 61.30 Biological Integrity (IBI) assessments.

61.31 (c) \$135,000 the first year and \$135,000
 61.32 the second year are for assessing mercury
 61.33 contamination and other contaminants of
 61.34 fish, including monitoring to track the status

62.1 of waters impaired by mercury and mercury
62.2 reduction efforts over time.

62.3 (d) \$1,850,000 the first year and \$1,850,000
62.4 the second year are for developing targeted,
62.5 science-based watershed restoration and
62.6 protection strategies, including regional
62.7 technical assistance for TMDL plans and
62.8 development of a watershed assessment tool,
62.9 in cooperation with the commissioner of the
62.10 Pollution Control Agency. By January 15,
62.11 2016, the commissioner shall submit a report
62.12 to the chairs and ranking minority members
62.13 of the senate and house of representatives
62.14 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
62.15 over environment and natural resources
62.16 policy and finance providing the outcomes
62.17 to lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater
62.18 achieved with this appropriation and
62.19 recommendations.

62.20 (e) \$1,375,000 the first year and \$1,375,000
62.21 the second year are for water supply planning,
62.22 aquifer protection, and monitoring activities.

62.23 (f) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
62.24 the second year are for technical assistance
62.25 to support local implementation of nonpoint
62.26 source restoration and protection activities,
62.27 including water quality protection in forested
62.28 watersheds.

62.29 (g) \$675,000 the first year and \$675,000
62.30 the second year are for applied research
62.31 and tools, including watershed hydrologic
62.32 modeling; maintaining and updating spatial
62.33 data for watershed boundaries, streams, and
62.34 water bodies and integrating high-resolution
62.35 digital elevation data; assessing effectiveness

63.1 of forestry best management practices for
63.2 water quality; and developing an ecological
63.3 monitoring database.

63.4 (h) \$615,000 the first year and \$615,000
63.5 the second year are for developing county
63.6 geologic atlases.

63.7 (i) \$85,000 the first year is to develop design
63.8 standards and best management practices
63.9 for public water access sites to maintain and
63.10 improve water quality by avoiding shoreline
63.11 erosion and runoff.

63.12 (j) \$3,000,000 the first year is for beginning
63.13 to develop and designate groundwater
63.14 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
63.15 section 103G.287, subdivision 4. The
63.16 commissioner, in consultation with the
63.17 commissioners of the Pollution Control
63.18 Agency, health, and agriculture, shall
63.19 establish a uniform statewide hydrogeologic
63.20 mapping system that will include designated
63.21 groundwater management areas. The
63.22 mapping system must include wellhead
63.23 protection areas, special well construction
63.24 areas, groundwater provinces, groundwater
63.25 recharge areas, and other designated or
63.26 geographical areas related to groundwater.

63.27 This mapping system shall be used to
63.28 implement all groundwater-related laws
63.29 and for reporting and evaluations. This
63.30 appropriation is available until June 30, 2017.

63.31 (k) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000
63.32 the second year are for grants a grant
63.33 program to help counties and other local
63.34 units of government to adopt and implement
63.35 advanced shoreland protection ~~measures~~

64.1 standards. The grants awarded under this
64.2 paragraph shall be for up to \$100,000 and
64.3 ~~must be used to restore and enhance riparian~~
64.4 ~~areas~~ cover the costs of developing and
64.5 adopting ordinances with advanced shoreland
64.6 protection standards or implementing
64.7 advanced shoreland protection standards to
64.8 protect, enhance, and restore water quality in
64.9 public water lakes, public water wetlands,
64.10 and public water rivers, and streams. Grant
64.11 recipients must submit a report to the
64.12 commissioner on the outcomes achieved
64.13 with the grant. ~~To be eligible for a grant~~
64.14 ~~under this paragraph, a county or other local~~
64.15 ~~unit of government must be adopting or have~~
64.16 ~~adopted an ordinance for the subdivision,~~
64.17 ~~use, redevelopment, and development of~~
64.18 ~~shoreland that has been approved by the~~
64.19 ~~commissioner of natural resources as having~~
64.20 ~~advanced shoreland protection measures. An~~
64.21 ~~ordinance~~ Recipients will be reimbursed for
64.22 eligible costs upon adoption of ordinances
64.23 and completion of implementation activities
64.24 as provided in this paragraph and as
64.25 stipulated in the grant agreement. Ordinances
64.26 adopted under this grant program must be
64.27 approved by the commissioner and meet or
64.28 exceed the following standards:
64.29 (1) requires new sewage treatment systems
64.30 to be set back at least 100 feet from the
64.31 ordinary high water level for recreational
64.32 development lake shorelands and 75 feet for
64.33 general development lake shorelands;
64.34 (2) requires redevelopment and new
64.35 development on shoreland to have at least

65.1 a 50-foot vegetative buffer. An access path
65.2 and recreational use area may be allowed;

65.3 (3) requires mitigation when any variance to
65.4 standards designed to protect public water
65.5 lakes, public water wetlands, and public
65.6 water rivers; and streams is granted;

65.7 (4) requires best management practices to be
65.8 used to control storm water and sediment as
65.9 part of a land alteration;

65.10 (5) includes other ~~criteria~~ standards
65.11 developed by the commissioner; and

65.12 (6) has been adopted by July 1, ~~2015~~ 2017.

65.13 An ordinance that does not exceed all the
65.14 standards in clauses (1) to (5) is considered
65.15 to meet the requirement if the commissioner
65.16 determines that the ordinance provides
65.17 significantly greater protection for both
65.18 public waters and shoreland shorelands than
65.19 those standards. Implementation activities
65.20 funded under this grant program must meet
65.21 the advanced shoreland protection standards
65.22 and criteria described above. Grants awarded
65.23 under this program may not be used to
65.24 reimburse ordinance adoption or shoreland
65.25 protection implementation expenses incurred
65.26 prior to the date of a fully executed grant
65.27 agreement.

65.28 The commissioner of natural resources may
65.29 develop additional criteria for the grants
65.30 awarded under this ~~paragraph~~ program. In
65.31 developing the criteria, the commissioner
65.32 shall consider the proposed changes to
65.33 the department's shoreland rules discussed
65.34 during the rulemaking process authorized

66.1 under Laws 2007, chapter 57, article 1,
 66.2 section 4, subdivision 3.

66.3 This appropriation is available until spent.

66.4 (l) \$100,000 the first year is for the
 66.5 commissioner of natural resources for
 66.6 rulemaking under Minnesota Statutes,
 66.7 section 116G.15, subdivision 7.

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

66.9 Sec. 18. Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 2, section 7, is amended to read:

66.10	Sec. 7. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL			
66.11	RESOURCES	\$	30,689,000	\$ 34,740,000

66.12 (a) \$5,000,000 the first year and \$7,000,000
 66.13 the second year are for grants to local
 66.14 government units organized for the
 66.15 management of water in a watershed or
 66.16 subwatershed that have multiyear plans
 66.17 that will result in a significant reduction in
 66.18 water pollution in a selected subwatershed.

66.19 The grants may be used for the following
 66.20 purposes: establishment of riparian buffers;
 66.21 practices to store water for natural treatment
 66.22 and infiltration, including rain gardens;
 66.23 capturing storm water for reuse; stream
 66.24 bank, shoreland, and ravine stabilization;
 66.25 enforcement activities; and implementation
 66.26 of best management practices for feedlots
 66.27 within riparian areas and other practices
 66.28 demonstrated to be most effective in
 66.29 protecting, enhancing, and restoring water
 66.30 quality in lakes, rivers, and streams and
 66.31 protecting groundwater from degradation.

66.32 Grant recipients must identify a nonstate
 66.33 cash match of at least 25 percent of the
 66.34 total eligible project costs. Grant recipients

67.1 may use other legacy funds to supplement
67.2 projects funded under this paragraph. Grants
67.3 awarded under this paragraph are available
67.4 for four years and priority shall be given
67.5 to the three to six best designed plans each
67.6 year. By January 15, 2016, the board shall
67.7 submit an interim report on the outcomes
67.8 achieved with this appropriation, including
67.9 recommendations, to the chairs and ranking
67.10 minority members of the senate and house
67.11 of representatives committees and divisions
67.12 with jurisdiction over environment and
67.13 natural resources policy and finance. This
67.14 appropriation is available until June 30, 2018.

67.15 (b) \$9,705,000 the first year and \$10,756,000
67.16 the second year are for grants to protect and
67.17 restore surface water and drinking water; to
67.18 keep water on the land; to protect, enhance,
67.19 and restore water quality in lakes, rivers,
67.20 and streams; and to protect groundwater
67.21 and drinking water, including feedlot water
67.22 quality and subsurface sewage treatment
67.23 system (SSTS) projects and stream bank,
67.24 stream channel, shoreline restoration,
67.25 and ravine stabilization projects. The
67.26 projects must use practices demonstrated
67.27 to be effective, be of long-lasting public
67.28 benefit, include a match, and be consistent
67.29 with total maximum daily load (TMDL)
67.30 implementation plans or local water
67.31 management plans or their equivalents.

67.32 (c) \$3,500,000 the first year and \$4,500,000
67.33 the second year are for targeted local
67.34 resource protection and enhancement grants
67.35 for projects and practices that supplement or
67.36 exceed current state standards for protection,

68.1 enhancement, and restoration of water
68.2 quality in lakes, rivers, and streams or that
68.3 protect groundwater from degradation,
68.4 including compliance.

68.5 (d) \$950,000 the first year and \$950,000 the
68.6 second year are to provide state oversight
68.7 and accountability, evaluate results, and
68.8 measure the value of conservation program
68.9 implementation by local governments,
68.10 including submission to the legislature
68.11 by March 1 each year an annual report
68.12 prepared by the board, in consultation with
68.13 the commissioners of natural resources,
68.14 health, agriculture, and the Pollution Control
68.15 Agency, detailing the recipients, projects
68.16 funded under this section, and the amount of
68.17 pollution reduced.

68.18 (e) \$1,700,000 the first year and \$1,700,000
68.19 the second year are for grants to local units
68.20 of government to ensure compliance with
68.21 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103E, and
68.22 sections 103F.401 to 103F.455, including
68.23 enforcement efforts. Of this amount,
68.24 \$235,000 the first year is to update the
68.25 Minnesota Public Drainage Manual and the
68.26 Minnesota Public Drainage Law Overview
68.27 for Decision Makers and to provide outreach
68.28 to users and up to \$1,000,000 the second year
68.29 is for grants to soil and water conservation
68.30 districts for assistance with the establishment
68.31 of perennially vegetated riparian buffers.

68.32 (f) \$6,500,000 the first year and \$6,500,000
68.33 the second year are to purchase and restore
68.34 permanent conservation easements on
68.35 riparian buffers adjacent to lakes, rivers,

69.1 streams, and tributaries, to keep water on the
69.2 land in order to decrease sediment, pollutant,
69.3 and nutrient transport; reduce hydrologic
69.4 impacts to surface waters; and increase
69.5 infiltration for groundwater recharge. This
69.6 appropriation may be used for restoration
69.7 of riparian buffers protected by easements
69.8 purchased with this appropriation and for
69.9 stream bank restorations when the riparian
69.10 buffers have been restored.

69.11 (g) \$1,300,000 the first year and \$1,300,000
69.12 the second year are for permanent
69.13 conservation easements on wellhead
69.14 protection areas under Minnesota Statutes,
69.15 section 103F.515, subdivision 2, paragraph
69.16 (d). Priority must be placed on land that
69.17 is located where the vulnerability of the
69.18 drinking water supply is designated as high
69.19 or very high by the commissioner of health.

69.20 (h) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000
69.21 the second year are for community partners
69.22 grants to local units of government for:
69.23 (1) structural or vegetative management
69.24 practices that reduce storm water runoff
69.25 from developed or disturbed lands to reduce
69.26 the movement of sediment, nutrients, and
69.27 pollutants for restoration, protection, or
69.28 enhancement of water quality in lakes, rivers,
69.29 and streams and to protect groundwater
69.30 and drinking water; and (2) installation
69.31 of proven and effective water retention
69.32 practices including, but not limited to, rain
69.33 gardens and other vegetated infiltration
69.34 basins and sediment control basins in order
69.35 to keep water on the land. The projects
69.36 must be of long-lasting public benefit,

70.1 include a local match, and be consistent
70.2 with TMDL implementation plans or local
70.3 water management plans or their equivalents.

70.4 Local government unit costs may be used as
70.5 a match.

70.6 (i) \$84,000 the first year and \$84,000 the
70.7 second year are for a technical evaluation
70.8 panel to conduct ten restoration evaluations
70.9 under Minnesota Statutes, section 114D.50,
70.10 subdivision 6.

70.11 (j) \$450,000 the first year and \$450,000 the
70.12 second year are for assistance and grants to
70.13 local governments to transition local water
70.14 management plans to a watershed approach
70.15 as provided for in Minnesota Statutes,
70.16 chapters 103B, 103C, 103D, and 114D.

70.17 (k) The board shall contract for services
70.18 with Conservation Corps Minnesota for
70.19 restoration, maintenance, and other activities
70.20 under this section for up to \$500,000 the first
70.21 year and up to \$500,000 the second year.

70.22 (l) The board may shift grant or cost-share
70.23 funds in this section and may adjust the
70.24 technical and administrative assistance
70.25 portion of the funds to leverage federal or
70.26 other nonstate funds or to address oversight
70.27 responsibilities or high-priority needs
70.28 identified in local water management plans.

70.29 (m) The board shall require grantees to
70.30 specify the outcomes that will be achieved
70.31 by the grants prior to any grant awards.

70.32 (n) The appropriations in this section are
70.33 available until June 30, 2018. Returned grant
70.34 funds are available until expended and shall

72.1 **Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation**
 72.2 Money appropriated in this article may
 72.3 not be spent on activities unless they are
 72.4 directly related to and necessary for a
 72.5 specific appropriation. Money appropriated
 72.6 in this article must be spent in accordance
 72.7 with Minnesota Management and Budget's
 72.8 Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund
 72.9 Expenditure. Notwithstanding Minnesota
 72.10 Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless
 72.11 otherwise specified in this article, fiscal year
 72.12 2016 appropriations are available until June
 72.13 30, 2018, and fiscal year 2017 appropriations
 72.14 are available until June 30, 2019. If a project
 72.15 receives federal funds, the time period of
 72.16 the appropriation is extended to equal the
 72.17 availability of federal funding.

72.18 **Subd. 3. Disability Access**

72.19 Where appropriate, grant recipients of
 72.20 parks and trails funds, in consultation
 72.21 with the appropriate governor-appointed
 72.22 disability councils, boards, committees, and
 72.23 commissions, should make progress toward
 72.24 providing greater access to programs, print
 72.25 publications, and digital media for people
 72.26 with disabilities related to the programs the
 72.27 recipient funds using appropriations made
 72.28 in this article.

72.29 **Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**
 72.30 **RESOURCES**

\$ 26,880,000 \$ 26,899,000

72.31 (a) \$17,562,000 the first year and
 72.32 \$17,562,000 the second year are for state
 72.33 parks, recreation areas, and trails to:
 72.34 (1) connect people to the outdoors;

73.1 (2) acquire land and create opportunities;
73.2 (3) maintain existing holdings; and
73.3 (4) improve cooperation by coordinating
73.4 with partners to implement the 25-year
73.5 long-range parks and trails legacy plan.
73.6 The appropriation in this paragraph includes
73.7 money to acquire right-of-way and construct
73.8 segments of the Goodhue Pioneer State Trail.
73.9 (b) \$8,782,000 the first year and \$8,782,000
73.10 the second year are for grants for parks
73.11 and trails of regional significance outside
73.12 the seven-county metropolitan area under
73.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.535. The
73.14 grants must be based on the recommendations
73.15 to the commissioner from the Greater
73.16 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
73.17 Commission established under Minnesota
73.18 Statutes, section 85.536. The appropriation
73.19 in this paragraph includes money to: (1)
73.20 design, engineer, acquire right-of-way, and
73.21 construct segments of the Mesabi Trail from
73.22 Embarrass to Tower and the Wagon Wheel
73.23 Trail; and (2) provide a grant to Douglas
73.24 County for the first phase of the acquisition of
73.25 land, including a ski hill, for use as a regional
73.26 park. Up to 2.5 percent of the appropriation
73.27 may be used by the commissioner for the
73.28 actual cost of issuing and monitoring the
73.29 grants for the commission. Of the amount
73.30 appropriated, \$356,000 in fiscal year 2016
73.31 and \$362,000 in fiscal year 2017 are for the
73.32 Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
73.33 Commission to carry out its duties under
73.34 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536, including
73.35 the continued development of a statewide

75.1 descriptions and dollar amounts in the report.
 75.2 Of the amount received in the distribution by
 75.3 the implementing agencies under Minnesota
 75.4 Statutes, section 85.53, subdivision 3: (1)
 75.5 \$50,000 the first year to Ramsey County is
 75.6 for a grant to the Minnesota China Friendship
 75.7 Garden Society to plan and design a chinese
 75.8 garden to be located in Phalen Park in St.
 75.9 Paul; and (2) \$150,000 the first year to
 75.10 Ramsey County is to develop and install in
 75.11 parks in Ramsey County activity facilities for
 75.12 culturally relevant games that are reflective
 75.13 of the current demographic of the county.
 75.14 Any funds remaining after completion of
 75.15 the listed projects may be spent by the
 75.16 implementing agencies on projects to support
 75.17 parks and trails.

75.18 (c) Grant agreements entered into by the
 75.19 Metropolitan Council and recipients of
 75.20 money appropriated under this section must
 75.21 ensure that the funds are used to supplement
 75.22 and not substitute for traditional sources of
 75.23 funding.

75.24 (d) The implementing agencies receiving
 75.25 appropriations under this section shall
 75.26 give consideration to contracting with
 75.27 Conservation Corps Minnesota for
 75.28 restoration, maintenance, and other activities.

75.29 **Sec. 5. UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA \$ 260,000 \$ -0-**

75.30 \$260,000 the first year is for the University of
 75.31 Minnesota Center for Changing Landscapes
 75.32 to complete the Parks and Trails Legacy
 75.33 Tracking Project by completing an interactive
 75.34 Web based mapping system to share legacy
 75.35 fund parks and trails information for use by

76.1 state, local, regional and federal parks and
76.2 trails managers and funders, policy makers
76.3 and the general public, and to implement
76.4 the common user survey to understand the
76.5 overall use and user needs and perceptions
76.6 related to parks and trails use in Minnesota.
76.7 The information, application, and system
76.8 created as part of this effort must be
76.9 compatible with and available within the
76.10 Minnesota Geospatial Commons.

76.11 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 85.53, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

76.12 Subd. 2. **Expenditures; accountability.** (a) A project or program receiving funding
76.13 from the parks and trails fund must meet or exceed the constitutional requirement to
76.14 support parks and trails of regional or statewide significance. A project or program
76.15 receiving funding from the parks and trails fund must include measurable outcomes, as
76.16 defined in section 3.303, subdivision 10, and a plan for measuring and evaluating the
76.17 results. A project or program must be consistent with current science and incorporate
76.18 state-of-the-art technology, except when the project or program is a portrayal or restoration
76.19 of historical significance.

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

76.22 (c) A state agency or other recipient of a direct appropriation from the parks and
76.23 trails fund must compile and submit all information for funded projects or programs,
76.24 including the proposed measurable outcomes and all other items required under section
76.25 3.303, subdivision 10, to the Legislative Coordinating Commission as soon as practicable
76.26 or by January 15 of the applicable fiscal year, whichever comes first. The Legislative
76.27 Coordinating Commission must post submitted information on the Web site required
76.28 under section 3.303, subdivision 10, as soon as it becomes available.

76.29 (d) Grants funded by the parks and trails fund must be implemented according to
76.30 section 16B.98 and must account for all expenditures. Proposals must specify a process
76.31 for any regranting envisioned. Priority for grant proposals must be given to proposals
76.32 involving grants that will be competitively awarded.

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

77.1 (f) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the parks and
 77.2 trails fund shall prominently display on the recipient's Web site home page the legacy
 77.3 logo required under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws
 77.4 2010, chapter 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more
 77.5 information." When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the Web site must direct
 77.6 the person to a Web page that includes both the contact information that a person may
 77.7 use to obtain additional information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating
 77.8 Commission Web site required under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

77.9 (g) Future eligibility for money from the parks and trails fund is contingent upon a
 77.10 state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section, as
 77.11 well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law.

77.12 (h) Money appropriated from the parks and trails fund shall not be spent to acquire
 77.13 property by eminent domain unless the owner requests that the owner's property be
 77.14 acquired by eminent domain.

77.15 Sec. 7. Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 3, section 4, is amended to read:

77.16 Sec. 4. **METROPOLITAN COUNCIL** \$ **16,821,000** \$ **16,953,000**

77.17 (a) \$16,821,000 the first year and \$16,953,000
 77.18 the second year are for parks and trails of
 77.19 regional or statewide significance in the
 77.20 metropolitan area, distributed according to
 77.21 paragraphs (b) to (1). Any funds remaining
 77.22 after completion of the listed project may be
 77.23 spent on projects to support parks and trails
 77.24 by the implementing agency.

77.25 (b) \$1,443,000 the first year and \$1,455,000
 77.26 the second year are for grants to Anoka
 77.27 County for:

- 77.28 (1) a trail connection for Bunker Hills
- 77.29 Regional Park from Avocet Street;
- 77.30 (2) restoration, including erosion repair,
- 77.31 along Pleasure Creek and the Mississippi
- 77.32 River Regional Trail at the Coon Rapids
- 77.33 Dam Regional Park;

- 78.1 (3) a new playground and surfacing at Lake
78.2 George Regional Park;
- 78.3 (4) land acquisition for the Rice Creek Chain
78.4 of Lakes Park Reserve;
- 78.5 (5) improvements at the Rice Creek Chain of
78.6 Lakes Park Reserve, including maintenance
78.7 shop rehabilitation, road and parking
78.8 construction, fencing, beach improvements,
78.9 and roof repairs;
- 78.10 (6) trail reconstruction under East River
78.11 Road on the Rice Creek West Regional Trail;
- 78.12 (7) contracts with Conservation Corps
78.13 Minnesota;
- 78.14 (8) a volunteer or resource coordinator
78.15 position;
- 78.16 (9) a landscape designer or architect;
- 78.17 (10) design, engineering, and construction of
78.18 the Central Anoka County Regional Trail;
- 78.19 (11) road rehabilitation at Lake George
78.20 Regional Park;
- 78.21 (12) reconstruction of a retaining wall on the
78.22 Mississippi River Regional Trail;
- 78.23 (13) a trail connection on the Mississippi
78.24 River Regional Trail to connect Mississippi
78.25 West Regional Park to the city of Ramsey;
- 78.26 (14) improvements of the Heritage
78.27 Laboratory/Day Camp at the Rice Creek
78.28 Chain of Lakes Park Reserve; and
- 78.29 (15) trail reconstruction on the Rice Creek
78.30 North Regional Trail from Lexington Avenue
78.31 to Golden Lake Elementary School.
- 78.32 (c) \$289,000 the first year and \$292,000
78.33 the second year are for grants to the city of

79.1 Bloomington to reconstruct parking lots at the
79.2 Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve.
79.3 (d) \$294,000 the first year and \$297,000 the
79.4 second year are for grants to Carver County
79.5 to connect the Minnesota River Bluffs
79.6 Regional Trail and Southwest Regional Trail
79.7 and for trail and bridge construction on the
79.8 Minnesota River Bluff Regional Trail.
79.9 (e) \$1,174,000 the first year and \$1,183,000
79.10 the second year are for grants to Dakota
79.11 County for:
79.12 (1) engineering to extend the Mississippi
79.13 River Regional Trail and Big Rivers Regional
79.14 Trails, including extensions to St. Paul, and
79.15 to provide a connection to Lilydale Regional
79.16 Trail;
79.17 (2) a trail connection for the Mississippi
79.18 River Regional Trail to connect St. Paul and
79.19 to construct a bridge over railroad tracks;
79.20 (3) engineering and construction of regional
79.21 trail segments throughout the county;
79.22 (4) engineering and construction of a bridge
79.23 and trails through the Minnesota Zoological
79.24 Garden on the North Creek Regional
79.25 Greenway; and
79.26 (5) resource management of the county's
79.27 parks and trails system.
79.28 (f) \$3,221,000 the first year and \$3,246,000
79.29 the second are for grants to the Minneapolis
79.30 Park and Recreation Board for:
79.31 (1) design and construction of trail loops,
79.32 river access areas, landscapes, and storm
79.33 water management improvements at Above
79.34 the Falls Regional Park;

- 80.1 (2) land acquisition at Above the Falls
80.2 Regional Park;
- 80.3 (3) a master plan and trail design for Central
80.4 Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park;
- 80.5 (4) planning and design for the Central
80.6 Riverfront including the water works and the
80.7 Mississippi Whitewater Park sites;
- 80.8 (5) trail, path, and shoreline improvements
80.9 and play area rehabilitation at
80.10 Nokomis-Hiawatha Regional Park;
- 80.11 (6) trail, shoreline, water access,
80.12 picnic, sailboat facility, and concession
80.13 improvements at Minneapolis Chain of
80.14 Lakes Regional Park;
- 80.15 (7) a bird sanctuary, trail stabilization, habitat
80.16 restoration, accessibility improvements, and
80.17 construction of new entrances at Minneapolis
80.18 Chain of Lakes Regional Park;
- 80.19 (8) a trail connection for the Minnehaha
80.20 Parkway Regional Trail below Lyndale
80.21 Avenue; and
- 80.22 (9) trail work at Theodore Wirth Regional
80.23 Park.
- 80.24 (g) \$1,299,000 the first year and \$1,309,000
80.25 the second year are for grants to Ramsey
80.26 County for:
- 80.27 (1) wayfinding for cross-country ski trails
80.28 at Battle Creek Regional Park, Tamarack
80.29 Nature Center, and Grass-Vadnais-Snail
80.30 Lakes Regional Park;
- 80.31 (2) contracts with Conservation Corps
80.32 Minnesota;

- 81.1 (3) design and construction of an early
81.2 learning center at Tamarack Nature Center
81.3 and pedestrian connections, landscape
81.4 restoration, signage, and other site amenities
81.5 at Bald Eagle-Otter Lakes Regional Park;
- 81.6 (4) improvements to Tamarack Nature
81.7 Center;
- 81.8 (5) building and supporting a volunteer corps
81.9 for Tamarack Nature Center and Discovery
81.10 Hollow;
- 81.11 (6) trail development to connect Tamarack
81.12 Nature Center to the Otter Lake boat launch;
- 81.13 (7) a trail on Vadnais Lake, storm water
81.14 management improvements, and site
81.15 amenities at Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lakes
81.16 Regional Park;
- 81.17 (8) trail development and connection, storm
81.18 water management improvements, and site
81.19 amenities at Rice Creek North Regional
81.20 Trail; and
- 81.21 (9) the Bruce Vento Regional Trail.
- 81.22 (h) \$2,378,000 the first year and \$2,397,000
81.23 the second year are for grants to the city of
81.24 Saint Paul for:
- 81.25 (1) an education coordinator;
- 81.26 (2) a volunteer coordinator;
- 81.27 (3) Como Regional Park shuttle operation;
- 81.28 (4) a trail connection to connect Harriet
81.29 Island to the Mississippi Regional Trail;
- 81.30 (5) Estabrook Road reconstruction and
81.31 lighting upgrades at Como Regional Park;
81.32 and

- 82.1 (6) a trail connection and railroad bridge
82.2 reconstruction at Lilydale Regional Park.
- 82.3 (i) \$550,000 the first year and \$554,000 the
82.4 second year are for grants to Scott County for
82.5 construction at Cedar Lake Farm Regional
82.6 Park.
- 82.7 (j) \$3,669,000 the first year and \$3,697,000
82.8 the second year are for grants to Three Rivers
82.9 Park District for:
- 82.10 (1) a trail connection to connect Grand
82.11 Rounds to Nine Mile Creek Trail;
- 82.12 (2) a ~~trail bridge over~~ safe trail crossing of
82.13 County State-Aid Highway 19 for the Lake
82.14 Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail;
- 82.15 (3) trail construction on the Crystal Lake
82.16 Regional Trail;
- 82.17 (4) trail construction on the Bassett Creek
82.18 Regional Trail;
- 82.19 (5) trail construction on the Twin Lakes
82.20 Regional Trail; and
- 82.21 (6) trail construction on the Nine Mile Creek
82.22 Regional Trail.
- 82.23 (k) \$821,000 the first year and \$827,000 the
82.24 second year are for grants to Washington
82.25 County for:
- 82.26 (1) parking, buildings, and other
82.27 improvements at the Swim Pond in Lake
82.28 Elmo Park Reserve;
- 82.29 (2) design and construction of the Point
82.30 Douglas Regional Trail, which connects to
82.31 Wisconsin; and

83.1 (3) paving improvements to Hardwood Creek
83.2 Regional Trail, which may include new trail
83.3 sections toward Bald Eagle Regional Park.

83.4 (l) \$1,682,000 the first year and \$1,695,000
83.5 the second year are for grants to implementing
83.6 agencies for land acquisition within
83.7 Metropolitan Council approved regional
83.8 parks and trails master plan boundaries as
83.9 provided under Minnesota Statutes, section
83.10 85.53, subdivision 3, clause (4).

83.11 (m) A recipient of a grant awarded under
83.12 this section must give consideration to
83.13 Conservation Corps Minnesota for possible
83.14 use of corps services to contract for
83.15 restoration and enhancement services.

83.16 (n) For projects with the potential to need
83.17 historic preservation services, a recipient
83.18 of a grant awarded under this section must
83.19 give consideration to the Northern Bedrock
83.20 Conservation Corps for possible use of the
83.21 corps' services.

83.22 (o) By January 15, 2015, the council
83.23 shall submit a list of projects, ranked in
83.24 priority order, that contains the council's
83.25 recommendations for funding from the
83.26 parks and trails fund for the 2016 and
83.27 2017 biennium to the chairs and ranking
83.28 minority members of the senate and house
83.29 of representatives committees and divisions
83.30 with jurisdiction over the environment and
83.31 natural resources and the parks and trails
83.32 fund.

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

83.34 Sec. 8. **MESABI TRAIL GRANT EXTENSION.**

85.1 or other institutional overhead charges that
 85.2 are not directly related to and necessary for
 85.3 a specific appropriation. Notwithstanding
 85.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, and
 85.5 unless otherwise specified in this article,
 85.6 fiscal year 2016 appropriations are available
 85.7 until June 30, 2017, and fiscal year 2017
 85.8 appropriations are available until June 30,
 85.9 2018. If a project receives federal funds, the
 85.10 time period of the appropriation is extended
 85.11 to equal the availability of federal funding.

85.12 <u>Subd. 3. Minnesota State Arts Board</u>	<u>28,247,000</u>	<u>29,759,000</u>
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85.13 (a) These amounts are appropriated to
 85.14 the Minnesota State Arts Board for arts,
 85.15 arts education, arts preservation, and arts
 85.16 access. Grant agreements entered into
 85.17 by the Minnesota State Arts Board and
 85.18 other recipients of appropriations in this
 85.19 subdivision must ensure that these funds are
 85.20 used to supplement and not substitute for
 85.21 traditional sources of funding. Each grant
 85.22 program established within this appropriation
 85.23 must be separately administered from other
 85.24 state appropriations for program planning
 85.25 and outcome measurements, but may take
 85.26 into consideration other state resources
 85.27 awarded in the selection of applicants and
 85.28 grant award size.

85.29 (b) **Arts and Arts Access Initiatives**
 85.30 \$22,598,000 the first year and \$23,807,000
 85.31 the second year are to support Minnesota
 85.32 artists and arts organizations in creating,
 85.33 producing, and presenting high-quality arts
 85.34 activities; to overcome barriers to accessing
 85.35 high-quality arts activities; and to instill the

86.1 arts into the community and public life in
86.2 this state.

86.3 **(c) Arts Education**

86.4 \$4,237,000 the first year and \$4,464,000
86.5 the second year are for high-quality,
86.6 age-appropriate arts education for
86.7 Minnesotans of all ages to develop
86.8 knowledge, skills, and understanding of the
86.9 arts.

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

86.11 \$1,412,000 the first year and \$1,488,000 the
86.12 second year are for events and activities that
86.13 represent the diverse cultural arts traditions,
86.14 including folk and traditional artists and art
86.15 organizations, represented in this state.

86.16 (e) Up to 4.5 percent of the funds appropriated
86.17 in paragraphs (b) to (d) may be used by the
86.18 board for administering grant programs,
86.19 delivering technical services, providing
86.20 fiscal oversight for the statewide system, and
86.21 ensuring accountability.

86.22 (f) Up to thirty percent of the remaining total
86.23 appropriation to each of the categories listed
86.24 in paragraphs (b) to (d) is for grants to the
86.25 regional arts councils. Notwithstanding any
86.26 other provision of law, regional arts council
86.27 grants or other arts council grants for touring
86.28 programs, projects, or exhibits must ensure
86.29 the programs, projects, or exhibits are able to
86.30 tour in their own region as well as all other
86.31 regions of the state.

86.32 (g) Any unencumbered balance remaining
86.33 under this section in the first year does not

87.1 cancel, but is available for the second year
 87.2 of the biennium.

87.3 **Subd. 4. Minnesota Historical Society** 13,650,000 13,950,000

87.4 (a) These amounts are appropriated to the
 87.5 governing board of the Minnesota Historical
 87.6 Society to preserve and enhance access to
 87.7 Minnesota's history and its cultural and
 87.8 historical resources. Grant agreements
 87.9 entered into by the Minnesota Historical
 87.10 Society and other recipients of appropriations
 87.11 in this subdivision must ensure that
 87.12 these funds are used to supplement and
 87.13 not substitute for traditional sources of
 87.14 funding. Funds directly appropriated to the
 87.15 Minnesota Historical Society must be used to
 87.16 supplement and not substitute for traditional
 87.17 sources of funding. Notwithstanding
 87.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, for
 87.19 historic preservation projects that improve
 87.20 historic structures, the amounts are available
 87.21 until June 30, 2019. The Minnesota
 87.22 Historical Society or grant recipients of the
 87.23 Minnesota Historical Society using arts and
 87.24 cultural heritage funds under this subdivision
 87.25 must give consideration to Conservation
 87.26 Corps Minnesota and Northern Bedrock
 87.27 Conservation Corps, or an organization
 87.28 carrying out similar work, for projects with
 87.29 the potential to need historic preservation
 87.30 services.

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

87.32 (1) Statewide Historic and Cultural Grants
 87.33 \$5,525,000 the first year and \$5,675,000 the
 87.34 second year are for history programs and
 87.35 projects operated or conducted by or through

88.1 local, county, regional, or other historical
88.2 or cultural organizations or for activities
88.3 to preserve significant historic and cultural
88.4 resources. Funds are to be distributed through
88.5 a competitive grant process. The Minnesota
88.6 Historical Society shall administer these
88.7 funds using established grant mechanisms,
88.8 with assistance from the advisory committee
88.9 created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article
88.10 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b),
88.11 item (ii). The appropriation in this paragraph
88.12 includes money to plan, design, and engineer
88.13 the reconstruction of the historic Hibbing
88.14 High School Auditorium and to fund Phase
88.15 1 of the project.

88.16 (2) Statewide History Programs

88.17 \$5,525,000 the first year and \$5,675,000 the
88.18 second year are for programs and purposes
88.19 related to the historical and cultural heritage
88.20 of the state of Minnesota, conducted by the
88.21 Minnesota Historical Society.

88.22 (3) History Partnerships

88.23 \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the
88.24 second year are for partnerships involving
88.25 multiple organizations, which may include
88.26 the Minnesota Historical Society, to preserve
88.27 and enhance access to Minnesota's history
88.28 and cultural heritage in all regions of the state.

88.29 (4) Statewide Survey of Historical and
88.30 Archaeological Sites

88.31 \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
88.32 second year are for a contract or contracts
88.33 to be awarded on a competitive basis to
88.34 conduct statewide surveys of Minnesota's
88.35 sites of historical, archaeological, and

89.1 cultural significance. Results of the surveys
 89.2 must be published in a searchable form
 89.3 and available to the public on a cost-free
 89.4 basis. The Minnesota Historical Society, the
 89.5 Office of the State Archaeologist, and the
 89.6 Indian Affairs Council shall each appoint a
 89.7 representative to an oversight board to select
 89.8 contractors and direct the conduct of the
 89.9 surveys. The oversight board shall consult
 89.10 with the Departments of Transportation and
 89.11 Natural Resources.

89.12 (5) Digital Library

89.13 \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
 89.14 second year are for a digital library project
 89.15 to preserve, digitize, and share Minnesota
 89.16 images, documents, and historical materials.

89.17 The Minnesota Historical Society shall
 89.18 cooperate with the Minitex interlibrary
 89.19 loan system and shall jointly share this
 89.20 appropriation for these purposes.

89.21 Subd. 5. **Department of Education**

2,950,000

2,950,000

89.22 These amounts are appropriated to the
 89.23 commissioner of education for grants to
 89.24 the 12 Minnesota regional library systems
 89.25 to provide educational opportunities in
 89.26 the arts, history, literary arts, and cultural
 89.27 heritage of Minnesota. These funds must be
 89.28 allocated using the formulas in Minnesota
 89.29 Statutes, section 134.355, subdivisions 3,
 89.30 4, and 5, with the remaining 25 percent to
 89.31 be distributed to all qualifying systems in
 89.32 an amount proportionate to the number of
 89.33 qualifying system entities in each system.
 89.34 For purposes of this subdivision, "qualifying
 89.35 system entity" means a public library, a

90.1 regional library system, a regional library
 90.2 system headquarters, a county, or an outreach
 90.3 service program. These funds may be used
 90.4 to sponsor programs provided by regional
 90.5 libraries or to provide grants to local arts
 90.6 and cultural heritage programs for programs
 90.7 in partnership with regional libraries.
 90.8 These funds must be distributed in ten
 90.9 equal payments per year. Notwithstanding
 90.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the
 90.11 appropriations encumbered on or before
 90.12 June 30, 2017, as grants or contracts in this
 90.13 subdivision are available until June 30, 2019.

90.14 <u>Subd. 6. Department of Administration</u>	<u>12,305,000</u>	<u>8,775,000</u>
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90.15 (a) These amounts are appropriated to
 90.16 the commissioner of administration for
 90.17 grants to the named organizations for the
 90.18 purposes specified in this subdivision. Up
 90.19 to one percent of funds may be used by the
 90.20 commissioner for grants administration.

90.21 (b) Grant agreements entered into by
 90.22 the commissioner and recipients of
 90.23 appropriations under this subdivision must
 90.24 ensure that money appropriated in this
 90.25 subdivision is used to supplement and not
 90.26 substitute for traditional sources of funding.

90.27 (c) **Minnesota Public Radio**
 90.28 \$1,600,000 each year is for Minnesota Public
 90.29 Radio to create programming and expand
 90.30 news service on Minnesota's cultural heritage
 90.31 and history.

90.32 (d) **Association of Minnesota Public**
 90.33 **Educational Radio Stations**
 90.34 \$1,600,000 each year is appropriated for a
 90.35 grant to the Association of Minnesota Public

91.1 Educational Radio Stations for production
91.2 and acquisition grants in accordance with
91.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 129D.19.

91.4 **(e) Public Television**

91.5 \$3,900,000 the first year and \$3,900,000
91.6 the second year are for grants to the
91.7 Minnesota Public Television Association for
91.8 production and acquisition grants according
91.9 to Minnesota Statutes, section 129D.18.

91.10 **(f) Wilderness Inquiry**

91.11 \$100,000 each year is for grants to Wilderness
91.12 Inquiry to preserve Minnesota's outdoor
91.13 history, culture, and heritage by connecting
91.14 Minnesota youth to natural resources.

91.15 **(g) Como Park Zoo**

91.16 \$750,000 each year is for the Como
91.17 Park Zoo for program development that
91.18 features education programs and habitat
91.19 enhancement, special exhibits, music
91.20 appreciation programs, and historical garden
91.21 access and preservation.

91.22 **(h) Lake Superior Zoo**

91.23 \$150,000 each year is for development of
91.24 educational exhibits using animals and the
91.25 environment.

91.26 **(i) Science Museum of Minnesota**

91.27 \$600,000 each year is for arts, arts education,
91.28 and arts access and to preserve Minnesota's
91.29 history and cultural heritage, including
91.30 student and teacher outreach and expansion
91.31 of the museum's American Indian initiatives
91.32 programs.

91.33 **(j) Lake Superior Center Authority**

92.1 \$250,000 the first year is for development,
 92.2 preparation, and construction of an exhibit
 92.3 on the unsalted seas to preserve Minnesota's
 92.4 history and cultural heritage related to fresh
 92.5 water lakes.

92.6 **(k) Minnesota State Band**

92.7 \$25,000 each year is for a grant to the
 92.8 Minnesota State Band to promote and
 92.9 increase public performances across
 92.10 Minnesota, and to preserve the history of the
 92.11 state band.

92.12 **(l) Midwest Art Conservation Center**

92.13 \$50,000 each year is for a grant to the
 92.14 Midwest Art Conservation Center, a
 92.15 nonprofit regional arts center, for the
 92.16 preservation and conservation of art and
 92.17 artifacts. The grant is to support providing
 92.18 treatment, education, and training for
 92.19 museums, historical societies, libraries, and
 92.20 other cultural institutions, as well as public
 92.21 and private clients.

92.22 **(m) Capitol Arts Restoration**

92.23 \$3,250,000 the first year is for restoration
 92.24 and preservation of the fine art located in the
 92.25 State Capitol complex.

92.26 **(n) Historical Memorial Bust**

92.27 \$30,000 the first year is for a bust of Nellie
 92.28 Stone Johnson to be placed in the State
 92.29 Capitol Building.

92.30	<u>Subd. 7. Minnesota Zoo</u>	<u>1,750,000</u>	<u>1,750,000</u>
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92.31 These amounts are appropriated to the
 92.32 Minnesota Zoological Board for programs
 92.33 and development of the Minnesota

93.1 Zoological Garden and to provide access and
 93.2 education related to programs on the cultural
 93.3 heritage of Minnesota.

93.4 Subd. 8. **Minnesota Humanities Center** 2,225,000 1,625,000

93.5 (a) These amounts are appropriated to
 93.6 the Board of Directors of the Minnesota
 93.7 Humanities Center for the purposes
 93.8 specified in this subdivision. The Minnesota
 93.9 Humanities Center may use a portion of
 93.10 the following grants to cover the cost of
 93.11 administering, planning, evaluating, and
 93.12 reporting these grants. The Minnesota
 93.13 Humanities Center must develop a written
 93.14 plan to issue the grants in this subdivision and
 93.15 shall submit the plan for review and approval
 93.16 by the Department of Administration.

93.17 **(b) Programs and Purposes**

93.18 \$850,000 each year is for programs and
 93.19 purposes of the Minnesota Humanities
 93.20 Center.

93.21 The Minnesota Humanities Center may
 93.22 consider museums and organizations
 93.23 celebrating the identities of Minnesotans for
 93.24 grants from these funds.

93.25 **(c) Council on Disability**

93.26 \$150,000 the first year is for a grant to the
 93.27 Minnesota State Council on Disability to
 93.28 preserve Minnesota's disability history and
 93.29 culture and increase disability awareness
 93.30 statewide.

93.31 **(d) Children's Museum Grants**

93.32 \$1,225,000 the first year and \$775,000 the
 93.33 second year are for arts and cultural heritage
 93.34 grants to children's museums.

94.1 Of this amount, \$475,000 each year is
 94.2 for the Minnesota Children's Museum,
 94.3 including the Minnesota Children's Museum
 94.4 in Rochester; \$200,000 each year is for the
 94.5 Duluth Children's Museum; \$150,000 the
 94.6 first year and \$100,000 the second year are
 94.7 for the Grand Rapids Children's Museum;
 94.8 and \$400,000 the first year is for the Southern
 94.9 Minnesota Children's Museum.

94.10 **Subd. 9. Perpich Center for Arts Education** 600,000 750,000

94.11 (a) These amounts are appropriated to the
 94.12 Board of Directors of the Perpich Center
 94.13 for Arts Education for the program under
 94.14 paragraph (c).

94.15 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
 94.16 section 16A.28, the appropriations
 94.17 encumbered on or before June 30, 2017, are
 94.18 available until June 30, 2019.

94.19 **(c) Turnaround Arts Program**

94.20 \$600,000 the first year and \$800,000 the
 94.21 second year are for the Turnaround Arts
 94.22 program to assist schools and programs
 94.23 throughout the state.

94.24 **Subd. 10. Indian Affairs Council** 1,000,000 1,000,000

94.25 (a) \$1,000,000 each year is for the Indian
 94.26 Affairs Council to provide grants to preserve
 94.27 Dakota and Ojibwe Indian language and to
 94.28 foster education programs and immersion
 94.29 programs in Dakota and Ojibwe language.
 94.30 Of this amount, \$125,000 each year is for the
 94.31 Niigaane Ojibwe Immersion School.

94.32 **Subd. 11. Disability Access**

94.33 Where appropriate, grant recipients of arts
 94.34 and cultural heritage funds, in consultation

95.1 with the appropriate governor-appointed
 95.2 disability councils, boards, committees, and
 95.3 commissions, should make progress toward
 95.4 providing greater access to programs, print
 95.5 publications, and digital media for people
 95.6 with disabilities related to the programs the
 95.7 recipient funds using appropriations made in
 95.8 this section.

95.9 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 16B.24, is amended by adding a subdivision
 95.10 to read:

95.11 Subd. 12. **State band.** The commissioner must provide free rehearsal and storage
 95.12 space in the same building in the Capitol Area, as defined in section 15B.02, to an entity
 95.13 known as the Minnesota State Band, a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of
 95.14 the Internal Revenue Code.

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

95.16 Sec. 4. Laws 2014, chapter 295, section 10, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

95.17 Subd. 12. **St. Paul - Minnesota Children's**
 95.18 **Museum**

7,485,000

95.19 For a grant to the city of St. Paul to predesign,
 95.20 design, construct, furnish, and equip an
 95.21 expansion and renovation of the Minnesota
 95.22 Children's Museum. The expansion and
 95.23 exhibit upgrades should incorporate the
 95.24 latest research on early learning, allow for
 95.25 new state-of-the art education facilities, and
 95.26 increase the capacity of visitors to galleries
 95.27 and programming areas. This appropriation
 95.28 is not available until the commissioner of
 95.29 management and budget has determined that
 95.30 at least ~~an equal amount~~ \$4,000,000 has been
 95.31 committed from nonstate sources. Amounts
 95.32 expended for this project by nonstate sources
 95.33 since October 1, 2010, shall count toward the
 95.34 nonstate match.

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

96.2 Sec. 5. Laws 2014, chapter 295, section 12, is amended to read:

96.3 Sec. 12. **MINNESOTA HISTORICAL**
 96.4 **SOCIETY**

\$ 1,400,000

96.5 To the Minnesota Historical Society to be
 96.6 allocated to county and local jurisdictions
 96.7 as matching money for historic preservation
 96.8 projects of a capital nature, as provided
 96.9 in Minnesota Statutes, section 138.0525.

96.10 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
 96.11 138.0525, of this amount: (1) \$50,000 is for a
 96.12 grant to the Fulda Heritage Society to expand
 96.13 the display areas for historic materials; and
 96.14 (2) \$250,000 is for a grant to the Gunflint
 96.15 Trail Historical Society to complete phase
 96.16 two of the Chik-Wauk Museum and Nature
 96.17 Center. Work within the National Register of
 96.18 Historic Places property shall be approved
 96.19 by the Minnesota Historical Society.