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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. 560

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to capital investment; authorizing grants to certain cities for facade
1.3 preservation in historic commercial districts; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY; HISTORIC BUILDING
1.6 FACADE GRANTS.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Appropriation. \$..... in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general
1.8 fund to the Minnesota Historical Society for one or more grants to cities with a population
1.9 of less than 15,000 and a commercial historic district listed on the National Register of
1.10 Historic Places. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until the project is completed
1.11 or abandoned subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.642.

1.12 Subd. 2. Grant agreements. (a) A city that receives a grant under subdivision 1 must
1.13 enter into grant agreements with owners of properties in the city that:

1.14 (1) are located within the boundaries of the commercial historic district; and

1.15 (2) have facades that are historic in nature.

1.16 (b) A grantee under paragraph (a) must use the money to rehabilitate the building facade
1.17 of a property that meets the criteria in paragraph (a). The rehabilitation must be consistent
1.18 with the standards for rehabilitation under Code of Federal Regulations, title 36, section
1.19 67.7, and guidance from the Minnesota Historical Society. The rehabilitation must be
1.20 completed within two years from the date the grantee under paragraph (a) received the grant.
1.21 Any unused money must be returned to the Minnesota Historical Society for deposit in the
1.22 general fund.

- 2.1 (c) The Minnesota Historical Society shall prescribe the form of the grant agreement in
- 2.2 paragraph (a).
- 2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.