

CHAPTER 2--S.F.No. 3

An act relating to state government; appropriating money from outdoor heritage, clean water, parks and trails, and arts and cultural heritage funds; modifying and extending prior appropriations; amending Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, as amended; Laws 2017, chapter 91, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2.

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

ARTICLE 1**OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND**Section 1. **OUTDOOR HERITAGE APPROPRIATION.**

The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the outdoor heritage fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The figures "2020" and "2021" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, or June 30, 2021, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2020. "The second year" is fiscal year 2021. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2020 and 2021. These are onetime appropriations.

APPROPRIATIONS
Available for the Year
Ending June 30
2020 **2021**

Sec. 2. **OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND**

Subdivision 1. <u>Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>127,127,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>565,000</u>
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This appropriation is from the outdoor heritage fund.
The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are
specified in the following subdivisions.

Subd. 2. <u>Prairies</u>		<u>38,303,000</u>		<u>-0-</u>
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(a) DNR Wildlife Management Area and Scientific and
Natural Area Acquisition - Phase XI

\$2,519,000 the first year is to the commissioner of
natural resources to acquire in fee and restore and
enhance lands for wildlife management under
Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8, and
to acquire lands in fee for scientific and natural areas

under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area Program - Phase XI

\$6,060,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire in fee and restore and enhance lands for wildlife management under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(c) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project - Phase IX

\$3,058,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with The Nature Conservancy to acquire lands in fee and to restore and enhance native prairies, grasslands, wetlands, and savannas. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. No later than 180 days after The Nature Conservancy's fiscal year ends, The Nature Conservancy must submit to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council annual income statements and balance sheets for income and expenses from land acquired with this appropriation. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan, and the acquisitions must be consistent with the priorities identified in *Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan*.

(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase X

\$2,383,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with The Nature Conservancy, in cooperation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to acquire lands in fee or permanent conservation easements and to restore and enhance lands in the Northern Tallgrass Prairie Habitat Preservation Area in western Minnesota for addition to the Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan, and the acquisitions must be consistent with the priorities in *Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan*.

(e) Lower Wild Rice Corridor Habitat Restoration - Phase II

\$225,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Wild Rice Watershed District to acquire land in permanent conservation easement and to restore river and related habitat in the Wild Rice River corridor. \$2,750,000 the first year is to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to acquire lands in permanent conservation easements and to restore river and related habitat in the Wild Rice River corridor, of which up to \$111,000 is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed acquisitions must be included as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(f) Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition - Phase III

\$3,650,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements to acquire lands in fee and restore and enhance strategic prairie grassland, wetland, and other wildlife habitat in Martin County for wildlife management under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8. Of this amount, \$3,002,000 is to Fox Lake Conservation League Inc., \$554,000 is to Ducks Unlimited, and \$94,000 is to The Conservation Fund. A list of proposed acquisitions

must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(g) RIM Grasslands Reserve

\$2,276,000 the first year is to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to acquire permanent conservation easements and to restore and enhance grassland habitat under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.501 to 103F.531. Of this amount, up to \$39,000 is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the final report.

(h) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley - Phase V

\$2,558,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Pheasants Forever, in cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie Chicken Society, to acquire lands in fee and restore and enhance lands in the southern Red River valley for wildlife management under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8, or to be designated and managed as waterfowl production areas in Minnesota in cooperation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(i) DNR Grassland Enhancement - Phase XI

\$8,861,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to accelerate restoration and enhancement of prairies, grasslands, and savannas in wildlife management areas, in scientific and natural areas, in aquatic management areas, on lands in the native prairie bank, in bluff prairies on state forest land in southeastern Minnesota, and in waterfowl production areas and refuge lands of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. A list of proposed land

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

(j) Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Restoration and Enhancement - Phase VI

\$2,573,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements to acquire permanent conservation easements and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat on public lands and easements in the Anoka Sand Plain ecoregion and intersecting minor watersheds as follows: \$156,000 is to the Anoka Conservation District; \$699,000 is to Great River Greening; \$269,000 is to the Sherburne Soil and Water Conservation District; \$182,000 is to the National Wild Turkey Federation; and \$1,267,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to \$144,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is for establishing monitoring and enforcement funds as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed permanent conservation easements, restorations, and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(k) Fairmont Chain of Lakes Habitat Restoration Plan - Phase I

\$1,390,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the city of Fairmont to restore and enhance grassland, wetland, and stream habitats in the Dutch Creek watershed. A list of proposed restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

Subd. 3. Forests

17,032,000

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(a) Protecting Strategic Forest Lands Near Camp Ripley Partnership - Phase VIII

\$3,348,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with The Conservation Fund to acquire in fee and restore and enhance forest wildlife habitat in Cass, Crow Wing, and Morrison Counties in proximity to the Minnesota National Guard Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape. Land must be acquired for state forests under

Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 7; for wildlife management under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8; for scientific and natural areas under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 5; or as county forest land or municipal forest land. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(b) Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration - Phase VII

\$5,741,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements as follows:

(1) \$2,701,000 to The Nature Conservancy to acquire lands in fee to be held by The Nature Conservancy or acquire lands in fee for wildlife management under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8; for scientific and natural areas under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 5; for state forests under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 7; and for aquatic management areas under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 14;

(2) \$1,370,000 to The Trust for Public Land to acquire lands in fee for wildlife management under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8; for scientific and natural areas under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 5; for state forests under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 7; and for aquatic management areas under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 14; and

(3) \$1,670,000 to Minnesota Land Trust to acquire permanent conservation easements and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat, of which \$192,000 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

Annual income statements and balance sheets for income and expenses from land acquired in fee and held by The Nature Conservancy with the appropriation in clause (1) must be submitted to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council no later than 180 days after The Nature Conservancy's fiscal year closes. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(c) Minnesota Forests for the Future - Phase VII

\$4,573,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire lands in fee and easements and to restore and enhance forests, wetlands, and shoreline habitat through working forest permanent conservation easements under the Minnesota forests for the future program according to Minnesota Statutes, section 84.66. A conservation easement acquired with money appropriated under this paragraph must comply with Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 13. The accomplishment plan must include an easement monitoring and enforcement plan. Of this amount, up to \$150,000 is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan. A list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the final report.

(d) Mississippi River Floodplain Forest Enhancement - Phase III

\$1,357,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the National Audubon Society to restore and enhance floodplain forest habitat for wildlife on public lands along the Mississippi River. A list of restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(e) Enhanced Public Land Open Landscapes - Phase I

\$955,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Pheasants Forever, in cooperation with the Minnesota Sharp-Tailed Grouse Society, to enhance and restore early successional open landscape habitat on public lands. A list of proposed restoration and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(f) Minnesota Forest Recovery Project - Phase I

\$1,058,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with The Nature

Conservancy to enhance degraded forests in Beltrami, Cass, Cook, Itasca, Lake, and St. Louis Counties. A list of enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

Subd. 4. **Wetlands**

20,753,000

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(a) Accelerating Waterfowl Production Area Acquisition - Phase XI

\$5,631,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Pheasants Forever, in cooperation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to acquire lands in fee and to restore and enhance wetlands and grasslands to be designated and managed as waterfowl production areas in Minnesota. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection Program - Phase VIII

\$6,150,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire lands in fee and to restore and enhance prairie lands, wetlands, and land buffering shallow lakes for wildlife management under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8. A list of proposed acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(c) Wetland Habitat Protection Program - Phase IV

\$2,129,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to acquire permanent conservation easements and to restore and enhance prairie, wetland, and other habitat on permanently protected conservation easements in high-priority wetland habitat complexes in the prairie and forest/prairie transition regions. Of this amount, up to \$240,000 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed conservation easement acquisitions and restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(d) Wild Rice Shoreland Protection - Phase VI

\$937,000 the first year is to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to acquire permanent conservation easements on wild rice lake shoreland habitat for native wild rice bed protection. Of this amount, up to \$72,000 is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the final report. \$250,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire lands in fee and restore and enhance lands for wildlife management under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8; for scientific and natural areas under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 5; for state forests under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 7; and for aquatic management under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02 to acquire lands for wild rice lake shoreland habitat to protect native wild rice beds. A list of proposed acquisitions in fee must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(e) Shallow Lakes and Wetlands Enhancement - Phase XI

\$3,541,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to enhance and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat statewide. A list of proposed land restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(f) Restoring Wetlands Dominated by Nonnative Cattail in Border Waters

\$1,270,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the National Park Service to restore and enhance wetland and lacustrine habitat in Voyageurs National Park. A list of proposed restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the accomplishment plan.

(g) Big Rice Lake Wild Rice Enhancement

\$845,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to enhance and restore wild rice wetland habitat in Big Rice Lake in St. Louis County.

Subd. 5. **Habitats**

50,119,000

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(a) St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration - Phase I

\$3,751,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements as follows:

(1) \$2,209,000 to The Trust for Public Land to acquire land in fee and to acquire permanent conservation stream easements in the St. Croix River watershed using the payment method prescribed in Minnesota Statutes, section 84.0272, subdivision 2;

(2) \$1,377,000 to Minnesota Land Trust to acquire permanent conservation easements and to restore and enhance natural habitat systems in the St. Croix River watershed. Of this amount, up to \$168,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17; and

(3) \$165,000 to the St. Croix River Association to coordinate and administer the program under this paragraph.

A list of proposed land acquisitions and permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(b) Metro Big Rivers - Phase IX

\$4,163,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements to acquire lands in fee and permanent conservation easements and to restore and enhance natural habitat systems associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota, and St. Croix Rivers and their tributaries in the metropolitan area. Of this amount, \$820,000 is to Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust Inc., \$532,000 is to Friends of the Mississippi River, \$1,061,000 is to Great River Greening, and \$1,750,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$144,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the

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

(c) Dakota County Habitat Protection/Restoration - Phase VII

\$3,516,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Dakota County to acquire permanent conservation easements and land in fee and to restore and enhance riparian and other habitats in Dakota County. A list of proposed land acquisitions and restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(d) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes - Phase V

\$3,365,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements to acquire lands in fee and permanent conservation easements and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat to sustain healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes in Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard Counties. Of this amount, \$841,000 is to Northern Waters Land Trust and \$2,524,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$192,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(e) Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration

\$2,946,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements to acquire lands in fee and permanent conservation easements and restore and enhance wildlife habitat in the Sauk River watershed as follows: \$440,000 to Sauk River Watershed District, \$590,000 to Pheasants Forever, and \$1,916,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$192,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the

accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(f) Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement and Restoration - Phase XI

\$2,359,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Trout Unlimited to acquire permanent conservation stream easements using the payment method prescribed in Minnesota Statutes, section 84.0272, subdivision 2, and to restore and enhance habitat for trout and other species in and along coldwater rivers, lakes, and streams in Minnesota. Up to \$40,000 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed land acquisitions and restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(g) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement - Phase II

\$3,208,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to restore and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded streams and aquatic management areas and to facilitate fish passage. A list of proposed land restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(h) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative - Phase VI

\$3,777,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to restore aquatic and riparian habitats in the St. Louis River estuary. Of this appropriation, up to \$2,182,000 is for an agreement with Minnesota Land Trust. A list of proposed restorations must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(i) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation - Phase IV

\$891,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Zeitgeist, in cooperation with the Lake Superior Steelhead Association, to restore and enhance trout habitat in the

Knife River watershed. A list of proposed enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(j) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program - Phase VIII

\$2,046,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Shell Rock River Watershed District to acquire lands in fee and to restore and enhance aquatic habitat in the Shell Rock River watershed. A list of proposed acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(k) Pine River Fish Passage Project

\$1,246,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District to restore and enhance riverine habitat in the Pine River and provide fish passage by removing dams and modifying and installing structures.

(l) Sauk River Dam Fish Passage

\$737,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District to restore and enhance riverine habitat in the Sauk River and provide fish passage by removing the dam and modifying and installing structures at the Melrose dam site.

(m) Restoring Norway Brook Connectivity to the Pine River

\$2,267,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the city of Pine River to restore and enhance riverine habitat in the Pine River and provide fish passage by removing the dam and modifying and installing structures at the Norway Lake dam site.

(n) Pig's Eye Lake Islands Habitat Restoration and Enhancement

\$4,337,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Ramsey County to restore and enhance wildlife habitat in Pig's Eye Lake, to include constructing islands.

(o) Restoring Upper Mississippi River at Lake Pepin

\$750,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Lake Pepin Legacy Alliance to restore and enhance wildlife habitat on public lands in Lake Pepin and the adjacent floodplain. A list of proposed restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(p) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat - Phase XI

\$10,760,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for a program to provide competitive matching grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional, state, and national organizations for enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife in Minnesota. Of this amount, at least \$3,000,000 is for grants in the seven-county metropolitan area and cities with a population of 50,000 or greater. Grants must not be made for activities required to fulfill the duties of owners of lands subject to conservation easements. Grants must not be made from the appropriation in this paragraph for projects that have a total project cost exceeding \$575,000. Of the total appropriation, \$445,000 may be spent for personnel costs and other direct and necessary administrative costs. Grantees may acquire land or interests in land. Easements must be permanent. Grants may not be used to establish easement stewardship accounts. Land acquired in fee must be open to hunting and fishing during the open season unless otherwise provided by law. The program must require a match of at least ten percent from nonstate sources for all grants. The match may be cash or in-kind resources. For grant applications of \$25,000 or less, the commissioner must provide a separate, simplified application process. Subject to Minnesota statutes, the commissioner of natural resources must, when evaluating projects of equal value, give priority to organizations that have a history of receiving, or a charter to receive, private contributions for local

conservation or habitat projects. If acquiring land in fee or a conservation easement, priority must be given to projects associated with or within one mile of existing wildlife management areas under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and natural areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or aquatic management areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02. All restoration or enhancement projects must be on land permanently protected by a permanent covenant ensuring perpetual maintenance and protection of restored and enhanced habitat, by a conservation easement or public ownership or in public waters as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 15. Priority must be given to restoration and enhancement projects on public lands. Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded under this paragraph. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2023. No less than five percent of the amount of each grant must be held back from reimbursement until the grant recipient has completed a grant accomplishment report by the deadline and in the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The commissioner must provide notice of the grant program in the summary of game and fish law prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.051, subdivision 2.

Subd. 6. Administration

920,000

565,000

(a) Contract Management

\$210,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for contract management duties assigned in this section. The commissioner must provide an accomplishment plan in the form specified by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council on expending this appropriation. The accomplishment plan must include a copy of the grant contract template and reimbursement manual. No money may be expended before the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council approves the accomplishment plan.

(b) Legislative Coordinating Commission

\$555,000 the first year and \$560,000 the second year are to the Legislative Coordinating Commission for

administrative expenses of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council and for compensating and reimbursing expenses of council members. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2021. Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.281, applies to this appropriation.

(c) Technical Evaluation Panel

\$150,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for a technical evaluation panel to conduct up to 25 restoration and enhancement evaluations under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 10.

(d) Legacy Website

\$5,000 the first year and \$5,000 the second year are to the Legislative Coordinating Commission for the website required in Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision 10.

Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation

Money appropriated in this section may not be spent on activities unless they are directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation and are specified in the accomplishment plan approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. Money appropriated in this section must not be spent on indirect costs or other institutional overhead charges that are not directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation. Unless otherwise provided, the amounts in this section are available until June 30, 2022. For acquisition of real property, the amounts in this section are available until June 30, 2023, if a binding agreement with a landowner or purchase agreement is entered into by June 30, 2022, and closed no later than June 30, 2023. Funds for restoration or enhancement are available until June 30, 2024, or five years after acquisition, whichever is later, in order to complete initial restoration or enhancement work. If a project receives at least 15 percent of its funding from federal funds, the time of the appropriation may be extended to equal the availability of federal funding to a maximum of six years if that federal funding was confirmed and included in the original draft accomplishment plan. Funds appropriated for fee title

acquisition of land may be used to restore, enhance, and provide for public use of the land acquired with the appropriation. Public-use facilities must have a minimal impact on habitat in acquired lands.

Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital Equipment Expenditures

All agreements referred to in this section must be administered on a reimbursement basis unless otherwise provided in this section. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.41, expenditures directly related to each appropriation's purpose made on or after July 1, 2019, or the date of accomplishment plan approval, whichever is later, are eligible for reimbursement unless otherwise provided in this section. For the purposes of administering appropriations and legislatively authorized agreements paid out of the outdoor heritage fund, an expense must be considered reimbursable by the administering agency when the recipient presents the agency with an invoice, or a binding agreement with the landowner, and the recipient attests that the goods have been received or the landowner agreement is binding. Periodic reimbursement must be made upon receiving documentation that the items articulated in the accomplishment plan approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council have been achieved, including partial achievements as evidenced by progress reports approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. Reasonable amounts may be advanced to projects to accommodate cash flow needs, support future management of acquired lands, or match a federal share. The advances must be approved as part of the accomplishment plan. Capital equipment expenditures for specific items over \$10,000 must be itemized in and approved as part of the accomplishment plan.

Subd. 9. Mapping

Each direct recipient of money appropriated in this section, as well as each recipient of a grant awarded according to this section, must provide geographic information to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for mapping of any lands acquired in fee with funds appropriated in this section and open to public taking of fish and game. The commissioner of natural

resources must include the lands acquired in fee with money appropriated in this section on maps showing public recreational opportunities. Maps must include information on and acknowledgment of the outdoor heritage fund, including a notation of any restrictions.

Subd. 10. Carryforwards

(a) The availability of the appropriation in Laws 2014, chapter 256, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (k), Evaluate Effectiveness of Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Strategies, is extended to June 30, 2020.

(b) The availability of the appropriation in Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (f), Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and Water - Phase V, is extended to June 30, 2024.

(c) The availability of the appropriation in Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (g), Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Buffers for Wildlife and Water - Phase VI, is extended to June 30, 2025.

(d) This subdivision is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 3. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, as amended by Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section 5, and Laws 2017, chapter 91, article 1, section 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Prairies

40,948,000

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(a) DNR Wildlife Management Area and Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition - Phase VII

\$4,570,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire land in fee for wildlife management purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee for scientific and natural area purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquisition of lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of proposed land and permanent conservation easement acquisitions must

be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

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

\$7,452,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire land in fee for wildlife management area purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquisition of lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(c) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project - Phase VI

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

**(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge
Land Acquisition - Phase VI**

\$3,430,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with The Nature Conservancy in cooperation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to acquire land in fee or permanent conservation easements within the Northern Tallgrass Prairie Habitat Preservation Area in western Minnesota for addition to the Northern Tallgrass Prairie

National Wildlife Refuge. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquisition of lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan and must be consistent with the priorities in the Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

(e) Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection - Phase IV

\$3,740,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to implement the Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan through the acquisition of permanent conservation easements to protect native prairie and grasslands. Up to \$165,000 is for establishing monitoring and enforcement funds as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquisition of lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the final report.

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

\$4,544,000 in the first year is to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to acquire permanent conservation easements to protect and enhance habitat by expanding the clean water fund riparian buffer program for at least equal wildlife benefits from buffers on private land. Up to \$728,000 is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the final report.

(g) Cannon River Headwaters Habitat Complex - Phase V

\$1,380,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with The Trust for Public Land to acquire and restore lands in the Cannon

River watershed for wildlife management purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquisition of lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

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

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

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

\$1,730,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements to acquire conservation easements within and restore and enhance important bird areas identified in the Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan, to be used as follows: \$408,000 is to Audubon Minnesota and \$1,322,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to \$100,000 is for establishing monitoring and enforcement funds as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the final report. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2021.

(j) Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat Restoration

\$2,270,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Wild Rice Watershed District to acquire land in fee and permanent conservation easement and to restore river and related habitat in the Wild Rice River corridor. A

list of proposed acquisitions and restorations must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

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

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

(l) Enhanced Public Land Grasslands - Phase II

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

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2015.

Sec. 4. Laws 2017, chapter 91, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Prairies	29,489,000	1,373,000
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(a) DNR Wildlife Management Area and Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition - Phase IX

\$3,064,000 the first year and \$1,373,000 the second year are to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire in fee and restore lands for wildlife management purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee for scientific and natural area purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(b) Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Acquisition - Phase IX

\$5,603,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire in fee and restore lands for wildlife management area purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(c) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project - Phase VII

\$1,901,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with The Nature Conservancy to acquire land in fee for native prairie, wetland, and savanna and to restore and enhance grasslands, wetlands, and savanna. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. No later than 180 days after The Nature Conservancy's fiscal year ends, The Nature Conservancy must submit to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council annual income statements and balance sheets for income and expenses from land acquired with this appropriation. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan and must be consistent with the priorities identified in Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase VIII

\$2,683,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with The Nature Conservancy in cooperation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to acquire land in fee or permanent conservation easements and restore lands in the Northern Tallgrass Prairie Habitat Preservation Area in western Minnesota for addition to the Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected

native prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan, and the acquisitions must be consistent with the priorities in Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

(e) Cannon River Headwaters Habitat Complex - Phase VII

\$1,436,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with The Trust for Public Land to acquire in fee and restore lands in the Cannon River watershed for wildlife management purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(f) Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection - Phase VI

\$2,481,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire permanent conservation easements to implement the strategies in Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan to protect and restore native prairie. Of this amount, up to \$140,000 is for establishing monitoring and enforcement funds as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the final report.

(g) Reinvest In Minnesota (RIM) Buffers for Wildlife and Water - Phase VII

\$5,333,000 the first year is to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to restore habitat and acquire permanent conservation easements under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515, to protect, restore, and enhance habitat by expanding the riparian-buffer program of the clean water fund for at least equal wildlife benefits

from buffers on private land. Of this amount, up to \$858,000 is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the final report.

(h) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley - Phase III

\$1,908,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Pheasants Forever in cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie Chicken Society to acquire land in fee and restore and enhance lands in the southern Red River valley for wildlife management purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8, or to be designated and managed as waterfowl-production areas in Minnesota in cooperation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(i) Accelerated Prairie Restoration and Enhancement on DNR Lands - Phase IX

\$3,950,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to accelerate restoration and enhancement of prairies, grasslands, and savannas on wildlife management areas, scientific and natural areas, native prairie bank land, bluff prairies on state forest land in southeastern Minnesota, and United States Fish and Wildlife Service waterfowl-production area and refuge lands. A list of proposed land restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(j) ~~Anoka Sandplain~~ Sand Plain Habitat Restoration and Enhancement - Phase V

\$1,130,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements to acquire permanent conservation easements and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat on public lands in ~~Anoka, Benton,~~

~~Isanti, Morrison, and Stearns Counties~~ the Anoka Sand Plain ecoregion and intersecting minor watersheds as follows: \$41,000 is to the Anoka Conservation District, \$231,000 is to the Isanti County Soil and Water Conservation District, \$345,000 is to Great River Greening, \$163,000 is to the Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District, and \$350,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$40,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is for establishing monitoring and enforcement funds as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed permanent conservation easements, restorations, and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2017.

ARTICLE 2

CLEAN WATER FUND

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

The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the clean water fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for allowable activities under the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15. The figures "2020" and "2021" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, or June 30, 2021, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2020. "The second year" is fiscal year 2021. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2020 and 2021. The appropriations in this article are onetime.

APPROPRIATIONS

Available for the Year

Ending June 30

2020

2021

Sec. 2. **CLEAN WATER**

<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	\$	<u>134,518,000</u>	\$	<u>126,743,000</u>
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The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following sections.

Subd. 2. **Availability of Appropriation**

Money appropriated in this article may not be spent on activities unless they are directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation. Money appropriated in this article must be spent in accordance with Minnesota Management and Budget's Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund Expenditure. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless otherwise specified in this article, fiscal year 2020 appropriations are available until June 30, 2021, and fiscal year 2021 appropriations are available until June 30, 2022. If a project receives federal funds, the period of the appropriation is extended to equal the availability of federal funding.

Subd. 3. Disability Access

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

Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

\$ 11,010,000 \$ 10,710,000

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

(b) \$2,585,000 the first year and \$2,585,000 the second year are for monitoring and evaluating trends in the concentration of nitrate in groundwater in areas vulnerable to groundwater degradation; promoting, developing, and evaluating regional and crop-specific nutrient best management practices; assessing best management practice adoption; education and technical support from University of Minnesota Extension; grants to support agricultural demonstration and implementation activities, including research activities at the Rosholt Research Farm; and other actions to protect groundwater from degradation from nitrate. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2024.

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

(d) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000 the second year are for technical assistance, research, and demonstration projects on proper implementation of best management practices and more-precise information on nonpoint contributions to impaired waters and for grants to support on-farm demonstration of agricultural practices. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2024.

(e) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the second year are for a research inventory database containing water-related research activities. Costs for information technology development or support for this research inventory database may be paid to the Office of MN.IT Services. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2024.

(f) \$3,000,000 the first year and \$3,000,000 the second year are to implement the Minnesota agricultural water quality certification program statewide. Funds appropriated in this paragraph are available until June 30, 2024.

(g) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the second year are for a regional irrigation water quality specialist through University of Minnesota Extension.

(h) \$2,300,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the second year are for grants to fund the Forever Green Agriculture Initiative and to protect the state's natural resources while increasing the efficiency, profitability, and productivity of Minnesota farmers by incorporating perennial and winter-annual crops into existing agricultural practices. Of this amount, \$2,050,000 the first year and \$1,750,000 the second year are for grants to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for research and establishing an Agricultural Diversification Steering Council and Network and \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year are for grants to implement Forever Green crops or cropping systems. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2024.

(i) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year are for testing private wells for pesticides where nitrate is detected as part of the township testing program. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2024.

(j) A portion of the money in this section may be used for programs to train state and local outreach staff in the intersection between agricultural economics and agricultural conservation.

Sec. 4. <u>PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>10,125,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>8,125,000</u>
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(a) \$10,000,000 the first year and \$8,000,000 the second year are for the point source implementation grants program under Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.073. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2024.

(b) \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the second year are for small community wastewater treatment grants and loans under Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.075. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2024.

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

Sec. 5. <u>POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>23,242,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>23,242,000</u>
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(a) \$8,150,000 the first year and \$8,150,000 the second year are for completing needed statewide assessments of surface water quality and trends according to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 114D. Of this amount, \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the second year are for grants to the Red River Watershed Management Board to enhance and expand the existing water quality and watershed monitoring river watch activities in the schools in the Red River of the North. The Red River Watershed Management board shall provide a report to the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency and the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources finance and policy and the clean water fund by

February 15, 2021, on the expenditure of this appropriation.

(b) \$7,550,000 the first year and \$7,550,000 the second year are to develop watershed restoration and protection strategies (WRAPS), which include total maximum daily load (TMDL) studies and TMDL implementation plans according to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 114D, for waters on the impaired waters list approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The agency must complete an average of ten percent of the TMDLs each year over the biennium.

(c) \$1,182,000 the first year and \$1,182,000 the second year are for groundwater assessment, including enhancing the ambient monitoring network, modeling, evaluating trends, and reassessing groundwater that was assessed ten to 15 years ago and found to be contaminated.

(d) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the second year are for implementing the St. Louis River System Area of Concern Remedial Action Plan.

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

(f) \$3,375,000 the first year and \$3,375,000 the second year are for enhancing the county-level delivery systems for subsurface sewage treatment system (SSTS) activities necessary to implement Minnesota Statutes, sections 115.55 and 115.56, for protecting groundwater, including base grants for all counties with SSTS programs and competitive grants to counties with specific plans to significantly reduce water pollution by reducing the number of systems that are an imminent threat to public health or safety or are otherwise failing. Counties that receive base grants must report the number of sewage noncompliant properties upgraded through SSTS replacement, connection to a centralized sewer system, or other means, including property abandonment or buy-out. Counties also must report the number of existing SSTS compliance inspections conducted in areas under county jurisdiction. These required reports are to be part of established annual reporting for SSTS programs. Counties that conduct SSTS inventories or

those with an ordinance in place that requires an SSTS to be inspected as a condition of transferring property or as a condition of obtaining a local permit must be given priority for competitive grants under this paragraph. Of this amount, \$1,500,000 each year is available to counties for grants to low-income landowners to address systems that pose an imminent threat to public health or safety or fail to protect groundwater. A grant awarded under this paragraph may not exceed \$40,000 for the biennium. A county receiving a grant under this paragraph must submit a report to the agency listing the projects funded, including an account of the expenditures. By January 15, 2021, the commissioner must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources and the clean water fund detailing the outcomes achieved under this paragraph and past appropriations from the clean water fund for this purpose.

(g) \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the second year are for accelerated implementation of MS4 permit requirements, including additional technical assistance to municipalities experiencing difficulties understanding and implementing the basic requirements of the municipal storm water program.

(h) \$775,000 the first year and \$775,000 the second year are for a grant program for sanitary sewer projects that are included in the draft or any updated Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Project Comprehensive Plan to restore the water quality of waters in Voyageurs National Park. Grants must be awarded to local government units for projects approved by the Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board and must be matched by at least 25 percent from sources other than the clean water fund.

(i) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year are for activities, training, and grants that reduce chloride pollution. Of this amount, \$100,000 each year is for grants for upgrading, optimizing, or replacing water-softener units. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2023. Any unencumbered grant balances in the first year do not cancel but are available for grants in the second year.

(j) \$110,000 the first year and \$110,000 the second year are to support activities of the Clean Water Council according to Minnesota Statutes, section 114D.30, subdivision 1.

(k) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the appropriations in this section are available until June 30, 2024.

Sec. 6. <u>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>9,310,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>9,310,000</u>
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(a) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the second year are for stream flow monitoring.

(b) \$1,250,000 the first year and \$1,250,000 the second year are for lake Index of Biological Integrity (IBI) assessments. The number of IBI sampling assessments in the seven-county metropolitan area and the cities of Rochester and Duluth relative to the number of statewide sampling assessments must be proportional to the number of IBI-suitable lakes in the seven-county metropolitan area and the cities of Rochester and Duluth relative to the number of statewide IBI-suitable lakes.

(c) \$135,000 the first year and \$135,000 the second year are for assessing mercury and other fish contaminants, including monitoring to track the status of impaired waters over time.

(d) \$1,900,000 the first year and \$1,900,000 the second year are for developing targeted, science-based watershed restoration and protection strategies.

(e) \$2,075,000 the first year and \$2,075,000 the second year are for water-supply planning, aquifer protection, and monitoring activities.

(f) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year are for technical assistance to support local implementation of nonpoint source restoration and protection activities.

(g) \$700,000 the first year and \$700,000 the second year are for applied research and tools, including watershed hydrologic modeling; maintaining and updating spatial data for watershed boundaries, streams, and water bodies and integrating high-resolution digital elevation data; and assessing effectiveness of forestry best management practices for water quality.

(h) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the second year are for developing county geologic atlases.

(i) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the second year are for maintenance and updates to buffer maps and for technical guidance on interpreting buffer maps for local units of government implementing buffer requirements. Maps must be provided to local units of government and made available to landowners on the Department of Natural Resources website.

Sec. 7. **BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES** \$ 71,950,000 \$ 66,484,000

(a) \$13,591,000 the first year and \$13,375,000 the second year are for performance-based grants with multiyear implementation plans to local government units. The grants may be used to implement projects that protect, enhance, and restore surface water quality in lakes, rivers, and streams; protect groundwater from degradation; and protect drinking water sources. Projects must be identified in a comprehensive watershed plan developed under the One Watershed, One Plan or metropolitan surface water management frameworks or groundwater plans. Grant recipients must identify a nonstate match and may use other legacy funds to supplement projects funded under this paragraph.

(b) \$16,000,000 the first year and \$16,000,000 the second year are for grants to local government units to protect and restore surface water and drinking water; to keep water on the land; to protect, enhance, and restore water quality in lakes, rivers, and streams; and to protect groundwater and drinking water, including feedlot water quality and subsurface sewage treatment system projects and stream bank, stream channel, shoreline restoration, and ravine stabilization projects. The projects must use practices demonstrated to be effective, be of long-lasting public benefit, include a match, and be consistent with total maximum daily load (TMDL) implementation plans, watershed restoration and protection strategies (WRAPS), or local water management plans or their equivalents. A portion of this money may be used to seek administrative efficiencies through shared resources by multiple local governmental units. Up to 20 percent of this appropriation is available for land-treatment projects and practices that benefit drinking water.

(c) \$4,000,000 the first year and \$4,000,000 the second year are for accelerated implementation, local resource protection, enhancement grants, statewide analytical targeting tools that fill an identified gap, program enhancements for technical assistance, citizen and community outreach, compliance, and training and certification.

(d) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year are to provide state oversight and accountability, evaluate and communicate results, provide implementation tools, and measure the value of conservation program implementation by local governments, including submitting to the legislature by March 1 each even-numbered year a biennial report prepared by the board, in consultation with the commissioners of natural resources, health, agriculture, and the Pollution Control Agency, detailing the recipients, the projects funded under this section, and the amount of pollution reduced.

(e) \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000 the second year are to provide assistance, oversight, and grants for supporting local governments in implementing and complying with riparian protection and excessive soil loss requirements.

(f) \$4,750,000 the first year and \$4,750,000 the second year are to purchase, restore, or preserve riparian land adjacent to lakes, rivers, streams, and tributaries, by easements or contracts, to keep water on the land to decrease sediment, pollutant, and nutrient transport; reduce hydrologic impacts to surface waters; and increase infiltration for groundwater recharge. Up to \$507,000 is for deposit in a monitoring and enforcement account.

(g) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the second year are for permanent conservation easements on wellhead protection areas under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515, subdivision 2, paragraph (d), or for grants to local units of government for fee title acquisition to permanently protect groundwater supply sources on wellhead protection areas or for otherwise ensuring long-term protection of groundwater supply sources as described under alternative management tools in the Department of Agriculture's Nitrogen Fertilizer Management Plan, including low-nitrogen cropping systems or implementing nitrogen fertilizer

best management practices. Priority must be placed on land that is located where the vulnerability of the drinking water supply is designated as high or very high by the commissioner of health, where drinking water protection plans have identified specific activities that will achieve long-term protection, and on lands with expiring Conservation Reserve Program contracts. Up to \$182,000 is for deposit in a monitoring and enforcement account.

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

(i) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the second year are for assistance, oversight, and grants to local governments to transition local water management plans to a watershed approach as provided for in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 103B, 103C, 103D, and 114D.

(j) \$850,000 the first year and \$850,000 the second year are for technical assistance and grants for the conservation drainage program in consultation with the Drainage Work Group, coordinated under Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision 13, that includes projects to improve multipurpose water management under Minnesota Statutes, section 103E.015.

(k) \$11,250,000 the first year and \$6,000,000 the second year are to purchase and restore permanent conservation sites via easements or contracts to treat and store water on the land for water quality improvement purposes and related technical assistance. This work may be done in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture with a first-priority use to accomplish a conservation reserve enhancement program, or equivalent, in the state. Up to \$397,000 is for deposit in a monitoring and enforcement account.

(l) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000 the second year are to purchase permanent conservation easements to protect lands adjacent to public waters with good water quality but threatened with degradation. Up to \$338,000 is for deposit in a monitoring and enforcement account.

(m) \$425,000 the first year and \$425,000 the second year are for grants or contracts for a program to systematically collect data and produce county, watershed, and statewide estimates of soil erosion caused by water and wind along with tracking adoption of conservation measures, including cover crops, to address erosion. Up to \$700,000 is available for grants to or contracts with the University of Minnesota to complete this work.

(n) \$12,000,000 the first year and \$12,000,000 the second year are for payments to soil and water conservation districts for the purposes of Minnesota Statutes, sections 103C.321 and 103C.331. From this appropriation, each soil and water conservation district shall receive an increase in its base funding of \$100,000 per year. Money remaining after the base increase is available for grants to soil and water conservation districts as determined by the board based on county allocations to soil and water conservation districts and amount of private land and public waters. The board and other agencies may reduce the amount of grants to a county by an amount equal to any reduction in the county's allocation to a soil and water conservation district from the county's previous year allocation when the board determines that the reduction was disproportionate. The board may use up to one percent for the administration of payments.

(o) The board must contract for delivery of services with Conservation Corps Minnesota for restoration, maintenance, and other activities under this section for up to \$500,000 the first year and up to \$500,000 the second year.

(p) The board may shift grant, cost-share, or easement funds in this section and may adjust the technical and administrative assistance portion of the funds to leverage federal or other nonstate funds or to address oversight responsibilities or high-priority needs identified in local water management plans.

(q) The board must require grantees to specify the outcomes that will be achieved by the grants before any grant awards.

(r) The appropriations in this section are available until June 30, 2024, except grant funds are available for five years after the date a grant is executed, unless the commissioner of administration determines that a

longer duration is in the best interest of the state according to Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.98. Returned grant funds must be regranted consistent with the purposes of this section.

Sec. 8. **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

\$

6,497,000 **\$**

6,497,000

(a) \$1,700,000 the first year and \$1,700,000 the second year are for addressing public health concerns related to contaminants found in Minnesota drinking water for which no health-based drinking water standards exist, for improving the department's capacity to monitor the water quality of drinking water sources and to develop interventions to improve water quality, and for the department's laboratory to analyze unregulated contaminants. Of this amount, \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the second year are for the commissioner to work in cooperation with the commissioners of agriculture, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and natural resources to sample surface water and groundwater, including drinking water sources, and for an assessment to evaluate potential risks from microplastics and nanoplastics and identify appropriate follow-up actions.

(b) \$2,747,000 the first year and \$2,747,000 the second year are for protecting drinking water sources.

(c) \$550,000 the first year and \$550,000 the second year are to develop and deliver groundwater restoration and protection strategies on a watershed scale for use in local comprehensive water planning efforts, to provide resources to local governments for activities that protect sources of drinking water, and to enhance approaches that improve the capacity of local governmental units to protect and restore groundwater resources.

(d) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the second year are for studying the occurrence and magnitude of contaminants in private wells and developing guidance, outreach, and interventions to reduce risks to private-well owners.

(e) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year are for evaluating and addressing the risks from viruses, bacteria, and protozoa in groundwater supplies and for evaluating land uses that may contribute to

contamination of public water systems with these pathogens.

(f) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year are to develop public health policies and an action plan to address threats to safe drinking water, including development of a statewide plan for protecting drinking water.

(g) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year are to create a road map for water reuse implementation in Minnesota and to address research gaps by studying Minnesota water reuse systems.

(h) Unless otherwise specified, the appropriations in this section are available until June 30, 2023.

Sec. 9. **METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**

\$ **1,375,000** **\$** **1,375,000**

(a) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year are to implement projects that address emerging threats to the drinking water supply, provide cost-effective regional solutions, leverage interjurisdictional coordination, support local implementation of water supply reliability projects, and prevent degradation of groundwater resources in the metropolitan area. These projects will provide communities with:

(1) potential solutions to leverage regional water use by using surface water, storm water, wastewater, and groundwater;

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

(3) development of planning-level cost estimates, including capital costs and operating costs;

(4) identification of funding mechanisms and an equitable cost-sharing structure for regionally beneficial water supply development projects; and

(5) development of subregional groundwater models.

(b) \$375,000 the first year and \$375,000 the second year are for the water demand reduction grant program to encourage municipalities in the metropolitan area to implement measures to reduce water demand to ensure the reliability and protection of drinking water supplies.

Sec. 10. UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

\$

1,000,000 \$

1,000,000

(a) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second year are for developing county geologic atlases. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2026.

(b) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the second year are for a program to evaluate performance and technology transfer for storm water best management practices, to evaluate best management performance and effectiveness to support meeting total maximum daily loads, to develop standards and incorporate state-of-the-art guidance using minimal impact design standards as the model, and to implement a system to transfer knowledge and technology across local government, industry, and regulatory sectors. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2026.

Sec. 11. LEGISLATURE

\$

9,000 \$

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\$9,000 the first year is for the Legislative Coordinating Commission for the website required under Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision 10.

ARTICLE 3

PARKS AND TRAILS FUND

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

The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the parks and trails fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figures "2020" and "2021" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, or June 30, 2021, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2020. "The second year" is fiscal year 2021. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2020 and 2021. All appropriations in this article are onetime.

APPROPRIATIONS

Available for the Year**Ending June 30**

2020

2021

Sec. 2. PARKS AND TRAILS

Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation

\$

50,052,000 \$

51,205,000

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

Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation

Money appropriated in this article may not be spent on activities unless they are directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation. Money appropriated in this article must be spent in accordance with Minnesota Management and Budget's Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund Expenditure. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless otherwise specified in this article, fiscal year 2020 appropriations are available until June 30, 2022, and fiscal year 2021 appropriations are available until June 30, 2023. If a project receives federal funds, the period of the appropriation is extended to equal the availability of federal funding.

Subd. 3. Disability Access

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

Sec. 3. <u>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>30,229,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>30,928,000</u>
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(a) \$19,819,000 the first year and \$20,777,000 the second year are for state parks, recreation areas, and trails to:

(1) connect people to the outdoors;

(2) acquire land and create opportunities;

(3) maintain existing holdings; and

(4) improve cooperation by coordinating with partners to implement the 25-year long-range parks and trails legacy plan.

(b) \$9,910,000 the first year and \$10,139,000 the second year are for grants for parks and trails of regional significance outside the seven-county

metropolitan area under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.535. The grants awarded under this paragraph must be based on the lists of recommended projects submitted to the legislative committees under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536, subdivision 10, from the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission established under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536. Grants funded under this paragraph must support parks and trails of regional or statewide significance that meet the applicable definitions and criteria for regional parks and trails contained in the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan adopted by the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission on April 22, 2015. Grant recipients identified under this paragraph must submit a grant application to the commissioner of natural resources. Up to 2.5 percent of the appropriation may be used by the commissioner for the actual cost of issuing and monitoring the grants for the commission. Of the amount appropriated, \$446,000 the first year and \$456,000 the second year are for the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission to carry out its duties under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536, including the continued development of a statewide system plan for regional parks and trails outside the seven-county metropolitan area.

(c) By January 15, 2020, the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission must submit a list of projects that contains the commission's recommendations for funding from the parks and trails fund for fiscal year 2021 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the environment and natural resources and the parks and trails fund.

(d) By January 15, 2020, the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission must submit a report that contains the commission's criteria for funding from the parks and trails fund, including the criteria used to determine if a park or trail is of regional significance, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the environment and natural resources and the parks and trails fund.

(e) \$500,000 the first year and \$512,000 the second year are for coordination and projects between the department, the Metropolitan Council, and the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission; enhanced web-based information for park and trail users; and support of activities of the Parks and Trails Legacy Advisory Committee.

(f) The commissioner must contract for services with Conservation Corps Minnesota for restoration, maintenance, and other activities under this section for at least \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the second year.

(g) The implementing agencies receiving appropriations under this section must give consideration to contracting with Conservation Corps Minnesota for restoration, maintenance, and other activities.

(h) The commissioner shall convene and facilitate a working group of nine members to develop consensus recommendations for the future allocation of the parks and trails fund. The working group shall have three representatives each from the Metropolitan Council for parks and trails of regional significance in the seven-county metropolitan region; Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission for parks and trails of regional significance in greater Minnesota; and the Department of Natural Resources for parks and trails of statewide significance in Minnesota. The working group shall also consult with the Parks and Trails Legacy Advisory Committee. The consensus recommendations shall be submitted no later than June 15, 2020, and presented to the governor for consideration in the budget for fiscal years 2022 and 2023, with the possibility of extension in future biennia.

Sec. 4. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

\$ 19,819,000 \$ 20,277,000

(a) \$19,819,000 the first year and \$20,277,000 the second year are for distribution according to Minnesota Statutes, section 85.53, subdivision 3.

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

implementing agencies. Projects funded by the money appropriated under this section must be substantially consistent with the project descriptions and dollar amounts approved by each elected body. Any money remaining after completing the listed projects may be spent by the implementing agencies on projects to support parks and trails.

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

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

Sec. 5. <u>LEGISLATURE</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u>
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\$4,000 the first year is for the Legislative Coordinating Commission for the website required under Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision 10.

Sec. 6. ST. LOUIS AND LAKE COUNTIES REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY; GRANT EXTENSION.

The portion of the fiscal year 2017 appropriation from the parks and trails fund from Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 2, article 3, section 3, paragraph (b), designated for a grant to the St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority for a segment of the Mesabi Trail is available until June 30, 2021.

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

ARTICLE 4

ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND

Section 1. ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND APPROPRIATIONS.

The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the entities and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the arts and cultural heritage fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for allowable activities under the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15. The figures "2020" and "2021" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, or June 30, 2021, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2020. "The second year" is fiscal year 2021. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2020 and 2021. All appropriations in this article are onetime.

APPROPRIATIONS
Available for the Year
Ending June 30
2020 **2021**

Sec. 2. ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>69,254,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>70,518,000</u>
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The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following subdivisions.

Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation

Money appropriated in this article may not be spent on activities unless they are directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation. Money appropriated in this article must not be spent on institutional overhead charges that are not directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation. Money appropriated in this article must be spent in accordance with the Minnesota Management and Budget's Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund Expenditures. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless otherwise specified in this article, fiscal year 2020 appropriations are available until June 30, 2021, and fiscal year 2021 appropriations are available until June 30, 2022. If a project receives federal funds, the period of the appropriation is extended to equal the availability of federal funding.

<u>Subd. 3. Minnesota State Arts Board</u>	<u>32,500,000</u>	<u>33,150,000</u>
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(a) These amounts are appropriated to the Minnesota State Arts Board for arts, arts education, arts preservation, and arts access. Grant agreements entered into by the Minnesota State Arts Board and other recipients of appropriations in this subdivision must ensure that these funds are used to supplement and not substitute for traditional sources of funding. Each grant program established in this appropriation must be separately administered from other state appropriations for program planning and outcome measurements, but may take into consideration other state resources awarded in the selection of applicants and grant award size.

(b) Arts and Arts Access Initiatives

\$26,000,000 the first year and \$26,600,000 the second year are to support Minnesota artists and arts organizations in creating, producing, and presenting high-quality arts activities; to preserve, maintain, and interpret art forms and works of art so that they are accessible to Minnesota audiences; to overcome barriers to accessing high-quality arts activities; and to instill the arts into the community and public life in this state.

(c) Arts Education

\$4,900,000 the first year and \$4,950,000 the second year are for high-quality, age-appropriate arts education for Minnesotans of all ages to develop knowledge, skills, and understanding of the arts.

(d) Arts and Cultural Heritage

\$1,600,000 the first year and \$1,600,000 the second year are for events and activities that represent, preserve, and maintain the diverse cultural arts traditions, including folk and traditional artists and art organizations, represented in this state.

(e) Up to 4.5 percent of the funds appropriated in paragraphs (b) to (d) may be used by the board for administering grant programs, delivering technical services, providing fiscal oversight for the statewide system, and ensuring accountability in fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021.

(f) Up to 30 percent of the remaining total appropriation to each of the categories listed in paragraphs (b) to (d) is for grants to the regional arts councils. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, regional arts council grants or other arts council grants for touring programs, projects, or exhibits must ensure the programs, projects, or exhibits are able to tour in their own region as well as all other regions of the state.

(g) Any unencumbered balance remaining under this subdivision the first year does not cancel but is available the second year.

Subd. 4. Minnesota Historical Society

15,572,000

17,383,000

(a) These amounts are appropriated to the governing board of the Minnesota Historical Society to preserve and enhance access to Minnesota's history and its cultural and historical resources. Grant agreements entered into by the Minnesota Historical Society and other recipients of appropriations in this subdivision must ensure that these funds are used to supplement and not substitute for traditional sources of funding. Funds directly appropriated to the Minnesota Historical Society must be used to supplement and not substitute for traditional sources of funding. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, for historic preservation projects that improve historic structures, the amounts are available until June 30, 2023. The Minnesota Historical Society or grant recipients of the Minnesota Historical Society using arts and cultural heritage funds under this subdivision must give consideration to Conservation Corps Minnesota and Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps, or an organization carrying out similar work, for projects with the potential to need historic preservation services.

(b) Historical Grants and Programs

(1) Statewide Historic and Cultural Grants

\$5,846,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$7,004,000 in fiscal year 2021 are for statewide historic and cultural grants to local, county, regional, or other historical or cultural organizations or for activities to preserve significant historic and cultural resources. Money must be distributed through a competitive grant process. The Minnesota Historical Society must administer the money using established grant mechanisms, with assistance from the advisory committee created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), item (ii).

(2) Statewide History Programs

\$5,846,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$7,004,000 in fiscal year 2021 are for historic and cultural programs and purposes related to the heritage of the state. Of this amount, \$250,000 each year must be used by the Minnesota Historical Society to either produce or purchase and to distribute a book to engage and educate elementary school students on Minnesota's natural resources, legacy, culture, and history. The book

should be made available for free to educators and libraries and through state historical society sites to provide to a targeted grade of elementary school students.

(3) History Partnerships

\$2,500,000 each year is for history partnerships involving multiple organizations, which may include the Minnesota Historical Society, to preserve and enhance access to Minnesota's history and cultural heritage in all regions of the state.

(4) Statewide Survey of Historical and Archaeological Sites

\$500,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2021 are for one or more contracts to be competitively awarded to conduct statewide surveys or investigations of Minnesota's sites of historical, archaeological, and cultural significance. Results of the surveys or investigations must be published in a searchable form and available to the public on a cost-free basis. The Minnesota Historical Society, the Office of the State Archaeologist, the Indian Affairs Council, and the State Historic Preservation Office must each appoint a representative to an oversight board to select contractors and direct the conduct of the surveys or investigations. The oversight board must consult with the Department of Transportation and Department of Natural Resources.

(5) Digital Library

\$375,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$375,000 in fiscal year 2021 are for a digital library project to preserve, digitize, and share Minnesota images, documents, and historical materials. The Minnesota Historical Society must cooperate with the Minitex interlibrary loan system and must jointly share this appropriation for these purposes.

(6) Grants

\$200,000 the first year is for a grant to the Minnesota Military Museum to create and conduct a statewide story-sharing program to honor the distinct service of post-9/11 veterans in anticipation of the 2021 anniversary.

\$115,000 the first year is for a grant to the Minnesota Military Museum to care for, catalog, and display the recently acquired collection of the personal and professional effects belonging to General John W. Vessey, Minnesota's most decorated veteran.

\$40,000 the first year is for a grant to the Isanti County Historical Society to relocate, update, and preserve the Moody School and the Grandy Union Church.

\$150,000 the first year is for a grant to the commissioner of natural resources to maintain the history of the Grindstone River Dam at Hinckley.

Any unencumbered balance remaining under this subdivision the first year does not cancel but is available the second year.

Subd. 5. Department of Education

2,600,000

2,600,000

(a) \$2,550,000 each year is appropriated to the commissioner of education for grants to the 12 Minnesota regional library systems to provide educational opportunities in the arts, history, literary arts, and cultural heritage of Minnesota. This money must be allocated using the formulas in Minnesota Statutes, section 134.355, subdivisions 3, 4, and 5, with the remaining 25 percent to be distributed to all qualifying systems in an amount proportionate to the number of qualifying system entities in each system. For purposes of this subdivision, "qualifying system entity" means a public library, a regional library system, a regional library system headquarters, a county, or an outreach service program. This money may be used to sponsor programs provided by regional libraries or to provide grants to local arts and cultural heritage programs for programs in partnership with regional libraries. This money must be distributed in ten equal payments per year. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the appropriations encumbered on or before June 30, 2021, as grants or contracts in this subdivision are available until June 30, 2023.

(b) \$50,000 each year is appropriated to the commissioner of education for a water safety grant program. The commissioner of education must determine the criteria for allocating grants among

eligible applicants. Grant awards must be used for the following purposes:

(1) to provide low-income and at-risk children with scholarships for swimming lessons based on nationally recognized water safety curriculum;

(2) to hire water safety instructors or lifeguards; and

(3) to train water safety instructors or lifeguards in nationally recognized water safety practices and instruction.

Subd. 6. Department of Administration

11,561,000

10,050,000

(a) These amounts are appropriated to the commissioner of administration for grants to the named organizations for the purposes specified in this subdivision. The commissioner of administration may use a portion of this appropriation for costs that are directly related to and necessary to the administration of grants in this subdivision.

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

(c) Minnesota Public Radio

\$1,700,000 the first year and \$1,775,000 the second year are for Minnesota Public Radio to create programming and expand news service on Minnesota's cultural heritage and history.

(d) Association of Minnesota Public Educational Radio Stations

\$1,775,000 the first year and \$1,700,000 the second year are to the Association of Minnesota Public Educational Radio Stations for production and acquisition grants in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 129D.19. Of this amount, \$75,000 the first year is for the Veterans' Voices program to educate and engage communities regarding veterans' contributions, knowledge, skills, and experiences with an emphasis on Korean War veterans.

(e) Public Television

\$4,895,000 the first year and \$4,025,000 the second year are to the Minnesota Public Television Association for production and acquisition grants according to Minnesota Statutes, section 129D.18. Of this amount, \$950,000 the first year is for a grant to Twin Cities Public Television to produce *Minnesota Journeys: Capturing, Sharing, and Understanding Our Immigration History*.

(f) Wilderness Inquiry

\$375,000 each year is to Wilderness Inquiry for the Canoemobile program, which provides students with an outdoor educational experience aligned with the Minnesota history graduation standards.

(g) Como Park Zoo

\$1,350,000 each year is for a grant to the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory for program development that features education programs and habitat enhancement, special exhibits, music appreciation programs, and historical garden access and preservation.

(h) Science Museum of Minnesota

\$650,000 each year is to the Science Museum of Minnesota for arts, arts education, and arts access and to preserve Minnesota's history and cultural heritage, including student and teacher outreach, statewide educational initiatives, and community-based exhibits that preserve Minnesota's history and cultural heritage.

(i) Great Lakes Aquarium

\$75,000 each year is to the Lake Superior Center to prepare and construct an exhibit demonstrating the role of water in Minnesota's history and cultural heritage.

(j) Lake Superior Zoo

\$75,000 each year is to the Lake Superior Zoo to develop educational exhibits and programs.

(k) Phalen Park China Garden

\$400,000 the first year is to the city of St. Paul to design and develop the Chinese garden in Phalen Park in collaboration with local artists and members of the local Hmong community including cultural leaders who understand the traditional Hmong landscaping and building practices and a local artist that can help tell the Hmong experience. An individual or professional contracted to provide goods or services under this paragraph must be a resident of Minnesota.

(l) Green Giant Museum

\$141,000 the first year is to the city of Blue Earth for exhibits and programming for the Green Giant Museum to preserve the culture and agricultural history of Minnesota.

(m) Martin County Veterans Memorial

\$100,000 the first year is to Martin County to design and construct a memorial to those who have served in the military of the United States of America and those who have died in the line of duty. This appropriation is not available until the commissioner of management and budget has determined that at least an equal amount has been committed to the project from nonstate sources to complete the project.

(n) Midwest Outdoors Unlimited

\$25,000 each year is for a grant to Midwest Outdoors Unlimited to preserve Minnesota's outdoor history, culture, and heritage by connecting individuals and youth with disabilities to the state's natural resources.

Subd. 7. Minnesota Zoo

1,750,000

1,750,000

These amounts are appropriated to the Minnesota Zoological Board for programs and development of the Minnesota Zoological Garden and to provide access and education related to programs on the cultural heritage of Minnesota.

Subd. 8. Minnesota Humanities Center

3,150,000

3,250,000

(a) These amounts are appropriated to the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Humanities Center for the purposes specified in this subdivision. The Minnesota

Humanities Center may use up to 4.5 percent of the following grants to cover the cost of administering, planning, evaluating, and reporting these grants. The Minnesota Humanities Center must develop a written plan to issue the grants in this subdivision and must submit the plan for review and approval by the Department of Administration. The written plan must require the Minnesota Humanities Center to create and adhere to grant policies that are similar to those established according to Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.97, subdivision 4, paragraph (a), clause (1).

No grants awarded in this subdivision may be used for travel outside the state of Minnesota. The grant agreement must specify the repercussions for failing to comply with the grant agreement.

(b) Programs and Purposes

\$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,100,000 the second year are for programs and purposes of the Minnesota Humanities Center.

(c) Children's Museum Grants

\$1,200,000 each year is for arts and cultural heritage grants to children's museums for arts and cultural exhibits and related educational outreach programs. Of this amount:

(1) \$525,000 each year is for the Minnesota Children's Museum for interactive exhibits and outreach programs on arts and cultural heritage, including the Minnesota Children's Museum in Rochester;

(2) \$50,000 each year is to develop and fabricate a permanent STEM exhibit for the Minnesota Children's Museum of Rochester, which must be under a separate grant agreement from the grant agreement used to provide funding to the Minnesota Children's Museum; and

(3) \$625,000 each year is for grants to other children's museums to pay for start-up costs or new exhibit and program development.

Funds are to be distributed through a competitive grant process. The Minnesota Humanities Center must administer these funds using established grant mechanisms.

(d) Community Identity and Heritage Grant Program

\$850,000 the first year and \$850,000 the second year are for a competitive grants program to provide grants to preserve and promote the cultural heritage of Minnesota.

The Minnesota Humanities Center must operate a competitive grants program to provide grants to programs that preserve and honor the cultural heritage of Minnesota or that provide education and student outreach on cultural diversity or to programs that empower communities to build their identity and culture. Priority must be given to grants for individuals and organizations working to create, celebrate, and teach indigenous arts and cultural activities and arts organizations and programs preserving, sharing, and educating on the arts and cultural heritage of immigrant communities in Minnesota.

(1) Of this amount, \$250,000 the first year is for a grant to one or more community organizations that provide arts and cultural heritage programming celebrating Hmong heritage.

(2) Of this amount, \$250,000 the first year is for a grant to one or more community organizations that provide arts and cultural heritage programming celebrating Somali heritage.

(e) Civics Programs

\$100,000 each year is for grants to the Minnesota Civic Education Coalition: Minnesota Civic Youth, the Learning Law and Democracy Foundation, and YMCA Youth in Government to conduct civics education programs for the civic and cultural development of Minnesota youth. Civics education is the study of constitutional principles and the democratic foundation of our national, state, and local institutions and the study of political processes and structures of government, grounded in the understanding of constitutional government under the rule of law.

Subd. 9. Indian Affairs Council1,665,0001,885,000

\$1,665,000 the first year and \$1,885,000 the second year are for the Indian Affairs Council for grants for the preservation of Dakota and Ojibwe Indian

languages and for protection of Indian graves. The funding shall be distributed as follows:

(1) \$600,000 the first year and \$660,000 the second year are to provide grants to Minnesota Tribal Nations to preserve Dakota and Ojibwe Indian languages and to foster education programs and services for Dakota and Ojibwe languages;

(2) \$345,000 the first year and \$445,000 the second year are for grants to Dakota and Ojibwe Indian language immersion educational institutions;

(3) \$600,000 the first year and \$660,000 the second year are to provide grants to preserve the Dakota and Ojibwe Indian languages through support of projects and services and to support educational programs and immersion efforts in Dakota and Ojibwe Indian languages;

(4) \$50,000 each year is to the Indian Affairs Council for a Dakota and Ojibwe Indian language working group coordinated by the Indian Affairs Council; and

(5) \$70,000 each year is to carry out responsibilities under Minnesota Statutes, section 307.08, to comply with Public Law 101-601, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

Subd. 10. University of Minnesota

50,000

50,000

These amounts are appropriated to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for a grant to the Bell Museum, Minnesota's museum of natural history, to increase access to Minnesota's history and cultural heritage by providing funding for access to people with disabilities and to expand access to culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

Subd. 11. Department of Agriculture

400,000

400,000

These amounts are appropriated to the commissioner of agriculture for grants to county agricultural societies to enhance arts access and education and to preserve and promote Minnesota's history and cultural heritage as embodied in its county fairs. The grants must be distributed in equal amounts to each of the 95 county fairs. The grants are in addition to the aid distribution to county agricultural societies under Minnesota Statutes, section 38.02. The commissioner of

agriculture shall develop grant-making criteria and guidance for expending funds under this subdivision to provide funding for projects and events that provide access to the arts or the state's agricultural, historical, and cultural heritage. The commissioner shall seek input from all interested parties.

Subd. 12. Legislative Coordinating Commission

6,000

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This amount is for the Legislative Coordinating Commissioner to maintain the website required under Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision 10.

Presented to the governor May 28, 2019