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A bill for an act

relating to county agricultural societies; appropriating money from the arts and cultural heritage fund for grants to county agricultural societies.

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

Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

GRANTS.

\$1,400,000 in fiscal year 2014 and \$1,400,000 in fiscal year 2015 from the arts and cultural heritage fund 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 are in addition to the aid distributed to county agricultural societies under Minnesota Statutes, section 38.02. Of these amounts:

(1) \$700,000 each year is available for distribution in equal amounts to each of the state's county fairs to enhance arts access and education and to preserve and promote Minnesota's history and cultural heritage; and

(2) \$700,000 each year is available for a competitive arts and cultural heritage grants program for county fairs.

The commissioner shall award grants for the development or enhancement of county fair facilities or other projects or programs that provide access to the arts, arts education, or agricultural, historical, and cultural heritage programs, including, but not limited to, agricultural education centers, arts buildings, and performance stages. This is a onetime appropriation.