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A bill for an act  
relating to appropriations; appropriating money to the Minnesota Historical  
Society.  
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**  
\$19,875,000 in fiscal year 2012 and \$16,675,000 in fiscal year 2013 are appropriated  
from the arts and cultural heritage fund to 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 section shall ensure that these funds are used to supplement and not  
substitute for traditional sources of funding. Funds directly appropriated to the Minnesota  
Historical Society shall be used to supplement, and not substitute for, traditional sources  
of funding. Funds appropriated in the first year may be carried over to the second year.  
Funds appropriated in the first year are available until June 30, 2013. Funds appropriated  
in the second year are available until June 30, 2014. If a project receives federal funds,  
the time period of the appropriation is extended to equal the availability of the federal  
funds. For historic preservation projects that improve historic structures, the amounts are  
available until June 30, 2015. Money appropriated in this section may not be spent on  
activities unless they are directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation. The  
Minnesota Historical Society, with the assistance of recipients funded under this section,  
shall report on all expenditures made from these funds to the legislature and governor by  
January 15 of each year. Of the amount appropriated under this section:  
(1) \$9,000,000 in fiscal year 2012 and \$9,000,000 in fiscal year 2013 are for history  
programs and projects operated or conducted by or through local, county, regional, or

other historical or cultural organizations; or for activities to preserve significant historic and cultural resources. Funds are to be distributed through a competitive grants process. The Minnesota Historical Society shall administer these funds using established grants mechanisms, with assistance from the advisory committee created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), clause (ii).

(2) \$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2012 and \$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2013 are for programs and purposes related to the historical and cultural heritage of the state of Minnesota, conducted by the Minnesota Historical Society;

(3) \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2012 and \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2013 are for 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) \$400,000 in fiscal year 2012 and \$200,000 in fiscal year 2013 are for a contract or contracts to be let on a competitive basis to conduct statewide surveys of Minnesota's sites of historical, archaeological, and cultural significance. Results of this survey must be published in a searchable form, available to the public on a cost-free basis. The Minnesota Historical Society, the Office of the State Archaeologist, and the Indian Affairs Council shall each appoint a representative to an oversight board to select contractors and direct the conduct of these surveys. The oversight board shall consult with the Departments of Transportation and Natural Resources; and

(5) \$475,000 in fiscal year 2012 and \$475,000 in fiscal year 2013 are for a digital library project to preserve, digitize, and share Minnesota images, documents, and historical materials. The Minnesota Historical Society shall cooperate with the Minitex interlibrary loan system and shall jointly share this appropriation for these purposes.