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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/20/2025	939	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy
04/01/2025		Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance

1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to state government; appropriating money from outdoor heritage, clean

1.3water, parks and trails, and arts and cultural heritage funds; modifying and

1.4extending prior appropriations; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes

1.52024, section 97A.056, by adding a subdivision; Laws 2023, chapter 40, article

1.64, section 2, subdivisions 3, as amended, 5; Laws 2024, chapter 106, article 4,

1.7section 2, subdivision 6.

1.8BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.9ARTICLE 1

1.10OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

1.11Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

1.12The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies

1.13and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the outdoor heritage

1.14fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The figures "2026" and "2027" used in

1.15this article mean that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year

1.16ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2026.

1.17"The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and 2027. The

1.18appropriations in this article are onetime appropriations.

1.19	<b><u>APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>			
1.20	<b><u>Available for the Year</u></b>			
1.21	<b><u>Ending June 30</u></b>			
1.22		<b><u>2026</u></b>		<b><u>2027</u></b>
1.23	Sec. 2. <u>OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND</u>			
1.24	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>162,111,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 775,000</u></b>

2.1 This appropriation is from the outdoor heritage  
 2.2 fund. The amounts that may be spent for each  
 2.3 purpose are specified in the following  
 2.4 subdivisions.

2.5 Subd. 2. **Prairies** 33,432,000 -0-

2.6 **(a) Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition,**  
 2.7 **Phase 9**

2.8 \$1,332,000 the first year is to the  
 2.9 commissioner of natural resources for  
 2.10 agreements to acquire land in fee and restore  
 2.11 and enhance strategic prairie grassland,  
 2.12 wetland, and other wildlife habitat in Martin  
 2.13 County for wildlife management area purposes  
 2.14 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
 2.15 subdivision 8, as follows: \$970,000 to Fox  
 2.16 Lake Conservation League, Inc., \$327,000 to  
 2.17 Ducks Unlimited, and \$35,000 to the  
 2.18 Conservation Fund.

2.19 **(b) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the**  
 2.20 **Southern Red River Valley, Phase 11**

2.21 \$3,607,000 the first year is to the  
 2.22 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 2.23 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in  
 2.24 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie  
 2.25 Chicken Society, to acquire land in fee and  
 2.26 restore and enhance lands in the southern Red  
 2.27 River Valley for wildlife management  
 2.28 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 2.29 86A.05, subdivision 8, or to be designated and  
 2.30 managed as waterfowl production areas in  
 2.31 Minnesota, in cooperation with the United  
 2.32 States Fish and Wildlife Service. Subject to  
 2.33 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part  
 2.34 6136.0900, priority must be given to  
 2.35 acquisitions of lands that are eligible for the

3.1 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,  
3.2 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected  
3.3 native prairie.

3.4 **(c) RIM Grasslands Reserve, Phase 6**

3.5 \$3,375,000 the first year is to the Board of  
3.6 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
3.7 permanent conservation easements and to  
3.8 restore and enhance grassland habitat under  
3.9 Minnesota Statutes, sections 103F.501 to  
3.10 103F.531. Of this amount, up to \$70,000 is to  
3.11 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund  
3.12 as approved in the accomplishment plan and  
3.13 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
3.14 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,  
3.15 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.  
3.16 A list of permanent conservation easements  
3.17 must be provided as part of the final report.

3.18 **(d) RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water, Phase**  
3.19 **11**

3.20 \$4,000,000 the first year is to the Board of  
3.21 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
3.22 permanent conservation easements and restore  
3.23 habitat under Minnesota Statutes, section  
3.24 103F.515, to protect, restore, and enhance  
3.25 habitat by expanding the riparian buffer  
3.26 program under the clean water fund for  
3.27 additional wildlife benefits from buffers on  
3.28 private land. Of this amount, up to \$60,000 is  
3.29 to establish a monitoring and enforcement  
3.30 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
3.31 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
3.32 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,  
3.33 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.  
3.34 A list of permanent conservation easements  
3.35 must be provided as part of the final report.

4.1 **(e) Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area**  
4.2 **Program, Phase 17**

4.3 \$4,863,000 the first year is to the  
4.4 commissioner of natural resources for an  
4.5 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire  
4.6 in fee and restore and enhance lands for  
4.7 wildlife management area purposes under  
4.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
4.9 subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation criteria  
4.10 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
4.11 must be given to acquisition of lands that are  
4.12 eligible for the native prairie bank under  
4.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
4.14 adjacent to protected native prairie.

4.15 **(f) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Program, Phase**  
4.16 **14**

4.17 \$2,433,000 the first year is to the  
4.18 commissioner of natural resources for an  
4.19 agreement with The Nature Conservancy to  
4.20 acquire land in fee and restore and enhance  
4.21 native prairie, grasslands, wetlands, and  
4.22 savanna. Subject to evaluation criteria in  
4.23 Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
4.24 must be given to acquiring lands that are  
4.25 eligible for the native prairie bank under  
4.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
4.27 adjacent to protected native prairie. Annual  
4.28 income statements and balance sheets for  
4.29 income and expenses from land acquired with  
4.30 this appropriation must be submitted to the  
4.31 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council no  
4.32 later than 180 days following the close of The  
4.33 Nature Conservancy's fiscal year. A list of  
4.34 proposed land acquisitions, restorations, and  
4.35 enhancements must be provided as part of the  
4.36 required accomplishment plan and must be

5.1 consistent with the priorities identified in  
5.2 Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

5.3 **(g) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife**  
5.4 **Refuge, Phase 15**

5.5 \$3,658,000 the first year is to the  
5.6 commissioner of natural resources for an  
5.7 agreement with The Nature Conservancy, in  
5.8 cooperation with the United States Fish and  
5.9 Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee or  
5.10 permanent conservation easements and to  
5.11 restore and enhance lands in the Northern  
5.12 Tallgrass Prairie Habitat Preservation Area in  
5.13 western Minnesota for addition to the Northern  
5.14 Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge.  
5.15 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota  
5.16 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given  
5.17 to acquiring lands that are eligible for the  
5.18 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,  
5.19 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected  
5.20 native prairie.

5.21 **(h) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**  
5.22 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition, Phase**  
5.23 **17**

5.24 \$1,916,000 the first year is to the  
5.25 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
5.26 in fee and restore and enhance lands for  
5.27 wildlife management purposes under  
5.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
5.29 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee for  
5.30 scientific and natural area purposes under  
5.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
5.32 subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria  
5.33 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
5.34 must be given to acquisition of lands that are  
5.35 eligible for the native prairie bank under

6.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
 6.2 adjacent to protected native prairie.

6.3 **(i) Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands, Phase**  
 6.4 **8**

6.5 \$3,440,000 the first year is to the  
 6.6 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 6.7 agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance  
 6.8 and restore grassland and wetland habitat on  
 6.9 public lands in the forest prairie transition,  
 6.10 metro urban, and prairie ecoregions of  
 6.11 Minnesota.

6.12 **(j) Accelerating the USFWS Habitat**  
 6.13 **Conservation Easement Program, Phase 5**

6.14 \$4,808,000 the first year is to the  
 6.15 commissioner of natural resources for  
 6.16 agreements to restore and enhance wetland  
 6.17 and prairie habitat on habitat easements of the  
 6.18 United States Fish and Wildlife Service as  
 6.19 follows: \$3,100,000 to Ducks Unlimited and  
 6.20 \$1,708,000 to Pheasants Forever.

6.21 **Subd. 3. Forests**

6.22 **(a) Minnesota Forest Recovery Project, Phase**  
 6.23 **3**

6.24 \$3,464,000 the first year is to the  
 6.25 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 6.26 agreement with The Nature Conservancy in  
 6.27 cooperation with the Department of Natural  
 6.28 Resources and Minnesota Land Trust to  
 6.29 acquire permanent conservation easements  
 6.30 and to restore and enhance degraded forests  
 6.31 in Beltrami, Cass, Cook, Itasca, Lake,  
 6.32 Koochiching, and St. Louis Counties. Of this  
 6.33 amount, up to \$84,000 is to the easement  
 6.34 holder to establish a monitoring and  
 6.35 enforcement fund as approved in the

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7.1 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
7.2 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

7.3 **(b) Itasca County Memorial Forest Project**

7.4 \$2,720,000 the first year is to the  
7.5 commissioner of natural resources for an  
7.6 agreement with Itasca County to acquire  
7.7 priority forest habitat lands in fee as county  
7.8 forests.

7.9 **(c) Hardwood Hills Habitat Conservation**  
7.10 **Program, Phase 2**

7.11 \$1,803,000 the first year is to the  
7.12 commissioner of natural resources for  
7.13 agreements to acquire permanent conservation  
7.14 easements and to restore and enhance forest  
7.15 habitats in the hardwood hills ecological  
7.16 section of west-central Minnesota as follows:  
7.17 \$100,000 to St. John's University and  
7.18 \$1,703,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Of the  
7.19 amount to Minnesota Land Trust, \$196,000 is  
7.20 to establish a monitoring and enforcement  
7.21 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
7.22 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
7.23 97A.056, subdivision 17.

7.24 **(d) Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape Protection**  
7.25 **Program ACUB, Phase 13**

7.26 \$2,183,000 the first year is to the Board of  
7.27 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with  
7.28 the Morrison County Soil and Water  
7.29 Conservation District, to acquire permanent  
7.30 conservation easements and to restore and  
7.31 enhance forest wildlife habitat within the  
7.32 boundaries of the Minnesota National Guard  
7.33 Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape and Army  
7.34 Compatible Use Buffer. Of this amount, up to  
7.35 \$110,000 is to establish a monitoring and

8.1 enforcement fund as approved in the  
8.2 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
8.3 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.  
8.4 Subdivision 8, paragraph (b), does not apply  
8.5 to this project. A list of permanent  
8.6 conservation easements must be provided as  
8.7 part of the final report.

8.8 **(e) Minnesota Forests for the Future, Phase 5**

8.9 \$5,241,000 the first year is to the  
8.10 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
8.11 lands in conservation easements and to restore  
8.12 and enhance forests, wetlands, and shoreline  
8.13 habitat through working forest permanent  
8.14 conservation easements under the Minnesota  
8.15 forests for the future program according to  
8.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.66. A  
8.17 conservation easement acquired with money  
8.18 appropriated under this paragraph must  
8.19 comply with Minnesota Statutes, section  
8.20 97A.056, subdivision 13. The accomplishment  
8.21 plan must include an easement monitoring and  
8.22 enforcement plan. Of this amount, up to  
8.23 \$400,000 is to establish a monitoring and  
8.24 enforcement fund as approved in the  
8.25 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
8.26 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

8.27 **(f) DNR Forest Habitat Enhancement, Phase 5**

8.28 \$2,543,000 the first year is to the  
8.29 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
8.30 and enhance forest wildlife habitats on public  
8.31 lands throughout Minnesota.

8.32 **(g) Moose Habitat Collaborative - Northeast**  
8.33 **Minnesota Forest Habitat Enhancement, Phase**  
8.34 **5**



9.1 \$2,004,000 the first year is to the  
 9.2 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 9.3 agreement with the Ruffed Grouse Society to  
 9.4 restore and enhance public forest lands in the  
 9.5 northern forest region for moose habitat  
 9.6 purposes.

9.7 **Subd. 4. Wetlands**

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9.8 **(a) Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration**  
 9.9 **Program, Phase 10**

9.10 \$2,853,000 the first year is to the  
 9.11 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 9.12 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
 9.13 acquire permanent conservation easements  
 9.14 and to restore and enhance prairie, wetland,  
 9.15 and other habitats on permanently protected  
 9.16 conservation easements in high-priority  
 9.17 wetland habitat complexes in the prairie,  
 9.18 forest/prairie transition, and forest ecoregions.  
 9.19 Of this amount, up to \$168,000 is to establish  
 9.20 a monitoring and enforcement fund as  
 9.21 approved in the accomplishment plan and  
 9.22 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
 9.23 97A.056, subdivision 17.

9.24 **(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection and**  
 9.25 **Restoration Program, Phase 14**

9.26 \$5,673,000 the first year is to the  
 9.27 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 9.28 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire  
 9.29 land in fee for wildlife management purposes  
 9.30 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
 9.31 subdivision 8, or to be designated and  
 9.32 managed as waterfowl production areas or  
 9.33 national wildlife refuges in Minnesota, in  
 9.34 cooperation with the United States Fish and  
 9.35 Wildlife Service, and to restore and enhance

10.1 prairie lands, wetlands, and land-buffering  
10.2 shallow lakes.

10.3 **(c) RIM Wetlands - Restoring the Most**  
10.4 **Productive Habitat in Minnesota, Phase 14**

10.5 \$4,291,000 the first year is to the Board of  
10.6 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
10.7 permanent conservation easements and to  
10.8 restore wetlands and native grassland habitat  
10.9 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515.  
10.10 Of this amount, up to \$70,000 is for  
10.11 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
10.12 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
10.13 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
10.14 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,  
10.15 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.  
10.16 A list of permanent conservation easements  
10.17 must be provided as part of the final report.

10.18 **(d) Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area**  
10.19 **Acquisition Program, Phase 17**

10.20 \$5,121,000 the first year is to the  
10.21 commissioner of natural resources for an  
10.22 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in  
10.23 cooperation with the United States Fish and  
10.24 Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee and to  
10.25 restore and enhance wetlands and grasslands  
10.26 to be designated and managed as waterfowl  
10.27 production areas in Minnesota.

10.28 **(e) Nelson Slough - East Park Wildlife**  
10.29 **Management Area, Phase 2**

10.30 \$1,543,000 the first year is to the  
10.31 commissioner of natural resources for an  
10.32 agreement with the Middle-Snake-Tamarac  
10.33 Rivers Watershed District to restore and  
10.34 enhance wetland and upland wildlife habitat

- 11.1 in Nelson Slough and the East Park Wildlife  
 11.2 Management Area in Marshall County.
- 11.3 **(f) Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**  
 11.4 **Enhancement and Restoration Initiative, Phase**  
 11.5 **11**
- 11.6 \$5,601,000 the first year is to the  
 11.7 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 11.8 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to restore  
 11.9 and enhance shallow lakes and wetlands on  
 11.10 public lands and wetlands under permanent  
 11.11 conservation easement for wildlife  
 11.12 management.
- 11.13 **(g) Big Swamp North**
- 11.14 \$1,442,000 the first year is to the  
 11.15 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 11.16 agreement with the Roseau River Watershed  
 11.17 District to restore and enhance wetland,  
 11.18 stream, and other related wildlife habitat on  
 11.19 public lands in the Big Swamp area in Roseau  
 11.20 County.
- 11.21 **(h) DNR Accelerated Shallow Lakes and**  
 11.22 **Wetland Enhancement, Phase 17**
- 11.23 \$2,508,000 the first year is to the  
 11.24 commissioner of natural resources to enhance  
 11.25 and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat  
 11.26 statewide.
- 11.27 **Subd. 5. Habitats**
- 11.28 **(a) Cannon River Watershed Habitat**  
 11.29 **Restoration and Protection Program, Phase 14**
- 11.30 \$2,663,000 the first year is to the  
 11.31 commissioner of natural resources for  
 11.32 agreements to acquire land in fee and to  
 11.33 restore and enhance wildlife habitat in the  
 11.34 Cannon River Watershed as follows: \$62,000  
 11.35 to Clean River Partners; \$1,198,000 to Great

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12.1 River Greening; and \$1,403,000 to the Trust  
12.2 for Public Land.

12.3 **(b) Spring Road Conservation Project**

12.4 \$1,982,000 the first year is to the  
12.5 commissioner of natural resources for an  
12.6 agreement with the Riley Purgatory Bluff  
12.7 Creek Watershed District to acquire priority  
12.8 wildlife habitat lands in fee in Hennepin  
12.9 County.

12.10 **(c) Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation,**  
12.11 **Phase 10**

12.12 \$3,518,000 the first year is to the  
12.13 commissioner of natural resources for  
12.14 agreements to acquire permanent conservation  
12.15 easements and to restore and enhance wildlife  
12.16 habitat on public lands and easements in the  
12.17 Anoka Sand Plain ecoregion and intersecting  
12.18 minor watersheds as follows: \$553,000 to  
12.19 Anoka Conservation District; \$1,385,000 to  
12.20 Great River Greening; \$300,000 to The Nature  
12.21 Conservancy; and \$1,280,000 to Minnesota  
12.22 Land Trust. Up to \$112,000 to Minnesota  
12.23 Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and  
12.24 enforcement fund as approved in the  
12.25 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
12.26 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

12.27 **(d) Integrating Habitat and Clean Water, Phase**  
12.28 **3**

12.29 \$2,691,000 the first year is to the Board of  
12.30 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
12.31 permanent conservation easements and restore  
12.32 and enhance wildlife habitat identified in One  
12.33 Watershed, One Plan for stacked benefit to  
12.34 wildlife and clean water. Of this amount, up  
12.35 to \$80,000 is for establishing a monitoring and

13.1 enforcement fund as approved in the  
13.2 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
13.3 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.  
13.4 Subdivision 8, paragraph (b), does not apply  
13.5 to this project. A list of permanent  
13.6 conservation easements must be provided as  
13.7 part of the final report.

13.8 **(e) St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and**  
13.9 **Restoration, Phase 6**

13.10 \$3,184,000 the first year is to the  
13.11 commissioner of natural resources for  
13.12 agreements to acquire land in fee and  
13.13 permanent conservation easements and to  
13.14 restore and enhance natural habitat systems in  
13.15 the St. Croix River Watershed as follows:  
13.16 \$1,199,000 to the Trust for Public Land;  
13.17 \$121,000 to Wild Rivers Conservancy; and  
13.18 \$1,864,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to  
13.19 \$168,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to  
13.20 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund  
13.21 as approved in the accomplishment plan and  
13.22 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
13.23 97A.056, subdivision 17.

13.24 **(f) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor**  
13.25 **Project, Phase 9**

13.26 \$2,769,000 the first year is to acquire lands in  
13.27 fee and permanent conservation easements  
13.28 and to restore wildlife habitat in the  
13.29 Mississippi headwaters. Of this amount: (1)  
13.30 \$1,769,000 is to the commissioner of natural  
13.31 resources for agreements as follows: \$60,000  
13.32 to the Mississippi Headwaters Board and  
13.33 \$1,709,000 to the Trust for Public Land; and  
13.34 (2) \$1,000,000 is to the Board of Water and  
13.35 Soil Resources, of which up to \$50,000 is to  
13.36 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund

14.1 as approved in the accomplishment plan and  
14.2 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
14.3 97A.056, subdivision 17.

14.4 **(g) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**  
14.5 **Restoration, Phase 13**

14.6 \$2,334,000 the first year is to the  
14.7 commissioner of natural resources for an  
14.8 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
14.9 acquire permanent conservation easements  
14.10 and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat on  
14.11 public lands and permanent conservation  
14.12 easements in southeast Minnesota. Of this  
14.13 amount, up to \$140,000 is to establish a  
14.14 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
14.15 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
14.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
14.17 subdivision 17.

14.18 **(h) Protecting Coldwater Fisheries on**  
14.19 **Minnesota's North Shore, Phase 3**

14.20 \$2,187,000 the first year is to the  
14.21 commissioner of natural resources for an  
14.22 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
14.23 acquire permanent conservation easements  
14.24 and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat in  
14.25 priority coldwater tributaries to Lake Superior.  
14.26 Of this amount, up to \$196,000 is to establish  
14.27 a monitoring and enforcement fund as  
14.28 approved in the accomplishment plan and  
14.29 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
14.30 97A.056, subdivision 17.

14.31 **(i) Metro Big Rivers, Phase 15**

14.32 \$6,793,000 the first year is to the  
14.33 commissioner of natural resources for  
14.34 agreements to acquire land in fee and  
14.35 permanent conservation easements and to

15.1 restore and enhance natural habitat systems  
 15.2 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,  
 15.3 and St. Croix Rivers and their tributaries in  
 15.4 the metropolitan area as follows: \$1,000,000  
 15.5 to Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge  
 15.6 Trust, Inc.; \$488,000 to Friends of the  
 15.7 Mississippi River; \$975,000 to Great River  
 15.8 Greening; \$2,151,000 to the Trust for Public  
 15.9 Land; and \$2,179,000 to Minnesota Land  
 15.10 Trust. Up to \$168,000 to Minnesota Land  
 15.11 Trust is to establish a monitoring and  
 15.12 enforcement fund as approved in the  
 15.13 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
 15.14 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

15.15 **(j) Minnesota River Watershed Habitat**  
 15.16 **Conservation Program**

15.17 \$3,078,000 the first year is to the  
 15.18 commissioner of natural resources for  
 15.19 agreements to acquire land in fee and  
 15.20 permanent conservation easements and to  
 15.21 restore and enhance priority habitat in the  
 15.22 Minnesota River watershed as follows:  
 15.23 \$1,364,000 to Great River Greening and  
 15.24 \$1,714,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to  
 15.25 \$168,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to  
 15.26 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund  
 15.27 as approved in the accomplishment plan and  
 15.28 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
 15.29 97A.056, subdivision 17.

15.30 **(k) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**  
 15.31 **Restoration Program, Phase 14**

15.32 \$2,141,000 the first year is to the  
 15.33 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 15.34 agreement with the Shell Rock River  
 15.35 Watershed District to acquire land in fee and

16.1 to restore and enhance habitat in the Shell

16.2 Rock River watershed.

16.3 **(l) Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding**  
16.4 **Biological Significance, Phase 4**

16.5 \$3,137,000 the first year is to the

16.6 commissioner of natural resources for

16.7 agreements to acquire land in fee and

16.8 permanent conservation easements and to

16.9 restore and enhance lakes of outstanding

16.10 biological significance in northeast and

16.11 north-central Minnesota. Of this amount,

16.12 \$1,494,000 is to the Northern Waters Land

16.13 Trust and \$1,643,000 is to Minnesota Land

16.14 Trust. Up to \$168,000 to Minnesota Land

16.15 Trust is for establishing a monitoring and

16.16 enforcement fund as approved in the

16.17 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota

16.18 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

16.19 **(m) Shakopee Creek: Headwaters Restored,**  
16.20 **Species and Land Protected**

16.21 \$2,359,000 the first year is to the

16.22 commissioner of natural resources for an

16.23 agreement with the Kandiyohi Soil and Water

16.24 Conservation District to restore and enhance

16.25 wildlife habitat in the headwaters area of

16.26 Shakopee Creek in Kandiyohi County.

16.27 **(n) DNR Trout Stream Conservation Easements,**  
16.28 **Phase 4**

16.29 \$973,000 the first year is to the commissioner

16.30 of natural resources to acquire land in

16.31 permanent conservation easements to protect

16.32 trout-stream aquatic habitat. Of this amount,

16.33 up to \$120,000 is for establishing a monitoring

16.34 and enforcement fund as approved in the



17.1 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
17.2 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

17.3 **(o) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic**  
17.4 **North-Central Minnesota Lakes, Phase 11**

17.5 \$2,878,000 the first year is to the  
17.6 commissioner of natural resources for  
17.7 agreements to acquire land in fee and  
17.8 permanent conservation easements and to  
17.9 restore and enhance wildlife habitat to sustain  
17.10 healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes in  
17.11 Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard  
17.12 Counties as follows: \$1,259,000 to Northern  
17.13 Waters Land Trust and \$1,619,000 to  
17.14 Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$168,000 to  
17.15 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a  
17.16 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
17.17 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
17.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
17.19 subdivision 17.

17.20 **(p) Minnesota Statewide Trout Habitat**  
17.21 **Enhancement, Phase 2**

17.22 \$2,124,000 the first year is to the  
17.23 commissioner of natural resources for an  
17.24 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited  
17.25 to restore and enhance habitat for trout and  
17.26 other species in and along coldwater rivers,  
17.27 lakes, and streams throughout Minnesota.

17.28 **(q) Restoring and Enhancing Minnesota's**  
17.29 **Important Bird Areas, Phase 4**

17.30 \$2,003,000 the first year is to the  
17.31 commissioner of natural resources for an  
17.32 agreement with Audubon Minnesota to restore  
17.33 and enhance wildlife habitat in important bird  
17.34 areas or Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan  
17.35 Priority areas of northwestern Minnesota.

18.1 **(r) Fall River Restoration**

18.2 \$1,318,000 the first year is to the  
18.3 commissioner of natural resources for an  
18.4 agreement with Cook County to restore and  
18.5 enhance coldwater stream habitat in the Fall  
18.6 River in Cook County.

18.7 **(s) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and**  
18.8 **Enhancement, Phase 8**

18.9 \$3,800,000 the first year is to the  
18.10 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
18.11 and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded  
18.12 streams and aquatic management areas and to  
18.13 facilitate fish passage throughout Minnesota.

18.14 **(t) Rum River Corridor Fish and Wildlife**  
18.15 **Habitat Enhancement, Phase 3**

18.16 \$1,356,000 the first year is to the  
18.17 commissioner of natural resources for an  
18.18 agreement with the Anoka County Soil and  
18.19 Water Conservation District to restore and  
18.20 enhance upland and riverine habitat in the  
18.21 Rum River corridor.

18.22 **(u) DNR Roving Crew, Phase 3**

18.23 \$12,642,000 the first year is to the  
18.24 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
18.25 and enhance fish and wildlife habitat on  
18.26 permanently protected lands throughout  
18.27 Minnesota using the roving crew program of  
18.28 the Department of Natural Resources.

18.29 **(v) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**  
18.30 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat, Phase**  
18.31 **17**

18.32 \$11,716,000 the first year is to the  
18.33 commissioner of natural resources for a  
18.34 program to provide competitive matching  
18.35 grants of up to \$500,000 to local, regional,

19.1 state, and national organizations for enhancing,  
19.2 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,  
19.3 prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife  
19.4 in Minnesota. Of this amount, unless not  
19.5 enough eligible grant applications are  
19.6 received, at least \$3,000,000 is for grants in  
19.7 the seven-county metropolitan area and cities  
19.8 with a population of 50,000 or more and at  
19.9 least \$2,620,000 is for grants to applicants that  
19.10 have not previously applied for money from  
19.11 the outdoor heritage fund. Grants must not be  
19.12 made for activities required to fulfill the duties  
19.13 of owners of lands subject to conservation  
19.14 easements. Grants must not be made from the  
19.15 appropriation in this paragraph for projects  
19.16 that have a total project cost exceeding  
19.17 \$1,000,000. Of the total appropriation,  
19.18 \$600,000 may be spent for personnel costs,  
19.19 outreach, and support to first-time applicants  
19.20 and other direct and necessary administrative  
19.21 costs. Grantees may acquire land or interests  
19.22 in land. Easements must be permanent. Grants  
19.23 may not be used to establish easement  
19.24 stewardship accounts. The program must  
19.25 require a match of at least ten percent from  
19.26 nonstate sources for all grants. The match may  
19.27 be cash or in-kind. For grant applications of  
19.28 \$25,000 or less, the commissioner must  
19.29 provide a separate, simplified application  
19.30 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the  
19.31 commissioner of natural resources must, when  
19.32 evaluating projects of equal value, give  
19.33 priority to organizations that have a history of  
19.34 receiving, or a charter to receive, private  
19.35 contributions for local conservation or habitat  
19.36 projects. All restoration or enhancement

20.1 projects must be on land permanently  
20.2 protected by a permanent covenant ensuring  
20.3 perpetual maintenance and protection of  
20.4 restored and enhanced habitat, by a  
20.5 conservation easement, or by public ownership  
20.6 or in public waters as defined in Minnesota  
20.7 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 15.  
20.8 Priority must be given to restoration and  
20.9 enhancement projects on public lands.  
20.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
20.11 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded  
20.12 under this paragraph. This appropriation is  
20.13 available until June 30, 2028. No less than five  
20.14 percent of the amount of each grant must be  
20.15 held back from reimbursement until the grant  
20.16 recipient completes a grant accomplishment  
20.17 report by the deadline and in the form  
20.18 prescribed by and satisfactory to the  
20.19 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The  
20.20 commissioner must provide notice of the grant  
20.21 program in the summary of game and fish law  
20.22 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section  
20.23 97A.051, subdivision 2.

20.24 Subd. 6. **Administration**

2,043,000

775,000

20.25 **(a) Contract Management**

20.26 \$410,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
20.27 of natural resources for contract management  
20.28 duties assigned in this section. The  
20.29 commissioner must provide an  
20.30 accomplishment plan in the form specified by  
20.31 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
20.32 on expending this appropriation. The  
20.33 accomplishment plan must include a copy of  
20.34 the grant contract template and reimbursement  
20.35 manual. No money may be expended before

21.1 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
21.2 approves the accomplishment plan. Money  
21.3 appropriated in this paragraph is available until  
21.4 June 30, 2027.

21.5 **(b) Legislative Coordinating Commission**

21.6 \$732,000 the first year and \$772,000 the  
21.7 second year are to the Legislative  
21.8 Coordinating Commission for administrative  
21.9 expenses of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor  
21.10 Heritage Council and for compensating and  
21.11 reimbursing expenses of council members.  
21.12 This appropriation is available until June 30,  
21.13 2027. Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.281,  
21.14 applies to this appropriation.

21.15 **(c) Technical Evaluation Panel**

21.16 \$157,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
21.17 of natural resources for a technical evaluation  
21.18 panel to conduct up to 20 restoration and  
21.19 enhancement evaluations under Minnesota  
21.20 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 10.  
21.21 Money appropriated in this paragraph is  
21.22 available until June 30, 2027.

21.23 **(d) Core Functions in Partner-Led OHF Land**  
21.24 **Acquisitions**

21.25 \$740,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
21.26 of natural resources for administering the  
21.27 initial development, restoration, and  
21.28 enhancement of land acquired in fee with  
21.29 money appropriated from the outdoor heritage  
21.30 fund. This appropriation may be used for land  
21.31 acquisition costs incurred by the department  
21.32 as part of conveyance of parcels to the  
21.33 Department of Natural Resources and initial  
21.34 development activities on fee title acquisitions.

22.1 Money appropriated in this paragraph is  
22.2 available until June 30, 2033.

22.3 **(e) Legacy Website**

22.4 \$4,000 the first year and \$3,000 the second  
22.5 year are to the Legislative Coordinating  
22.6 Commission for the website required under  
22.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision  
22.8 10.

22.9 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**

22.10 (a) Money appropriated in this section may  
22.11 not be spent on activities unless they are  
22.12 directly related to and necessary for a specific  
22.13 appropriation and are specified in the  
22.14 accomplishment plan approved by the  
22.15 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.  
22.16 Money appropriated in this section must not  
22.17 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional  
22.18 overhead charges that are not directly related  
22.19 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.  
22.20 Money appropriated for fee title acquisition  
22.21 of land may be used to restore, enhance, and  
22.22 provide for public use of the land acquired  
22.23 with the appropriation. Public-use facilities  
22.24 must have a minimal impact on habitat in  
22.25 acquired lands.

22.26 (b) Money appropriated in this section is  
22.27 available as follows:

22.28 (1) money appropriated for acquiring real  
22.29 property is available until June 30, 2029;

22.30 (2) money appropriated for restoring and  
22.31 enhancing land acquired with an appropriation  
22.32 in this article is available for four years after  
22.33 the acquisition date with a maximum end date  
22.34 of June 30, 2033;

- 23.1 (3) money appropriated for restoring and  
23.2 enhancing other land is available until June  
23.3 30, 2030;
- 23.4 (4) notwithstanding clauses (1) to (3), money  
23.5 appropriated for a project that receives at least  
23.6 15 percent of its funding from federal funds  
23.7 is available until a date sufficient to match the  
23.8 availability of federal funding to a maximum  
23.9 of six years if the federal funding was  
23.10 confirmed and included in the original  
23.11 approved draft accomplishment plan; and
- 23.12 (5) money appropriated for other projects is  
23.13 available until the end of the fiscal year in  
23.14 which it is appropriated.
- 23.15 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**  
23.16 **Equipment Expenditures**
- 23.17 (a) All agreements referred to in this section  
23.18 must be administered on a reimbursement  
23.19 basis unless otherwise provided in this section.
- 23.20 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
23.21 16A.41, expenditures directly related to each  
23.22 appropriation's purpose made on or after July  
23.23 1, 2025, or the date of accomplishment plan  
23.24 approval, whichever is later, are eligible for  
23.25 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in  
23.26 this section. For the purposes of administering  
23.27 appropriations and legislatively authorized  
23.28 agreements paid out of the outdoor heritage  
23.29 fund, an expense must be considered  
23.30 reimbursable by the administering agency  
23.31 when the recipient presents the agency with  
23.32 an invoice or binding agreement with the  
23.33 landowner and the recipient attests that the  
23.34 goods have been received or the landowner  
23.35 agreement is binding. Periodic reimbursement

24.1 must be made upon receiving documentation  
24.2 that the items articulated in the  
24.3 accomplishment plan approved by the  
24.4 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council have  
24.5 been achieved, including partial achievements  
24.6 as evidenced by progress reports approved by  
24.7 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.  
24.8 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to  
24.9 projects to accommodate cash flow needs,  
24.10 support future management of acquired lands,  
24.11 or match a federal share. The advances must  
24.12 be approved as part of the accomplishment  
24.13 plan. Capital equipment expenditures for  
24.14 specific items in excess of \$10,000 must be  
24.15 itemized in and approved as part of the  
24.16 accomplishment plan.  
  
24.17 (b) Unless otherwise provided, no money  
24.18 appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund  
24.19 in this article may be used to acquire, restore,  
24.20 or enhance any real property unless the  
24.21 specific acquisition, restoration, or  
24.22 enhancement is approved as part of the  
24.23 accomplishment plan on the parcel list.  
  
24.24 **Subd. 9. Mapping**  
  
24.25 Each direct recipient of money appropriated  
24.26 in this section, as well as each recipient of a  
24.27 grant awarded under this section, must provide  
24.28 geographic information to the Lessard-Sams  
24.29 Outdoor Heritage Council for mapping of any  
24.30 lands acquired in fee with funds appropriated  
24.31 in this section and open to the public taking  
24.32 of fish and game. The commissioner of natural  
24.33 resources must include the lands acquired in  
24.34 fee with money appropriated in this section  
24.35 on maps showing public recreation



25.1 opportunities. Maps must include information  
 25.2 on and acknowledgment of the outdoor  
 25.3 heritage fund, including a notation of any  
 25.4 restrictions.

25.5 **Subd. 10. Carryforward**

25.6 (a) The availability of the appropriation for  
 25.7 Laws 2020, chapter 104, article 1, section 2,  
 25.8 subdivision 5, paragraph (b), Metro Big Rivers  
 25.9 - Phase X, is extended to June 30, 2026.

25.10 (b) The availability of the appropriation for  
 25.11 Laws 2020, chapter 104, article 1, section 2,  
 25.12 subdivision 5, paragraph (k), St. Louis River  
 25.13 Restoration Initiative - Phase VII, is extended  
 25.14 to June 30, 2026.

25.15 (c) The availability of the appropriation for  
 25.16 Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 1, section 2,  
 25.17 subdivision 6, paragraph (d), Core Functions  
 25.18 in Partner-Led OHF Land Acquisitions, is  
 25.19 extended to June 30, 2031.

25.20 **Subd. 11. Cancellation**

25.21 \$120,000 of the outdoor heritage fund  
 25.22 appropriation in Laws 2020, chapter 104,  
 25.23 article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, paragraph  
 25.24 (i), is canceled no later than June 29, 2025.

25.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Subdivision 11 is effective the day following final enactment.

25.26 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
 25.27 read:

25.28 **Subd. 25. Federal grant fund requirements.** An interest in real property acquired with  
 25.29 money appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund may be used to leverage federal grant  
 25.30 funds for related conservation programs, such as Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration,  
 25.31 United States Code, title 16, section 669 et seq.; Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration,  
 25.32 United States Code, title 16, section 777 et seq.; and the North American Wetlands  
 25.33 Conservation Act, United States Code, title 16, section 4401. These grant programs may

place conditions on land use that require the continued use of the land for conservation purposes. Placement of conditions on land use under these programs does not require prior review and approval of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council or its successor under subdivision 15, paragraph (b).

**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 "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and 2027. These are onetime appropriations.

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
<u>Available for the Year</u>	
<u>Ending June 30</u>	
<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>

**Sec. 2. CLEAN WATER FUND**

<b><u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>144,625,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>159,301,000</u></b>
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This appropriation is from the clean water fund. 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 MMB Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund Expenditure. Notwithstanding Minnesota

27.1 Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless otherwise  
 27.2 specified in this article, fiscal year 2026  
 27.3 appropriations are available until June 30,  
 27.4 2027, and fiscal year 2027 appropriations are  
 27.5 available until June 30, 2028. If a project  
 27.6 receives federal funds, the period of the  
 27.7 appropriation is extended to equal the  
 27.8 availability of federal funding.

27.9 **Subd. 3. Disability Access**

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

27.20 **Subd. 4. Increasing Diversity in Environmental**  
 27.21 **Careers**

27.22 Agencies should work to provide opportunities  
 27.23 that encourage a diversity of students to pursue  
 27.24 careers in environment and natural resources  
 27.25 when implementing appropriations in this  
 27.26 article.

27.27 **Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**    **\$**    **16,075,000**    **\$**    **17,275,000**

27.28 (a) \$370,000 the first year and \$370,000 the  
 27.29 second year are to increase monitoring for  
 27.30 pesticides and pesticide degradates in surface  
 27.31 water and groundwater and to use data  
 27.32 collected to assess pesticide use practices.

27.33 (b) \$3,100,000 the first year and \$3,100,000  
 27.34 the second year are for monitoring and

28.1 evaluating trends in the concentration of  
28.2 nitrate in groundwater; promoting, developing,  
28.3 and evaluating regional and crop-specific  
28.4 nutrient best management practices, cover  
28.5 crops, and other vegetative cover; assessing  
28.6 adoption of best management practices and  
28.7 other recommended practices; education and  
28.8 technical support from University of  
28.9 Minnesota Extension; grants to support  
28.10 agricultural demonstration and implementation  
28.11 activities, including research activities at the  
28.12 Rosholt Research Farm; and other actions to  
28.13 protect groundwater from degradation from  
28.14 nitrate.

28.15 (c) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000  
28.16 the second year are for the agriculture best  
28.17 management practices loan program. Any  
28.18 unencumbered balance at the end of the second  
28.19 year must be added to the corpus of the loan  
28.20 fund.

28.21 (d) \$1,600,000 the first year and \$1,600,000  
28.22 the second year are for technical assistance;  
28.23 research, demonstration, and promotion  
28.24 projects on properly implementing best  
28.25 management practices and vegetative cover;  
28.26 and more-precise information on nonpoint  
28.27 contributions to impaired waters and for grants  
28.28 to support on-farm demonstration of  
28.29 agricultural practices.

28.30 (e) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the  
28.31 second year are for maintenance of the  
28.32 Minnesota Water Research Digital Library.  
28.33 Costs for information technology development  
28.34 or support for the digital library may be paid  
28.35 to Minnesota IT Services.

- 29.1 (f) \$3,500,000 the first year and \$3,500,000  
29.2 the second year are to implement the  
29.3 Minnesota agricultural water quality  
29.4 certification program statewide.
- 29.5 (g) \$155,000 the first year and \$155,000 the  
29.6 second year are for a regional irrigation water  
29.7 quality specialist through University of  
29.8 Minnesota Extension.
- 29.9 (h) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$3,000,000  
29.10 the second year are for grants to the Board of  
29.11 Regents of the University of Minnesota to  
29.12 fund the Forever Green initiative and to protect  
29.13 the state's natural resources while increasing  
29.14 the efficiency, profitability, and productivity  
29.15 of Minnesota farmers by incorporating  
29.16 perennial and winter-annual crops into existing  
29.17 agricultural practices.
- 29.18 (i) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
29.19 second year are for testing drinking-water  
29.20 wells for pesticides.
- 29.21 (j) \$1,750,000 the first year and \$1,750,000  
29.22 the second year are for conservation  
29.23 equipment assistance grants to purchase  
29.24 equipment or items to retrofit existing  
29.25 equipment that has climate and water quality  
29.26 benefits.
- 29.27 (k) \$1,050,000 the first year and \$1,250,000  
29.28 the second year are for expanding the existing  
29.29 state weather station and soil temperature  
29.30 network to provide accurate and timely  
29.31 weather data to optimize the timing of  
29.32 irrigation, fertilizer, pesticide, and manure  
29.33 applications and support land management  
29.34 decisions.

30.1 (l) Unless otherwise specified, the  
 30.2 appropriations in this section are available  
 30.3 until June 30, 2030.

30.4 **Sec. 4. POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY      \$      24,501,000 \$      24,702,000**

30.5 (a) \$9,450,000 the first year and \$9,450,000  
 30.6 the second year are for completing needed  
 30.7 statewide assessments of surface water quality  
 30.8 and trends according to Minnesota Statutes,  
 30.9 chapter 114D. Of this amount, \$170,000 the  
 30.10 first year and \$170,000 the second year are  
 30.11 for grants to the Red River Watershed  
 30.12 Management Board to enhance and expand  
 30.13 the existing water quality and watershed  
 30.14 monitoring river watch activities in schools in  
 30.15 the Red River of the North Watershed. By  
 30.16 February 15, 2028, the Red River Watershed  
 30.17 Management Board must provide a report to  
 30.18 the commissioner and the legislative  
 30.19 committees and divisions with jurisdiction  
 30.20 over environment and natural resources  
 30.21 finance and policy and the clean water fund  
 30.22 on the expenditure of this appropriation.

30.23 (b) \$7,250,000 the first year and \$7,250,000  
 30.24 the second year are to support public  
 30.25 participation in the watershed approach and  
 30.26 to update watershed restoration and protection  
 30.27 strategies, which include total maximum daily  
 30.28 load (TMDL) and other supporting studies  
 30.29 according to Minnesota Statutes, chapter  
 30.30 114D, for waters on the impaired waters list  
 30.31 approved by the United States Environmental  
 30.32 Protection Agency.

30.33 (c) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000  
 30.34 the second year are for groundwater  
 30.35 assessment, including enhancing the ambient

31.1 monitoring network, modeling, and evaluating  
31.2 trends.

31.3 (d) \$1,600,000 the first year and \$1,600,000  
31.4 the second year are for national pollutant  
31.5 discharge elimination system wastewater and  
31.6 stormwater TMDL implementation efforts.

31.7 (e) \$3,340,000 the first year and \$3,541,000  
31.8 the second year are for enhancing the  
31.9 county-level delivery systems for subsurface  
31.10 sewage treatment system (SSTS) activities  
31.11 necessary to implement Minnesota Statutes,  
31.12 sections 115.55 and 115.56, for protecting  
31.13 groundwater. This appropriation includes base  
31.14 grants for all counties with SSTS programs.  
31.15 Counties that receive base grants must report  
31.16 the number of properties with noncompliant  
31.17 systems upgraded through an SSTS  
31.18 replacement, connection to a centralized sewer  
31.19 system, or other means, including property  
31.20 abandonment or buyout. Counties also must  
31.21 report the number of existing SSTS  
31.22 compliance inspections conducted in areas  
31.23 under county jurisdiction. The required reports  
31.24 must be part of the established annual  
31.25 reporting for SSTS programs. Of this amount,  
31.26 at least \$900,000 each year is available to  
31.27 counties for grants to low-income landowners  
31.28 to address systems that pose an imminent  
31.29 threat to public health or safety or fail to  
31.30 protect groundwater. A county receiving a  
31.31 grant under this paragraph must submit a  
31.32 report to the agency listing the projects funded,  
31.33 including an account of the expenditures.

32.1 (f) \$650,000 the first year and \$650,000 the  
32.2 second year are for activities and grants that  
32.3 reduce chloride pollution.

32.4 (g) \$461,000 the first year and \$461,000 the  
32.5 second year are to support activities of the  
32.6 Clean Water Council according to Minnesota  
32.7 Statutes, section 114D.30, subdivision 1.

32.8 (h) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the  
32.9 second year are for a grant program for  
32.10 sanitary sewer projects that are included in the  
32.11 draft or any updated Voyageurs National Park  
32.12 Clean Water Project Comprehensive Plan to  
32.13 restore the water quality of waters in  
32.14 Voyageurs National Park. Grants must be  
32.15 awarded to local government units for projects  
32.16 approved by the Voyageurs National Park  
32.17 Clean Water Joint Powers Board and must be  
32.18 matched by at least 25 percent from sources  
32.19 other than the clean water fund.

32.20 (i) Any unencumbered grant balances in the  
32.21 first year do not cancel but are available for  
32.22 grants in the second year. Notwithstanding  
32.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the  
32.24 appropriations in this section are available  
32.25 until June 30, 2030.

32.26 **Sec. 5. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**  
32.27 **RESOURCES**

**\$      14,150,000 \$      14,650,000**

32.28 (a) \$2,825,000 the first year and \$2,825,000  
32.29 the second year are for stream flow  
32.30 monitoring.

32.31 (b) \$1,525,000 the first year and \$1,525,000  
32.32 the second year are for lake Index of  
32.33 Biological Integrity (IBI) assessments.



- 33.1 (c) \$550,000 the first year and \$550,000 the  
33.2 second year are for assessing mercury and  
33.3 other fish contaminants, including PFAS  
33.4 compounds, and monitoring to track the status  
33.5 of impaired waters over time.
- 33.6 (d) \$2,250,000 the first year and \$2,500,000  
33.7 the second year are for developing targeted,  
33.8 science-based watershed restoration and  
33.9 protection strategies and for technical  
33.10 assistance for local governments.
- 33.11 (e) \$2,350,000 the first year and \$2,350,000  
33.12 the second year are for water-supply planning,  
33.13 aquifer protection, and monitoring activities  
33.14 and analysis.
- 33.15 (f) \$2,100,000 the first year and \$2,250,000  
33.16 the second year are for technical assistance to  
33.17 support local implementation of nonpoint  
33.18 source restoration and protection activities and  
33.19 targeted forest stewardship for water quality.
- 33.20 (g) \$700,000 the first year and \$700,000 the  
33.21 second year are for tool development and  
33.22 evaluation, including maintaining and updating  
33.23 spatial data for watershed boundaries, streams,  
33.24 and water bodies and integrating  
33.25 high-resolution digital elevation data and for  
33.26 assessing the effectiveness of forestry best  
33.27 management practices for water quality.
- 33.28 (h) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the  
33.29 second year are for accelerating completion  
33.30 of or updates to county geologic atlases and  
33.31 supplementing water chemistry or chemical  
33.32 movement studies.
- 33.33 (i) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the  
33.34 second year are for increasing native

34.1 freshwater mussel production capacity and  
 34.2 restoring and monitoring freshwater mussel  
 34.3 restoration efforts.

34.4 (j) \$1,400,000 the first year and \$1,500,000  
 34.5 the second year are for providing technical  
 34.6 and financial assistance for county and local  
 34.7 governments to replace failing or ineffective  
 34.8 culverts using modern designs that restore  
 34.9 floodplain connectivity, biological  
 34.10 connectivity, and channel stability. This  
 34.11 appropriation is available for up to two  
 34.12 additional years.

34.13 **Sec. 6. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL**  
 34.14 **RESOURCES**

**\$ 64,332,000 \$ 75,004,000**

34.15 (a) \$39,962,000 the first year and \$48,138,000  
 34.16 the second year are for agreements to  
 34.17 implement state-approved watershed-based  
 34.18 plans. The agreements may be used to  
 34.19 implement projects or programs that protect,  
 34.20 enhance, and restore surface water quality in  
 34.21 lakes, rivers, and streams; protect groundwater  
 34.22 from degradation; and protect drinking water  
 34.23 sources. Activities must be identified in a  
 34.24 comprehensive watershed plan developed  
 34.25 under the One Watershed, One Plan program  
 34.26 and seven-county metropolitan groundwater  
 34.27 or surface water management frameworks as  
 34.28 provided for in Minnesota Statutes, chapters  
 34.29 103B, 103C, 103D, and 114D. Other legacy  
 34.30 funds may be used to supplement projects  
 34.31 funded under this paragraph. This  
 34.32 appropriation may be used for:  
 34.33 (1) implementing state-approved plans,  
 34.34 including within the following watershed  
 34.35 planning areas: Big Fork River, Blue Earth

- 35.1 River, Bois de Sioux - Mustinka, Buffalo-Red
- 35.2 River, Cannon River, Cedar - Wapsipinicon,
- 35.3 Chippewa River, Clearwater River,
- 35.4 Cottonwood-Middle Minnesota, Crow Wing
- 35.5 River, Des Moines River, Greater Zumbro
- 35.6 River, Hawk Creek - Middle Minnesota, Kettle
- 35.7 and Upper St. Croix, Lac qui Parle-Yellow
- 35.8 Bank, Lake of the Woods, Lake Superior
- 35.9 North, Le Sueur River, Leech Lake River,
- 35.10 Little Fork River, Long Prairie River, Lower
- 35.11 Minnesota River East, Lower Minnesota River
- 35.12 West, Lower St. Croix River,
- 35.13 Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers, Minnesota
- 35.14 River-Mankato, Mississippi River Brainerd,
- 35.15 Mississippi River Headwaters, Mississippi
- 35.16 River St. Cloud, Mississippi River-Sartell,
- 35.17 Mississippi River Winona/La Crescent,
- 35.18 Missouri River Basin, Nemadji River, North
- 35.19 Fork Crow River, Otter Tail, Pine River,
- 35.20 Pomme de Terre River, Rainy-Rapid River,
- 35.21 Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion, Rainy
- 35.22 River-Rainy Lake, Red Lake River, Redeye
- 35.23 River, Redwood River, Root River, Roseau
- 35.24 River, Rum River, Sand Hill River, Sauk
- 35.25 River, Shell Rock and Winnebago River,
- 35.26 Snake River, South Fork of the Crow River,
- 35.27 St. Louis River, Thief River, Two Rivers Plus,
- 35.28 Upper and Lower Red Lake, Upper Minnesota
- 35.29 River, Upper Mississippi - Grand Rapids,
- 35.30 Watonwan River, Wild Rice - Marsh, and
- 35.31 Yellow Medicine River;
- 35.32 (2) implementing seven-county metropolitan
- 35.33 groundwater or surface water management
- 35.34 frameworks; and

36.1 (3) implementing other comprehensive  
36.2 watershed management plan planning areas  
36.3 that have a board-approved and  
36.4 local-government-adopted plan as authorized  
36.5 in Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.801.

36.6 The board must establish eligibility criteria  
36.7 and determine whether a planning area is ready  
36.8 to proceed.

36.9 (b) \$2,935,000 the first year and \$3,065,000  
36.10 the second year are for agreements with local  
36.11 government units to protect and restore surface  
36.12 water and drinking water; to keep water on  
36.13 the land; to protect, enhance, and restore water  
36.14 quality in lakes, rivers, and streams; and to  
36.15 protect groundwater and drinking water,  
36.16 including feedlot water quality and subsurface  
36.17 sewage treatment system projects and stream  
36.18 bank, stream channel, shoreline restoration,  
36.19 and ravine stabilization projects. The projects  
36.20 must use practices demonstrated to be  
36.21 effective, be of long-lasting public benefit,  
36.22 include a match, and be consistent with total  
36.23 maximum daily load (TMDL) implementation  
36.24 plans, watershed restoration and protection  
36.25 strategies (WRAPS), groundwater restoration  
36.26 and protection strategies (GRAPS), or local  
36.27 water management plans or their equivalents.  
36.28 Up to 50 percent of this appropriation is  
36.29 available for land-treatment projects and  
36.30 practices that benefit drinking water.

36.31 (c) \$4,350,000 the first year and \$4,350,000  
36.32 the second year are for accelerated  
36.33 implementation, local resource protection,  
36.34 statewide analytical targeting or technology  
36.35 tools that fill an identified gap, program

37.1 enhancements for technical assistance, citizen  
37.2 and community outreach, compliance, and  
37.3 training and certification.

37.4 (d) \$1,250,000 the first year and \$1,250,000  
37.5 the second year are:

37.6 (1) to provide state oversight and  
37.7 accountability, evaluate and communicate  
37.8 results, provide implementation tools, and  
37.9 measure the value of conservation program  
37.10 implementation by local governments; and

37.11 (2) to submit to the legislature by December  
37.12 15 each even-numbered year a biennial report  
37.13 detailing the recipients and projects funded  
37.14 and the results accomplished under this  
37.15 section.

37.16 (e) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000  
37.17 the second year are to provide assistance,  
37.18 oversight, and support for local governments  
37.19 in implementing and complying with riparian  
37.20 protection and excessive soil loss  
37.21 requirements.

37.22 (f) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000  
37.23 the second year are for a working lands  
37.24 floodplain program and to purchase, restore,  
37.25 or preserve riparian land and floodplains  
37.26 adjacent to lakes, wetlands, rivers, streams,  
37.27 and tributaries, by conservation easements or  
37.28 other agreements to keep water on the land,  
37.29 to decrease sediment, pollutant, and nutrient  
37.30 transport; reduce hydrologic impacts to surface  
37.31 waters; and increase protection and recharge  
37.32 for groundwater. Up to \$60,000 is for deposit  
37.33 in a conservation easement stewardship

38.1 account established according to Minnesota  
38.2 Statutes, section 103B.103.

38.3 (g) \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000  
38.4 the second year are for conservation easements  
38.5 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.501  
38.6 to 103F.535, or for agreements with local units  
38.7 of government or Tribal governments for  
38.8 long-term protection of groundwater supply  
38.9 sources. Priority must be placed on drinking  
38.10 water supply management areas where the  
38.11 vulnerability of the drinking water supply is  
38.12 designated as high or very high by the  
38.13 commissioner of health, that are mitigation  
38.14 level 1 or 2 under the groundwater protection  
38.15 rule, where drinking water protection plans  
38.16 developed by Tribal governments have  
38.17 identified high vulnerability, or where drinking  
38.18 water protection plans have identified specific  
38.19 activities that will achieve long-term  
38.20 protection. Up to \$200,000 is for deposit in a  
38.21 conservation easement stewardship account  
38.22 established according to Minnesota Statutes,  
38.23 section 103B.103.

38.24 (h) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the  
38.25 second year are for a technical evaluation  
38.26 panel to conduct restoration evaluations under  
38.27 Minnesota Statutes, section 114D.50,  
38.28 subdivision 6.

38.29 (i) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
38.30 second year are for assistance to, oversight of,  
38.31 and agreements with local governments to  
38.32 enhance and update comprehensive watershed  
38.33 management plans developed under Minnesota  
38.34 Statutes, section 103B.801.

- 39.1 (j) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000  
39.2 the second year are for technical and financial  
39.3 assistance for the conservation drainage  
39.4 program, in consultation with the Drainage  
39.5 Work Group, coordinated under Minnesota  
39.6 Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision 13,  
39.7 and including projects to improve  
39.8 multipurpose water management under  
39.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 103E.015.
- 39.10 (k) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
39.11 second year are to purchase permanent  
39.12 conservation easements to protect lands  
39.13 adjacent to public waters that have good water  
39.14 quality but that are threatened with  
39.15 degradation. Up to \$60,000 is for deposit in a  
39.16 conservation easement stewardship account  
39.17 established according to Minnesota Statutes,  
39.18 section 103B.103.
- 39.19 (l) \$425,000 the first year and \$425,000 the  
39.20 second year are to systematically collect data  
39.21 and produce county, watershed, and statewide  
39.22 estimates of soil erosion caused by water and  
39.23 wind, and track adoption of conservation  
39.24 measures, including cover crops, to address  
39.25 erosion. This appropriation may be used for  
39.26 agreements with the University of Minnesota  
39.27 to complete this work.
- 39.28 (m) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
39.29 second year are for implementing a water  
39.30 legacy program to expand partnerships for  
39.31 clean water.
- 39.32 (n) \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000  
39.33 the second year are for permanent  
39.34 conservation easements to protect and restore  
39.35 wetlands and associated uplands. Up to

40.1 \$100,000 is for deposit in a conservation  
40.2 easement stewardship account established  
40.3 according to Minnesota Statutes, section  
40.4 103B.103.

40.5 (o) \$3,560,000 the first year and \$5,926,000  
40.6 the second year are for financial and technical  
40.7 assistance to enhance adoption of cover crops  
40.8 and other soil health practices to achieve water  
40.9 quality or drinking water benefits. The board  
40.10 may use agreements with local governments,  
40.11 the United States Department of Agriculture,  
40.12 AgCentric at Minnesota State Center for  
40.13 Excellence, and other practitioners and  
40.14 partners to accomplish this work. Up to  
40.15 \$450,000 is for an agreement with the  
40.16 University of Minnesota Office for Soil Health  
40.17 for applied research and education on  
40.18 Minnesota's agroecosystems and soil health  
40.19 management systems. This appropriation may  
40.20 be extended to leverage available federal  
40.21 funds.

40.22 (p) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the  
40.23 second year are to contract for delivery of  
40.24 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota  
40.25 and Iowa for restoration, maintenance,  
40.26 training, and other activities consistent with  
40.27 this section.

40.28 (q) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the  
40.29 second year are to provide support to soil and  
40.30 water conservation districts and other local  
40.31 governments and partner organizations in the  
40.32 Lake Superior basin to leverage Great Lakes  
40.33 Restoration Initiative or other federal funding  
40.34 to implement prioritized activities.



41.1 (r) The board may shift funds in this section  
 41.2 and may adjust the technical and  
 41.3 administrative assistance portion of the funds  
 41.4 to leverage federal or other nonstate funds, to  
 41.5 facilitate oversight responsibilities, or to  
 41.6 address high-priority activities identified by  
 41.7 the board consistent with local water  
 41.8 management plans.

41.9 (s) The board must require grantees to specify  
 41.10 the outcomes that will be achieved by the  
 41.11 grants.

41.12 (t) The appropriations in this section are  
 41.13 available until June 30, 2030, except grant or  
 41.14 easement funds are available for five years  
 41.15 after the date a grant or other agreement is  
 41.16 executed. Returned funds must be repurposed  
 41.17 consistent with the purposes of this section.

41.18 Sec. 7. **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**                      **\$**                      **14,295,000** **\$**                      **15,845,000**

41.19 (a) \$5,925,000 the first year and \$5,925,000  
 41.20 the second year are to develop health risk  
 41.21 limits and other health-based guidance and  
 41.22 conduct outreach activities for contaminants  
 41.23 found or anticipated to be found in Minnesota  
 41.24 drinking water; to accredit private laboratories  
 41.25 to conduct analyses for these contaminants;  
 41.26 and to increase the capacity of the  
 41.27 department's laboratory to analyze for these  
 41.28 contaminants.

41.29 (b) \$2,300,000 the first year and \$3,700,000  
 41.30 the second year are for ensuring safe drinking  
 41.31 water for private well users in southeast  
 41.32 Minnesota and statewide by designing and  
 41.33 implementing voluntary interventions to  
 41.34 reduce health risks to private well users,

- 42.1 including identifying private well locations,  
42.2 studying the occurrence and magnitude of  
42.3 contaminants in private wells, developing  
42.4 guidance and conducting outreach and  
42.5 education about well testing and mitigation,  
42.6 awarding grants to local governments, and  
42.7 offering well testing.
- 42.8 (c) \$3,770,000 the first year and \$3,920,000  
42.9 the second year are for protecting sources of  
42.10 drinking water, including planning,  
42.11 implementation, and monitoring activities and  
42.12 grants to local governments and public water  
42.13 systems.
- 42.14 (d) \$1,750,000 the first year and \$1,750,000  
42.15 the second year are to develop and deliver  
42.16 groundwater restoration and protection  
42.17 strategies on a watershed scale for use in local  
42.18 comprehensive water planning efforts, to  
42.19 provide resources to local governments for  
42.20 activities that sustain groundwater and protect  
42.21 sources of drinking water, and to enhance  
42.22 approaches that improve the capacity of local  
42.23 governmental units to protect and restore  
42.24 groundwater resources.
- 42.25 (e) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the  
42.26 second year are to develop public health  
42.27 policies and approaches to address threats to  
42.28 safe drinking water, including implementation  
42.29 of a statewide action plan for protecting  
42.30 drinking water.
- 42.31 (f) \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the  
42.32 second year are for optimizing the statewide  
42.33 recreational water portal that includes an  
42.34 inventory of public beaches and information  
42.35 about local monitoring results and closures

43.1 and that provides information about preventing  
43.2 illness and recreational water stewardship.

43.3 (g) Unless otherwise specified, the  
43.4 appropriations in this section are available  
43.5 until June 30, 2029.

43.6 Sec. 8. **METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**                      **\$**                      **2,025,000** **\$**                      **2,125,000**

43.7 (a) \$1,375,000 the first year and \$1,375,000  
43.8 the second year are to support communities  
43.9 implementing projects that address emerging  
43.10 drinking water supply threats and overall water  
43.11 sustainability, provide cost-effective regional  
43.12 solutions, leverage interjurisdictional  
43.13 coordination, support local implementation of  
43.14 wellhead protection plans, and prevent  
43.15 degradation of groundwater and surface water  
43.16 resources. These activities will provide  
43.17 communities with:

43.18 (1) potential solutions to better connect land  
43.19 use impacts on water supply and overall water  
43.20 sustainability;

43.21 (2) ways to balance regional water use by  
43.22 using surface water, stormwater, wastewater,  
43.23 and groundwater;

43.24 (3) an analysis of infrastructure requirements  
43.25 needed to maintain and strengthen the  
43.26 reliability of water systems;

43.27 (4) development of planning-level cost  
43.28 estimates, including capital costs and operating  
43.29 costs;

43.30 (5) funding mechanisms and an equitable  
43.31 cost-sharing structure for regionally beneficial  
43.32 water supply development projects;

44.1 (6) information and tools to use to address  
 44.2 climate change impacts on overall water  
 44.3 supply systems and overall water  
 44.4 sustainability; and

44.5 (7) ways to reduce impacts on the groundwater  
 44.6 system through stormwater reuse grants to  
 44.7 assist communities in reducing water use.

44.8 (b) \$650,000 the first year and \$750,000 the  
 44.9 second year are for grants that implement  
 44.10 water demand reduction measures. The grants  
 44.11 are to assist municipalities in the metropolitan  
 44.12 area with implementing water demand  
 44.13 reduction measures to ensure the reliability  
 44.14 and protection of drinking water supplies.

44.15 **Sec. 9. UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**      **\$**      **1,000,000** **\$**      **1,400,000**

44.16 (a) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the  
 44.17 second year are for developing Part A of  
 44.18 county geologic atlases. This appropriation is  
 44.19 available until June 30, 2030.

44.20 (b) \$600,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the  
 44.21 second year are for a program to evaluate  
 44.22 performance and technology transfer for  
 44.23 stormwater best management practices, to  
 44.24 evaluate best management performance and  
 44.25 effectiveness to support meeting total  
 44.26 maximum daily loads, to develop standards  
 44.27 and incorporate state-of-the-art guidance using  
 44.28 minimal impact design standards as the model,  
 44.29 and to implement a system to transfer  
 44.30 knowledge and technology across the local  
 44.31 government, industry, and regulatory sectors.  
 44.32 This appropriation is available until June 30,  
 44.33 2032.

44.34 **Sec. 10. LEGISLATURE**      **\$**      **7,000** **\$**      **-0-**

45.1 \$7,000 the first year is for the Legislative  
 45.2 Coordinating Commission for the website  
 45.3 required under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 45.4 3.303, subdivision 10.

45.5 Sec. 11. **PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY** \$ 8,240,000 \$ 8,300,000

45.6 (a) \$8,190,000 the first year and \$8,250,000  
 45.7 the second year are for the point source  
 45.8 implementation grants program under  
 45.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.073. This  
 45.10 appropriation is available until June 30, 2032.

45.11 (b) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the  
 45.12 second year are for small community  
 45.13 wastewater treatment grants and loans under  
 45.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.075. This  
 45.15 appropriation is available until June 30, 2032.

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

45.24 Sec. 12. **ASH RIVER SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT**  
 45.25 **SYSTEM APPROPRIATION EXTENSION.**

45.26 The portion of the appropriation in Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 2, article  
 45.27 2, section 5, paragraph (h), as amended by Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1,  
 45.28 article 2, section 18, for the Ash River Sanitary Sewer Collection and Treatment System is  
 45.29 available until June 30, 2026.

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

### 45.31 **ARTICLE 3**

### 45.32 **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND**

45.33 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 "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and 2027. These are onetime appropriations.

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>			
<u>Available for the Year</u>			
<u>Ending June 30</u>			
	<u>2026</u>		<u>2027</u>

**Sec. 2. PARKS AND TRAILS FUND**

<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>61,435,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>68,733,000</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 MMB Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund Expenditure. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless otherwise specified in this article, fiscal year 2026 appropriations are available until June 30, 2028, and fiscal year 2027 appropriations are available until June 30, 2029. If a project receives federal funds, the period of the appropriation is extended to equal the availability of federal funding.

**Subd. 3. Disability Access**

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

47.11 **Subd. 4. Energy and Water Conservation**

47.12 Grant recipients of parks and trails funds  
47.13 should prioritize water and energy  
47.14 conservation technology and the use of  
47.15 renewable energy for construction and  
47.16 building projects funded with an appropriation  
47.17 made in this article.

47.18 **Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**  
47.19 **RESOURCES**

\$	<u>37,095,000</u>	\$	<u>41,511,000</u>
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47.20 (a) \$24,295,000 the first year and \$27,222,000  
47.21 the second year are for state parks, recreation  
47.22 areas, and trails to:

- 47.23 (1) connect people to the outdoors;  
47.24 (2) acquire land and create opportunities;  
47.25 (3) maintain existing holdings; and  
47.26 (4) improve cooperation by coordinating with  
47.27 partners to implement the 25-year long-range  
47.28 parks and trails legacy plan.

47.29 (b) The commissioner may spend money  
47.30 appropriated under paragraph (a) on I Can!  
47.31 programs, including but not limited to  
47.32 programs designed to provide underserved  
47.33 youth and youth who identify as lesbian, gay,  
47.34 bisexual, transgender, and queer the

48.1 opportunity to experience the outdoors with  
48.2 similar peers.

48.3 (c) \$12,148,000 the first year and \$13,610,000  
48.4 the second year are for grants for parks and  
48.5 trails of regional significance outside the  
48.6 seven-county metropolitan area under  
48.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.535. The grants  
48.8 awarded under this paragraph must be based  
48.9 on the lists of recommended projects  
48.10 submitted to the legislative committees under  
48.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536,  
48.12 subdivision 10, from the Greater Minnesota  
48.13 Regional Parks and Trails Commission  
48.14 established under Minnesota Statutes, section  
48.15 85.536. Grants funded under this paragraph  
48.16 must support parks and trails of regional or  
48.17 statewide significance that meet the applicable  
48.18 definitions and criteria for regional parks and  
48.19 trails contained in the Greater Minnesota  
48.20 Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan  
48.21 adopted by the Greater Minnesota Regional  
48.22 Parks and Trails Commission on April 22,  
48.23 2015. Grant recipients identified under this  
48.24 paragraph must submit a grant application to  
48.25 the commissioner of natural resources. Of the  
48.26 amount appropriated, up to \$140,000 each  
48.27 year may be used by the commissioner for the  
48.28 actual cost of issuing and monitoring the  
48.29 grants for the commission. Of the amount  
48.30 appropriated, \$500,000 the first year and  
48.31 \$500,000 the second year are for the Greater  
48.32 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails  
48.33 Commission to carry out its duties under  
48.34 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536, including  
48.35 the continued development of a statewide



- 49.1 system plan for regional parks and trails  
49.2 outside the seven-county metropolitan area.
- 49.3 (d) By January 15, 2026, the Greater  
49.4 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails  
49.5 Commission must submit a list of projects that  
49.6 contains the commission's recommendations  
49.7 for funding from the parks and trails fund for  
49.8 fiscal year 2027 to the chairs and ranking  
49.9 minority members of the legislative  
49.10 committees and divisions with jurisdiction  
49.11 over environment and natural resources and  
49.12 the parks and trails fund.
- 49.13 (e) By January 15, 2026, the Greater  
49.14 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails  
49.15 Commission must submit a report that contains  
49.16 the commission's criteria for funding from the  
49.17 parks and trails fund, including the criteria  
49.18 used to determine if a park or trail is of  
49.19 regional significance, to the chairs and ranking  
49.20 minority members of the legislative  
49.21 committees and divisions with jurisdiction  
49.22 over environment and natural resources and  
49.23 the parks and trails fund.
- 49.24 (f) \$652,000 the first year and \$679,000 the  
49.25 second year are for coordination and projects  
49.26 between the department, the Metropolitan  
49.27 Council, and the Greater Minnesota Regional  
49.28 Parks and Trails Commission; enhanced  
49.29 web-based information for park and trail users;  
49.30 and support of activities of the Parks and  
49.31 Trails Legacy Advisory Committee.
- 49.32 (g) The commissioner must contract for  
49.33 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota  
49.34 and Iowa for restoration, maintenance, and  
49.35 other activities under this section for at least

50.1 \$850,000 the first year and \$850,000 the  
 50.2 second year.

50.3 (h) Grant recipients of an appropriation under  
 50.4 this section must give consideration to  
 50.5 contracting with Conservation Corps  
 50.6 Minnesota and Iowa for restoration,  
 50.7 maintenance, and other activities.

50.8 (i) In addition to the requirements under  
 50.9 paragraph (g), the commissioner should work  
 50.10 to provide other opportunities that encourage  
 50.11 a diversity of students to pursue careers in  
 50.12 environment and natural resources when  
 50.13 implementing appropriations in this section.

50.14 Sec. 4. **METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**                      \$        24,295,000 \$        27,222,000

50.15 (a) \$24,295,000 the first year and \$27,222,000  
 50.16 the second year are for distribution according  
 50.17 to Minnesota Statutes, section 85.53,  
 50.18 subdivision 3.

50.19 (b) Money appropriated under this section and  
 50.20 distributed to implementing agencies must be  
 50.21 used only to fund the list of projects approved  
 50.22 by the elected representatives of each of the  
 50.23 metropolitan parks implementing agencies.  
 50.24 Projects funded by the money appropriated  
 50.25 under this section must be substantially  
 50.26 consistent with the project descriptions and  
 50.27 dollar amounts approved by each elected body.  
 50.28 Any money remaining after completing the  
 50.29 listed projects may be spent by the  
 50.30 implementing agencies on projects to support  
 50.31 parks and trails.

50.32 (c) Grant agreements entered into by the  
 50.33 Metropolitan Council and recipients of money  
 50.34 appropriated under this section must ensure

51.1 that the money is used to supplement and not  
51.2 substitute for traditional sources of funding.

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

51.8 **Sec. 5. LEGISLATIVE** **\$** **4,000** **\$** **-0-**

51.9 \$4,000 the first year is for the Legislative  
51.10 Coordinating Commission for the website  
51.11 required under Minnesota Statutes, section  
51.12 3.303, subdivision 10.

51.13 **Sec. 6. ADDITIONAL FISCAL YEAR 2026**  
51.14 **APPROPRIATION FOR GREATER**  
51.15 **MINNESOTA PARKS AND TRAILS.**

51.16 \$41,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated  
51.17 from the parks and trails fund to the  
51.18 commissioner of natural resources for grants  
51.19 for parks and trails of regional significance  
51.20 outside the seven-county metropolitan area.  
51.21 This appropriation is available June 30, 2028.

51.22 **Sec. 7. PARKS AND TRAILS FUND**  
51.23 **APPROPRIATION EXTENSIONS.**

51.24 The availability of the grant to Goodhue  
51.25 County for the Cannon Valley Trail project  
51.26 from the parks and trails fund fiscal year 2023  
51.27 appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special  
51.28 Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3,  
51.29 paragraph (b), is extended to June 30, 2027.

51.30 The availability of the grant to Stearns County  
51.31 for the Beaver Island Trail project from the  
51.32 parks and trails fund fiscal year 2023  
51.33 appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special  
51.34 Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3,  
51.35 paragraph (b), is extended to June 30, 2027.

52.1 The availability of the grant to the city of  
52.2 Winona for the Bluffs Traverse Trail project  
52.3 from the parks and trails fund fiscal year 2023  
52.4 appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special  
52.5 Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3,  
52.6 paragraph (b), is extended to June 30, 2027.

52.7 The availability of the grant to the city of  
52.8 Austin for the Jay C. Hormel Nature Center  
52.9 project from the parks and trails fund fiscal  
52.10 year 2024 appropriation under Laws 2023,  
52.11 chapter 40, article 3, section 3, paragraph (c),  
52.12 is extended to June 30, 2027.

52.13 The availability of the grant to the city of  
52.14 Duluth for the Spirit Mountain Recreation  
52.15 Area project from the parks and trails fund  
52.16 fiscal year 2023 appropriation under Laws  
52.17 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article  
52.18 3, section 3, paragraph (b), is extended to June  
52.19 30, 2027.

52.20 The availability of the grant to the city of  
52.21 Duluth for the Waabizheshikana/Marten Trail  
52.22 project from the parks and trails fund fiscal  
52.23 year 2024 appropriation under Laws 2023,  
52.24 chapter 40, article 3, section 3, paragraph (c),  
52.25 is extended to June 30, 2027.

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

52.27 Sec. 8. **CANCELLATIONS.**

52.28 (a) The unobligated balance from the parks  
52.29 and trails fund appropriation under Laws 2019,  
52.30 First Special Session, chapter 2, article 3,  
52.31 section 3, paragraph (b), for grants estimated  
52.32 to be \$10,000 is canceled to the parks and  
52.33 trails fund no later than June 30, 2025.

(b) The unobligated balance from the parks and trails fund appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special Session, chapter 1, article 3, section 3, paragraph (b), for grants estimated to be \$31,000 is canceled to the parks and trails fund no later than June 30, 2025.

**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, except that any unencumbered balance remaining under this article from the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year. The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and June 30, 2027, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and 2027. All appropriations in this article are onetime.

<b><u>APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>			
<b><u>Available for the Year</u></b>			
<b><u>Ending June 30</u></b>			
	<b><u>2026</u></b>		<b><u>2027</u></b>

Sec. 2. **ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE**

<b><u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>85,293,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>94,618,000</u></b>
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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 must 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

54.1 overhead charges that are not directly related  
54.2 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.  
54.3 Money appropriated in this article must be  
54.4 spent in accordance with Minnesota  
54.5 Management and Budget MMB Guidance to  
54.6 Agencies on Legacy Fund Expenditure.  
54.7 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
54.8 16A.28, and unless otherwise specified in this  
54.9 article, fiscal year 2026 appropriations are  
54.10 available until June 30, 2027, and fiscal year  
54.11 2027 appropriations are available until June  
54.12 30, 2028. Water and energy conservation  
54.13 technology and the use of renewable energy  
54.14 should be priorities for construction and  
54.15 building projects funded through this  
54.16 appropriation. If a project receives federal  
54.17 funds, the period of the appropriation is  
54.18 extended to equal the availability of federal  
54.19 funding.

54.20 Sec. 3. MINNESOTA STATE ARTS BOARD

54.21	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>40,088,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>44,470,000</u>
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54.22 The amounts that may be spent for each  
54.23 purpose are specified in the following  
54.24 subdivisions.

54.25 Subd. 2. Grant Agreements

54.26 The amounts in this section are appropriated  
54.27 to the Minnesota State Arts Board for arts, arts  
54.28 education, arts preservation, and arts access.  
54.29 Grant agreements entered into by the  
54.30 Minnesota State Arts Board and other  
54.31 recipients of appropriations in this section  
54.32 must ensure that the money is used to  
54.33 supplement and not substitute for traditional  
54.34 sources of funding. Each grant program  
54.35 established in this appropriation must be

55.1 separately administered from other state  
 55.2 appropriations for program planning and  
 55.3 outcome measurements, but may take into  
 55.4 consideration other state resources awarded  
 55.5 in the selection of applicants and grant award  
 55.6 size.

55.7 **Subd. 3. Arts and Arts Access Initiatives** 32,071,000 35,576,000

55.8 \$32,071,000 the first year and \$35,576,000  
 55.9 the second year are to support Minnesota  
 55.10 artists and arts organizations in creating,  
 55.11 producing, and presenting high-quality arts  
 55.12 activities; to preserve, maintain, and interpret  
 55.13 art forms and works of art so that they are  
 55.14 accessible to Minnesota audiences; to  
 55.15 overcome barriers to accessing high-quality  
 55.16 arts activities; and to instill the arts into the  
 55.17 community and public life in this state. Grants  
 55.18 provided under this subdivision must prioritize  
 55.19 artists and arts organizations that plan to  
 55.20 present art from communities that have been  
 55.21 historically underrepresented in the arts or that  
 55.22 improve access to the programs and projects  
 55.23 for groups, including youth and historically  
 55.24 underserved communities, that have struggled  
 55.25 to access arts programming in the past.

55.26 **Subd. 4. Arts Education** 6,013,000 6,670,000

55.27 \$6,013,000 the first year and \$6,670,000 the  
 55.28 second year are for high-quality,  
 55.29 age-appropriate arts education for Minnesotans  
 55.30 of all ages to develop knowledge, skills, and  
 55.31 understanding of the arts. Priority in the award  
 55.32 of grants under this subdivision must be given  
 55.33 to providing educational opportunities to  
 55.34 underserved communities with grants for  
 55.35 organizations or entities providing

56.1 opportunities to K-12 students throughout the  
 56.2 state for arts education, including access to  
 56.3 arts instruction, arts programming, museums,  
 56.4 and arts presentations.

56.5 **Subd. 5. Arts and Cultural Heritage** 2,004,000 2,224,000

56.6 \$2,004,000 the first year and \$2,224,000 the  
 56.7 second year are for events and activities that  
 56.8 represent, preserve, and maintain the diverse  
 56.9 cultural arts traditions, including folk and  
 56.10 traditional artists and art organizations,  
 56.11 represented in this state.

56.12 **Subd. 6. Administrative Costs**

56.13 Up to five percent of the totals in subdivisions  
 56.14 3 to 5 each year is for administering grant  
 56.15 programs, delivering technical services,  
 56.16 providing fiscal oversight for the statewide  
 56.17 system, and ensuring accountability in fiscal  
 56.18 years 2026 and 2027.

56.19 **Subd. 7. Regional Arts Councils**

56.20 Thirty percent of the remaining total  
 56.21 appropriation to each of the categories listed  
 56.22 in subdivisions 3 to 5 is for grants to the  
 56.23 regional arts councils. Notwithstanding any  
 56.24 other provision of law, regional arts council  
 56.25 grants or other arts council grants for touring  
 56.26 programs, projects, or exhibits must ensure  
 56.27 the programs, projects, or exhibits are able to  
 56.28 tour in their own region as well as all other  
 56.29 regions of the state.

56.30 **Sec. 4. MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

56.31 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** \$ 14,077,000 \$ 19,000,000



57.1 The amounts that may be spent for each  
57.2 purpose are specified in the following  
57.3 subdivisions.

57.4 **Subd. 2. Grant Agreements**

57.5 (a) The amounts in this section are  
57.6 appropriated to the governing board of the  
57.7 Minnesota Historical Society to preserve and  
57.8 enhance access to Minnesota's history and its  
57.9 cultural and historical resources. Grant  
57.10 agreements entered into by the Minnesota  
57.11 Historical Society and other recipients of  
57.12 appropriations in this section must ensure that  
57.13 the money is used to supplement and not  
57.14 substitute for traditional sources of funding.  
57.15 Money directly appropriated to the Minnesota  
57.16 Historical Society must be used to supplement  
57.17 and not substitute for traditional sources of  
57.18 funding. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
57.19 section 16A.28, for historic preservation  
57.20 projects that improve historic structures, the  
57.21 amounts are available until June 30, 2029. The  
57.22 Minnesota Historical Society or grant  
57.23 recipients of the Minnesota Historical Society  
57.24 using money from the arts and cultural  
57.25 heritage fund under this section must give  
57.26 consideration to Conservation Corps  
57.27 Minnesota and Iowa and Northern Bedrock  
57.28 Historic Preservation Corps, or an organization  
57.29 carrying out similar work, for projects with  
57.30 the potential to need historic preservation  
57.31 services.

57.32 (b) Up to five percent of the totals in  
57.33 subdivisions 3 and 4 each year is for  
57.34 administering grants and grant programs,  
57.35 delivering technical services, providing fiscal

58.1 oversight, and ensuring accountability in fiscal  
58.2 years 2026 and 2027.

58.3 Subd. 3. **Historical Grants and Programs** 12,634,000 18,875,000

58.4 (a) **Statewide Historic and Cultural Grants**

58.5 \$4,822,000 the first year and \$7,640,000 the  
58.6 second year are for statewide historic and  
58.7 cultural grants to local, county, regional, or  
58.8 other historical or cultural organizations or for  
58.9 activities to preserve significant historic and  
58.10 cultural resources. Money must be distributed  
58.11 through a competitive grant process. The  
58.12 Minnesota Historical Society must administer  
58.13 the money using established grant mechanisms  
58.14 with assistance from the advisory committee  
58.15 created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article  
58.16 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), item  
58.17 (ii).

58.18 (b) **Statewide History Programs**

58.19 \$5,140,000 the first year and \$7,640,000 the  
58.20 second year are for historic and cultural  
58.21 programs and purposes related to the heritage  
58.22 of the state.

58.23 (c) **History Partnerships**

58.24 \$1,812,000 the first year and \$2,935,000 the  
58.25 second year are for history partnerships  
58.26 involving multiple organizations, which may  
58.27 include the Minnesota Historical Society, to  
58.28 preserve and enhance access to Minnesota's  
58.29 history and cultural heritage in all regions of  
58.30 the state.

58.31 (d) **Statewide Survey of Historical and**  
58.32 **Archaeological Sites**

58.33 \$330,000 the first year and \$330,000 the  
58.34 second year are for one or more contracts to

59.1 be competitively awarded to conduct statewide  
59.2 surveys or investigations of Minnesota's sites  
59.3 of historical, archeological, and cultural  
59.4 significance. Results of the surveys or  
59.5 investigations must be published in a  
59.6 searchable form and available to the public  
59.7 cost free. The Minnesota Historical Society,  
59.8 the Office of the State Archeologist, the Indian  
59.9 Affairs Council, and the State Historic  
59.10 Preservation Office must each appoint a  
59.11 representative to an oversight board to select  
59.12 contractors and direct the conduct of the  
59.13 surveys or investigations. The oversight board  
59.14 must consult with the Departments of  
59.15 Transportation and Natural Resources.

59.16 **(e) Digital Library**

59.17 \$330,000 the first year and \$330,000 the  
59.18 second year are for a digital library project to  
59.19 preserve, digitize, and share Minnesota  
59.20 images, documents, and historical materials.  
59.21 The Minnesota Historical Society must  
59.22 cooperate with the Minitex interlibrary loan  
59.23 system and must jointly share this  
59.24 appropriation for these purposes.

59.25 **(f) 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of**  
59.26 **Independence**

59.27 \$200,000 the first year is for Minnesota's  
59.28 commemoration of the 250th anniversary of  
59.29 the Declaration of Independence. The  
59.30 Minnesota Historical Society, the Minnesota  
59.31 America 250 Committee, and the Minnesota  
59.32 Humanities Center must work collaboratively  
59.33 to create public programs and activities and  
59.34 to support local efforts to commemorate this  
59.35 anniversary. A portion of this money may be

60.1 used to support the work of the Minnesota  
 60.2 America 250 Committee.

60.3 Subd. 4. **Grants** 1,443,000 125,000

60.4 (a) \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to the  
 60.5 Minnesota Transportation Museum for  
 60.6 exhibits, the purchase and restoration of  
 60.7 historic train cars, and updates to the museum  
 60.8 that allow persons of all ages and abilities to  
 60.9 access the museum safely.

60.10 (b) \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to  
 60.11 Olmsted County Historical Society to  
 60.12 rehabilitate the historic George Stoppel stone  
 60.13 house and barn and to construct an accessible  
 60.14 pathway to the farmstead. All work must  
 60.15 follow the standards outlined in the United  
 60.16 States Secretary of the Interior's Treatment of  
 60.17 Historic Properties.

60.18 (c) \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the  
 60.19 second year are for a grant to Special Guerrilla  
 60.20 Units Veterans and Families of USA, Inc. to  
 60.21 collect, document, archive, and preserve the  
 60.22 oral histories of Hmong veterans of the United  
 60.23 States-sponsored Secret War in Laos and to  
 60.24 create programming and educational resources  
 60.25 to teach the public and future generations  
 60.26 about the history, legacy, and cultural heritage  
 60.27 of the Hmong in Minnesota.

60.28 (d) \$318,000 the first year is for a grant to the  
 60.29 Dakota County Historical Society to design  
 60.30 and build the Heroes and Heritage Interpretive  
 60.31 Trail Loop along existing paved trails in South  
 60.32 St. Paul, West St. Paul, and Inver Grove  
 60.33 Heights.

60.34 Sec. 5. **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION** \$ 1,923,000 \$ 2,923,000

61.1 \$1,923,000 the first year and \$2,923,000 the  
 61.2 second year are appropriated to the  
 61.3 commissioner of education for grants to the  
 61.4 12 Minnesota regional library systems to  
 61.5 provide educational opportunities in the arts,  
 61.6 history, literary arts, and cultural heritage of  
 61.7 Minnesota. When possible, funding under this  
 61.8 section should be used to promote and share  
 61.9 the work of Minnesota authors, including  
 61.10 authors from diverse backgrounds. This money  
 61.11 must be allocated using the formulas in  
 61.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 134.355,  
 61.13 subdivisions 3 to 5, with the remaining 25  
 61.14 percent to be distributed to all qualifying  
 61.15 systems in an amount proportionate to the  
 61.16 number of qualifying system entities in each  
 61.17 system. For purposes of this section,  
 61.18 "qualifying system entity" means a public  
 61.19 library, a regional library system, a regional  
 61.20 library system headquarters, a county, or an  
 61.21 outreach service program. This money may  
 61.22 be used to sponsor programs provided by  
 61.23 regional libraries or to provide grants to local  
 61.24 arts and cultural heritage programs for  
 61.25 programs in partnership with regional libraries.  
 61.26 This money must be distributed in ten equal  
 61.27 payments per year. Notwithstanding  
 61.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the  
 61.29 appropriations encumbered on or before June  
 61.30 30, 2027, as grants or contracts in this section  
 61.31 are available until June 30, 2029. Up to two  
 61.32 percent of the amount in this section is for  
 61.33 administering the grants in this section.

61.34 **Sec. 6. DEPARTMENT OF**  
 61.35 **ADMINISTRATION**

61.36 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation**                      **\$**                      **16,991,000** **\$**                      **12,269,000**

62.1 The amounts that may be spent for each  
 62.2 purpose are specified in the following  
 62.3 subdivisions.

62.4 **Subd. 2. Grant Agreements**

62.5 (a) The amounts in this section are  
 62.6 appropriated to the commissioner of  
 62.7 administration for grants to the named  
 62.8 organizations for the purposes specified in this  
 62.9 section.

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

62.16 (c) Up to five percent of the amounts in  
 62.17 subdivision 3 are for administering the grants,  
 62.18 providing fiscal oversight, and ensuring  
 62.19 accountability in fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

62.20 **Subd. 3. Grants**

16,991,000

12,269,000

62.21 **(a) Minnesota Public Radio**

62.22 \$1,557,000 the first year and \$2,057,000 the  
 62.23 second year are for Minnesota Public Radio  
 62.24 to create programming and expand news  
 62.25 service on Minnesota's cultural heritage and  
 62.26 history.

62.27 **(b) Association of Minnesota Public Educational**  
 62.28 **Radio Stations**

62.29 \$1,557,000 the first year and \$2,057,000 the  
 62.30 second year are to the Association of  
 62.31 Minnesota Public Educational Radio Stations  
 62.32 for production and acquisition grants in  
 62.33 accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section  
 62.34 129D.19.

63.1 **(c) Public Television**

63.2 \$3,686,000 the first year and \$4,686,000 the  
63.3 second year are to the Minnesota Public  
63.4 Television Association for production and  
63.5 acquisition grants according to Minnesota  
63.6 Statutes, section 129D.18.

63.7 **(d) Wilderness Inquiry**

63.8 \$485,000 the first year and \$485,000 the  
63.9 second year are to Wilderness Inquiry to  
63.10 preserve Minnesota's outdoor history, culture,  
63.11 and heritage by connecting Minnesota youth  
63.12 and families to natural resources.

63.13 **(e) Como Park Zoo**

63.14 \$1,520,000 the first year and \$1,520,000 the  
63.15 second year are to the Como Park Zoo and  
63.16 Conservatory for program development that  
63.17 features educational programs and habitat  
63.18 enhancement, special exhibits, music  
63.19 appreciation programs, and historical garden  
63.20 access and preservation.

63.21 **(f) Science Museum of Minnesota**

63.22 \$450,000 the first year and \$450,000 the  
63.23 second year are to the Science Museum of  
63.24 Minnesota for arts, arts education, and arts  
63.25 access and to preserve Minnesota's history and  
63.26 cultural heritage, including student and teacher  
63.27 outreach, statewide educational initiatives, and  
63.28 community-based exhibits that preserve  
63.29 Minnesota's history and cultural heritage.

63.30 **(g) Lake Superior Zoo**

63.31 \$132,000 the first year and \$132,000 the  
63.32 second year are to the Lake Superior Zoo to  
63.33 develop educational exhibits and programs.

64.1 **(h) State Band**

64.2 \$50,000 the first year is to the Minnesota state  
64.3 band to provide free concerts throughout the  
64.4 state.

64.5 **(i) Governor's Council on Developmental**  
64.6 **Disabilities**

64.7 \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the second  
64.8 year are to the Minnesota Governor's Council  
64.9 on Developmental Disabilities to continue to  
64.10 preserve and raise awareness of the history of  
64.11 Minnesotans with developmental disabilities.

64.12 **(j) Forest Lake Veterans Memorial**

64.13 \$275,000 the first year is to the Forest Lake  
64.14 Veterans Memorial Committee to construct a  
64.15 memorial to veterans of the United States  
64.16 armed forces at Lakeside Memorial Park in  
64.17 the city of Forest Lake.

64.18 **(k) Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio**

64.19 \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the  
64.20 second year are to Comunidades Latinas  
64.21 Unidas En Servicio (CLUES) to expand arts  
64.22 programming to celebrate Latino cultural  
64.23 heritage; support local artists; and provide  
64.24 professional development, networking, and  
64.25 presentation opportunities.

64.26 **(l) Somali Museum of Minnesota**

64.27 \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the  
64.28 second year are to the Somali Museum of  
64.29 Minnesota to preserve and celebrate Somali  
64.30 culture through classes, exhibits, and outreach.

64.31 **(m) The Bakken Museum**

64.32 \$132,000 the first year and \$132,000 the  
64.33 second year are to The Bakken Museum for



65.1 interactive exhibits and outreach programs on  
65.2 arts and cultural heritage.

65.3 **(n) Minnesota Black Farmers Association**

65.4 \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the  
65.5 second year are to the Neighborhood  
65.6 Development Center to preserve the cultural  
65.7 heritage of Black farmers in Minnesota by  
65.8 fostering a new generation of culturally aware  
65.9 farmers who enhance understanding of  
65.10 sustainable farm practices and to create  
65.11 community hubs for cultural and educational  
65.12 programming.

65.13 **(o) History Theatre**

65.14 \$100,000 the first year is to History Theatre  
65.15 to perform a play celebrating Hmong arts and  
65.16 culture.

65.17 **(p) Walker West Music Academy**

65.18 \$300,000 the first year is to Walker West  
65.19 Music Academy for a series of 12 free  
65.20 concerts, youth and adult music education,  
65.21 professional development for music educators,  
65.22 and community choir programs.

65.23 **(q) Minnesota Fishing Museum and Hall of**  
65.24 **Fame**

65.25 \$100,000 the first year is to the Minnesota  
65.26 Fishing Museum and Hall of Fame in Little  
65.27 Falls for programming and educational  
65.28 opportunities celebrating Minnesota's outdoor  
65.29 culture and heritage.

65.30 **(r) Ice Sculpture at Lake Phalen**

65.31 \$700,000 the first year is to the city of St. Paul  
65.32 for ice sculptures at Lake Phalen that celebrate

- 66.1 the city's diverse communities of Minnesotans
- 66.2 as part of the city's Winter Carnival.
- 66.3 **(s) Minnesota Asian American Film and Music**
- 66.4 **Festivals**
- 66.5 \$250,000 the first year is to Asian Economic
- 66.6 Development Association (AEDA) to plan
- 66.7 and produce a Minnesota Asian American film
- 66.8 festival and a music festival.
- 66.9 **(t) Phyllis Wheatley Community Center**
- 66.10 \$200,000 the first year is to the Phyllis
- 66.11 Wheatley Community Center for programming
- 66.12 in arts and cultural expansion support for the
- 66.13 Mary T. Wellcome Child Development Center,
- 66.14 artistic and cultural digital programming for
- 66.15 marginalized youth, and services including
- 66.16 arts and cultural heritage for adults and youth
- 66.17 in the center's trauma and restorative
- 66.18 programming.
- 66.19 **(u) Sweet Potato Comfort Pie**
- 66.20 \$200,000 the first year is to Sweet Potato
- 66.21 Comfort Pie for programming that celebrates
- 66.22 traditional food and uses culinary arts,
- 66.23 storytelling, and other creative forms of
- 66.24 culture-sharing to celebrate and educate
- 66.25 communities on culture and history.
- 66.26 **(v) Lundstrum Center for the Performing Arts**
- 66.27 \$200,000 the first year is to the Lundstrum
- 66.28 Center for the Performing Arts for after-school
- 66.29 educational programming that includes
- 66.30 instruction in dance, voice, and drama.
- 66.31 **(w) Thoroughbred Racing Culture**
- 66.32 \$200,000 this first year is to a class A
- 66.33 racetrack that primarily conducts thoroughbred

67.1 and quarter horse racing and is licensed by the  
67.2 Minnesota Racing Commission under  
67.3 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 240, to support  
67.4 Minnesota's cultural heritage of thoroughbred  
67.5 racing by expanding opportunities at the  
67.6 racetrack for Minnesota racehorses.

67.7 **(x) Taste of Minnesota**

67.8 \$1,847,000 the first year is to the Minneapolis  
67.9 Downtown Council to support the Taste of  
67.10 Minnesota event. This appropriation is for  
67.11 infrastructure and associated costs, including  
67.12 but not limited to event build-out, permits,  
67.13 waste management, staffing, security,  
67.14 equipment rentals, signs, and insurance.

67.15 **(y) Siengkane Lao**

67.16 \$275,000 the first year and \$75,000 the second  
67.17 year are to Siengkane Lao. Of this amount:

67.18 (1) \$200,000 the first year is for a Southeast  
67.19 Asian music festival on the east side of St.  
67.20 Paul; and

67.21 (2) \$75,000 each year is to create cultural arts  
67.22 projects and to preserve traditional dance  
67.23 performances.

67.24 **(z) United Hmong Family**

67.25 \$350,000 the first year is to the United Hmong  
67.26 Family to provide dance and other arts and  
67.27 cultural programming.

67.28 **(aa) Tou Ger Xiong Mural**

67.29 \$300,000 the first year is to the city of St. Paul  
67.30 to design and construct a mural and statue  
67.31 honoring Tou Ger Xiong at Lake Phalen's Tou  
67.32 Ger Xiong Island in St. Paul.

67.33 **(bb) AEDA Youth Outdoor Programs**

68.1 \$250,000 the first year is to the Asian  
 68.2 Economic Development Association (AEDA)  
 68.3 for outdoor programs for youth.

68.4 **(cc) Capri Theater**

68.5 \$250,000 the first year is to PCYC for the  
 68.6 Capri Theater to enrich and expand the Capri's  
 68.7 youth and adult arts programming and to  
 68.8 support the theater's position as a community  
 68.9 builder and primary catalyst for economic  
 68.10 development in North Minneapolis through  
 68.11 powerful, effective arts and educational  
 68.12 offerings for youth, families, emerging and  
 68.13 accomplished artists, community and civic  
 68.14 organizations, and the over 20,000 patrons  
 68.15 who visit this Northside venue yearly.

68.16 **(dd) Boxing for Youth**

68.17 \$100,000 the first year is to SIR Boxing to  
 68.18 preserve Minnesota's boxing culture through  
 68.19 youth boxing programs.

68.20 **(ee) Hmong Zej Zog**

68.21 \$200,000 the first year is to MN Hmong Zej  
 68.22 Zog for Hmong language and culture  
 68.23 preservation.

68.24 **(ff) City of Delano Sesquicentennial**

68.25 \$150,000 the first year is to the city of Delano  
 68.26 for the Delano Sesquicentennial to celebrate  
 68.27 the city's 150th anniversary in 2026 and to  
 68.28 provide art, music, and cultural heritage  
 68.29 programming.

68.30 **(gg) Stairstep Foundation**

68.31 \$500,000 the first year is to the Stairstep  
 68.32 Foundation for African American cultural  
 68.33 festivals and events.

69.1 **(hh) 2026 Special Olympics USA Games**

69.2 \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to the  
 69.3 2026 Special Olympics USA Games to  
 69.4 celebrate the arts and cultural heritage of  
 69.5 Minnesota during Special Olympics events,  
 69.6 including through design and construction of  
 69.7 the Special Olympics Cauldron.

69.8 Sec. 7. **MINNESOTA ZOO** \$ 1,490,000 \$ 2,150,000

69.9 The amounts in this section are appropriated  
 69.10 to the Minnesota Zoological Board for  
 69.11 programs at and development of the Minnesota  
 69.12 Zoological Garden and to provide access and  
 69.13 education related to programs on the cultural  
 69.14 heritage of Minnesota.

69.15 Sec. 8. **MINNESOTA HUMANITIES CENTER**

69.16 Subdivision 1. **Total Appropriation** \$ 8,087,000 \$ 11,174,000

69.17 The amounts that may be spent for each  
 69.18 purpose are specified in the following  
 69.19 subdivisions.

69.20 Subd. 2. **Grant Agreements**

69.21 (a) The amounts in this section are  
 69.22 appropriated to the Board of Directors of the  
 69.23 Minnesota Humanities Center for the purposes  
 69.24 specified in this section. The Minnesota  
 69.25 Humanities Center may use up to 5.5 percent  
 69.26 of the appropriations for the administration of  
 69.27 these funds and to cover the cost of  
 69.28 administering, planning, evaluating, and  
 69.29 reporting these grants. The Minnesota  
 69.30 Humanities Center must develop a written  
 69.31 plan to issue the grants under this section and  
 69.32 must submit the plan for review and approval  
 69.33 by the commissioner of administration. The  
 69.34 written plan must require the Minnesota

70.1 Humanities Center to create and adhere to  
 70.2 grant policies that are similar to those  
 70.3 established according to Minnesota Statutes,  
 70.4 section 16B.97, subdivision 4, paragraph (a),  
 70.5 clause (1).

70.6 (b) No grants awarded under this section may  
 70.7 be used for travel outside the state of  
 70.8 Minnesota. The grant agreement must specify  
 70.9 the repercussions for failing to comply with  
 70.10 the grant agreement.

70.11 Subd. 3. **Programs** 1,762,000 1,762,000

70.12 \$1,762,000 the first year and \$1,762,000 the  
 70.13 second year are for statewide humanities  
 70.14 programs and to support and expand outreach,  
 70.15 partnerships, and humanities programming  
 70.16 with organizations and individuals throughout  
 70.17 the state, including but not limited to  
 70.18 programming related to veterans and the  
 70.19 military experience; professional development  
 70.20 opportunities for educators; and programming  
 70.21 celebrating, representing, and reflecting upon  
 70.22 the heritage of diverse Minnesota communities  
 70.23 that have been historically underserved.

70.24 Subd. 4. **Children's Museum Grants** 2,025,000 2,025,000

70.25 \$2,025,000 the first year and \$2,025,000 the  
 70.26 second year are for arts and cultural heritage  
 70.27 grants to children's museums for arts and  
 70.28 cultural exhibits and related educational  
 70.29 outreach programs. Of this amount:

70.30 (1) \$500,000 each year is for the Minnesota  
 70.31 Children's Museum, St. Paul;

70.32 (2) \$175,000 each year is for The Works,  
 70.33 Bloomington;

- 71.1 (3) \$125,000 each year is for the WonderTrek  
 71.2 Children's Museum, Brainerd-Baxter;
- 71.3 (4) \$100,000 each year is for the Children's  
 71.4 Discovery Center, Breckenridge;
- 71.5 (5) \$125,000 each year is for the Duluth  
 71.6 Children's Museum, Duluth;
- 71.7 (6) \$100,000 each year is for the Otter Cove  
 71.8 Children's Museum, Fergus Falls;
- 71.9 (7) \$100,000 each year is for the Children's  
 71.10 Discovery Museum, Grand Rapids;
- 71.11 (8) \$100,000 each year is for the Wheel and  
 71.12 Cog Children's Museum, Hutchinson;
- 71.13 (9) \$175,000 each year is for the Children's  
 71.14 Museum of Southern Minnesota, Mankato;
- 71.15 (10) \$175,000 each year is for the Great River  
 71.16 Children's Museum, St. Cloud;
- 71.17 (11) \$100,000 each year is for The Village  
 71.18 Children's Museum, Willmar;
- 71.19 (12) \$100,000 each year is for the Mini Sota  
 71.20 Ag Museum, Benson; and
- 71.21 (13) \$150,000 each year is for the SPARK  
 71.22 Children's Museum, Rochester.
- 71.23 **Subd. 5. Community Identity and Heritage**  
 71.24 **Grant Program**
- 71.25 \$2,858,000 the first year and \$6,945,000 the  
 71.26 second year are for a competitive grant  
 71.27 program to provide grants to organizations or  
 71.28 individuals working to create, celebrate, and  
 71.29 teach the art, culture, and heritage of diverse  
 71.30 Minnesota communities, including but not  
 71.31 limited to Asian and Pacific Island  
 71.32 communities, the Somali diaspora and other

2,858,0006,945,000

72.1 African immigrant communities, Indigenous  
72.2 communities with a focus on the 11 Tribes in  
72.3 Minnesota, the African American community,  
72.4 the Latinx community, the LGBTQIA+  
72.5 community, and other underrepresented  
72.6 cultural groups, including communities of  
72.7 Black, Indigenous, and people of color, to  
72.8 celebrate the cultural diversity of Minnesota.  
72.9 At least \$250,000 each year must be for grants  
72.10 to provide funding to ethnic media  
72.11 organizations creating video content in a  
72.12 language other than English. At least \$200,000  
72.13 each year must be used to award emergency  
72.14 grants to organizations otherwise qualified to  
72.15 receive grants under this subdivision and must  
72.16 be awarded on a rolling basis based on  
72.17 emerging needs to assist communities  
72.18 responding to major events and to facilitate  
72.19 the process of grieving, encourage healing,  
72.20 create memorials, or assist in recovery of the  
72.21 community. Any amount described in the  
72.22 preceding sentence that is not expended by  
72.23 October 15 of the second year may be used  
72.24 for general programming costs or grants under  
72.25 this subdivision. An individual or organization  
72.26 that receives a grant under this subdivision  
72.27 must do at least one of the following:  
72.28 (1) preserve and honor the cultural heritage of  
72.29 Minnesota;  
72.30 (2) provide education and student outreach on  
72.31 cultural diversity;  
72.32 (3) support the development of culturally  
72.33 diverse humanities programming, including  
72.34 arts programming, by individuals and  
72.35 organizations; or



73.1 (4) empower communities in building identity  
 73.2 and culture, including preserving and honoring  
 73.3 communities whose Indigenous cultures are  
 73.4 endangered or disappearing.

73.5 **Subd. 6. Underrepresented Groups Cultural**  
 73.6 **Studies Materials**

500,000

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73.7 \$500,000 the first year is for competitive  
 73.8 grants to develop high-quality academic,  
 73.9 cultural, and ethnic studies materials for  
 73.10 communities that do not have adequate  
 73.11 cultural and ethnic studies materials or who  
 73.12 are underrepresented in those materials,  
 73.13 including but not limited to the Hmong, Karen,  
 73.14 Somali, and Oromo cultures and cultures  
 73.15 without a formal writing system that are  
 73.16 largely oral-based. In developing these  
 73.17 materials, a recipient of a grant under this  
 73.18 subdivision must work with school districts  
 73.19 that intend to use the materials.

73.20 **Subd. 7. Gordon Parks Commemoration**

500,000

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73.21 \$500,000 the first year is to work in  
 73.22 collaboration with Soul Touch Productions to  
 73.23 create an art installation and programming to  
 73.24 celebrate the incredible life and rich legacy of  
 73.25 Gordon Parks.

73.26 **Subd. 8. Grants**

442,000

442,000

73.27 **(a) Urban Debate League**

73.28 \$160,000 the first year and \$160,000 the  
 73.29 second year are for a grant to the Minnesota  
 73.30 Urban Debate League to offer improved  
 73.31 professional development programming and  
 73.32 expand services to youth in more geographic  
 73.33 areas.

73.34 **(b) Art from the Inside**

74.1 \$132,000 the first year and \$132,000 the  
 74.2 second year are for a grant to Art from the  
 74.3 Inside to use the arts, including but not limited  
 74.4 to visual art, poetry, literature, theater, dance,  
 74.5 and music, to address the supportive,  
 74.6 therapeutic, and rehabilitative needs of  
 74.7 incarcerated persons and persons on  
 74.8 supervised release and promote a safer  
 74.9 correctional facility and community  
 74.10 environment.

74.11 **(c) Hmong Cultural Center**

74.12 \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the  
 74.13 second year are for a grant to the Hmong  
 74.14 Cultural Center of Minnesota for  
 74.15 museum-related programming, a library, and  
 74.16 classes and educational outreach activities to  
 74.17 teach the public about the historical, cultural,  
 74.18 and folk arts heritage of Hmong Minnesotans.

74.19	Sec. 9. <b><u>INDIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL</u></b>	<u>2,030,000</u>	<u>2,030,000</u>
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74.20 (a) \$750,000 each year is to provide grants to  
 74.21 Minnesota Tribal Nations to preserve Dakota  
 74.22 and Ojibwe Indian language and to foster  
 74.23 education programs and services for Dakota  
 74.24 and Ojibwe language.

74.25 (b) \$575,000 each year is for grants to Dakota  
 74.26 and Ojibwe language-immersion educational  
 74.27 institutions.

74.28 (c) \$525,000 each year is to provide grants to  
 74.29 preserve the Dakota and Ojibwe Indian  
 74.30 language through support of projects and  
 74.31 services and to support educational programs  
 74.32 and immersion efforts in Dakota and Ojibwe  
 74.33 language.

75.1 (d) \$50,000 each year is for a Dakota and  
75.2 Ojibwe Indian language working group  
75.3 coordinated by the Indian Affairs Council.

75.4 (e) \$130,000 each year is for the Indian Affairs  
75.5 Council to carry out responsibilities under  
75.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 307.08, to comply  
75.7 with Public Law 101-601, the Native  
75.8 American Graves Protection and Repatriation  
75.9 Act.

75.10 **Sec. 10. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

75.11	<b><u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>602,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>602,000</u></b>
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75.12 The amounts that may be spent for each  
75.13 purpose are specified in the following  
75.14 subdivisions.

75.15	<b><u>Subd. 2. County Fair Grants</u></b>		<b><u>352,000</u></b>		<b><u>352,000</u></b>
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75.16 \$352,000 the first year and \$352,000 the  
75.17 second year are for grants to county  
75.18 agricultural societies to enhance arts access  
75.19 and education and to preserve and promote  
75.20 Minnesota's history and cultural heritage as  
75.21 embodied in its county fairs. The grants may  
75.22 be distributed in equal amounts to each of the  
75.23 county fairs that submitted an application. The  
75.24 grants are in addition to the aid distribution to  
75.25 county agricultural societies under Minnesota  
75.26 Statutes, section 38.02. The commissioner of  
75.27 agriculture must develop grant-making criteria  
75.28 and guidance for expending money under this  
75.29 subdivision to provide funding for projects  
75.30 and events that provide access to the arts or  
75.31 the state's agricultural, historical, and cultural  
75.32 heritage. The commissioner must seek input  
75.33 from all interested parties. The commissioner  
75.34 may use up to two percent of the amounts in

76.1 this subdivision for the administration and  
 76.2 distribution of the grants. Money not used in  
 76.3 the first year may be used in the second year.

76.4 Subd. 3. **Minnesota FFA** 250,000 250,000

76.5 (a) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the  
 76.6 second year are for grants to the Minnesota  
 76.7 FFA to provide new and expanded access for  
 76.8 Minnesota FFA members involved in art- and  
 76.9 history-related FFA activities. Of this amount:

76.10 (1) up to \$100,000 each year may be used to  
 76.11 document and commemorate 100 years of  
 76.12 fostering leadership, agricultural education,  
 76.13 and community service across the state by  
 76.14 creating a history book, video storytelling  
 76.15 series, and an in-person arts-focused event;  
 76.16 and

76.17 (2) any amount not spent for the purposes  
 76.18 described in clause (1) may be used for other  
 76.19 activities that provide new and expanded  
 76.20 access for Minnesota FFA members involved  
 76.21 in art- and history-related FFA activities,  
 76.22 including activities related to national and state  
 76.23 FFA band and choir, state and national FFA  
 76.24 talent competitions, FFA floriculture, and FFA  
 76.25 state fair landscape booths.

76.26 (b) The commissioner of agriculture must  
 76.27 develop grant-making criteria and guidance  
 76.28 for grants under this subdivision to provide  
 76.29 funding for projects and events and must seek  
 76.30 input from the Minnesota FFA and Minnesota  
 76.31 FFA Foundation. The commissioner may use  
 76.32 up to five percent of the amounts in this  
 76.33 subdivision to cover the costs of administering,

77.1 planning, evaluating, and reporting these  
77.2 grants.

77.3	Sec. 11. <u>LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING</u>			
77.4	<u>COMMISSION</u>	\$	<u>5,000</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>

77.5 The amount in this section is appropriated to  
77.6 the Legislative Coordinating Commission to  
77.7 maintain the website required under Minnesota  
77.8 Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision 10.

77.9       Sec. 12. Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 4, section 2, subdivision 3, as amended by Laws  
77.10 2024, chapter 106, article 4, section 3, is amended to read:

77.11	Subd. 3. <b>Minnesota State Arts Board</b>	47,421,000	44,796,000
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77.12 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are  
77.13 appropriated to the Minnesota State Arts  
77.14 Board for arts, arts education, arts  
77.15 preservation, and arts access. Grant  
77.16 agreements entered into by the Minnesota  
77.17 State Arts Board and other recipients of  
77.18 appropriations in this subdivision must ensure  
77.19 that these funds are used to supplement and  
77.20 not substitute for traditional sources of  
77.21 funding. Each grant program established in  
77.22 this appropriation must be separately  
77.23 administered from other state appropriations  
77.24 for program planning and outcome  
77.25 measurements, but may take into consideration  
77.26 other state resources awarded in the selection  
77.27 of applicants and grant award size.

77.28 (b) **Arts and Arts Access Initiatives**  
77.29 \$35,737,000 the first year and \$36,437,000  
77.30 the second year are to support Minnesota  
77.31 artists and arts organizations in creating,  
77.32 producing, and presenting high-quality arts  
77.33 activities; to preserve, maintain, and interpret  
77.34 art forms and works of art so that they are

78.1 accessible to Minnesota audiences; to  
78.2 overcome barriers to accessing high-quality  
78.3 arts activities; and to instill the arts into the  
78.4 community and public life in this state. Grants  
78.5 provided under this paragraph must prioritize  
78.6 artists and arts organizations that plan to  
78.7 present art from communities that have been  
78.8 historically underrepresented in the arts or that  
78.9 improve access to the programs and projects  
78.10 for groups, including youth and historically  
78.11 underserved communities, that have struggled  
78.12 to access arts programming in the past.

78.13 **(c) Arts Education**

78.14 \$7,263,000 the first year and \$6,269,000 the  
78.15 second year are for high-quality,  
78.16 age-appropriate arts education for Minnesotans  
78.17 of all ages to develop knowledge, skills, and  
78.18 understanding of the arts. Priority in the award  
78.19 of grants under this paragraph must be given  
78.20 to providing educational opportunities to  
78.21 underserved communities with grants for  
78.22 organizations or entities providing  
78.23 opportunities to K-12 students throughout the  
78.24 state for arts education, including access to  
78.25 arts instruction, arts programming, museums,  
78.26 and arts presentations.

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

78.28 \$2,421,000 the first year and \$2,090,000 the  
78.29 second year are for events and activities that  
78.30 represent, preserve, and maintain the diverse  
78.31 cultural arts traditions, including folk and  
78.32 traditional artists and art organizations,  
78.33 represented in this state.

78.34 **(e) Significant Art Project St. Paul**

79.1 \$2,000,000 the first year is for a grant to the  
79.2 Minnesota United Foundation for the design,  
79.3 land development, land transfer fees, and  
79.4 production costs of a public art project in St.  
79.5 Paul ~~at the United Village site~~ celebrating  
79.6 Minnesota arts and cultural heritage and  
79.7 providing a unique public art experience  
79.8 through sculpture and design. The project  
79.9 funded by this paragraph must have a  
79.10 matching contribution from nonpublic funds  
79.11 and must include a public-private partnership  
79.12 agreement providing an agreement for the  
79.13 future ownership, maintenance, taxes, and  
79.14 associated costs for the art project and project  
79.15 site. The project funded by this paragraph must  
79.16 have a permanent sign indicating the project  
79.17 was funded through the arts and cultural  
79.18 heritage fund. The project funded by this  
79.19 paragraph must be located in St. Paul at the  
79.20 Conway Recreation Center or, if that site is  
79.21 not practicable, at Lake Phalen at the platform  
79.22 containing the bust of Sunisa Lee. This  
79.23 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028.  
79.24 2029. Nonpublic contributions made after  
79.25 January 1, 2024, are eligible matching  
79.26 expenditures for the purposes of this grant.

79.27 **(f) Administrative Costs**

79.28 Up to five percent of the totals in paragraphs  
79.29 (b) to (e) each year is for administering grant  
79.30 programs, delivering technical services,  
79.31 providing fiscal oversight for the statewide  
79.32 system, and ensuring accountability for fiscal  
79.33 year 2024 and fiscal year 2025 appropriations.

79.34 **(g) Regional Arts Councils**

80.1

Thirty percent of the remaining total

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appropriation to each of the categories listed

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in paragraphs (b) to (d) is for grants to the

80.4

regional arts councils. Notwithstanding any

80.5

other provision of law, regional arts council

80.6

grants or other arts council grants for touring

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programs, projects, or exhibits must ensure

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the programs, projects, or exhibits are able to

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tour in their own region as well as all other

80.10

regions of the state.

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(h) Any unencumbered balance remaining

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under this subdivision the first year does not

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cancel but is available the second year.

80.14

Sec. 13. Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 4, section 2, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

80.15

Subd. 5. **Department of Education**

3,000,000

2,750,000

80.16

(a) \$2,750,000 each year is appropriated to

80.17

the commissioner of education for grants to

80.18

the 12 Minnesota regional library systems to

80.19

provide educational opportunities in the arts,

80.20

history, literary arts, and cultural heritage of

80.21

Minnesota. When possible, funding under this

80.22

subdivision should be used to promote and

80.23

share the work of Minnesota authors,

80.24

including authors from diverse backgrounds.

80.25

This money must be allocated using the

80.26

formulas in Minnesota Statutes, section

80.27

134.355, subdivisions 3 to 5, with the

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remaining 25 percent to be distributed to all

80.29

qualifying systems in an amount proportionate

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to the number of qualifying system entities in

80.31

each system. For purposes of this subdivision,

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"qualifying system entity" means a public

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library, a regional library system, a regional

80.34

library system headquarters, a county, or an



81.1 outreach service program. This money may  
81.2 be used to sponsor programs provided by  
81.3 regional libraries or to provide grants to local  
81.4 arts and cultural heritage programs for  
81.5 programs in partnership with regional libraries.  
81.6 This money must be distributed in ten equal  
81.7 payments per year. Notwithstanding  
81.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the  
81.9 appropriations encumbered on or before June  
81.10 30, ~~2025~~ 2026, as grants or contracts in this  
81.11 subdivision are available until June 30, ~~2026~~  
81.12 2027.

81.13 (b) \$250,000 the first year is appropriated to  
81.14 the commissioner of education for a water  
81.15 safety grant program. The commissioner of  
81.16 education must allocate grants to eligible  
81.17 applicants. Eligible applicants include  
81.18 nonprofit organizations and city and county  
81.19 parks and recreation programs providing  
81.20 swimming lessons to youth. Eligible applicants  
81.21 are not required to partner with other entities.  
81.22 Grant funds must primarily be used to provide  
81.23 scholarships to low-income and at-risk  
81.24 children for swimming lessons. Up to 15  
81.25 percent of the grant funds may also be used  
81.26 to hire water safety instructors or lifeguards  
81.27 or train water safety instructors or lifeguards  
81.28 in nationally recognized water safety practices  
81.29 and instruction.

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

81.31 Sec. 14. Laws 2024, chapter 106, article 4, section 2, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

81.32	Subd. 6. <b>Minnesota Historical Society</b>	-0-	1,201,000
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81.33 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are  
81.34 appropriated to the governing board of the

82.1 Minnesota Historical Society to preserve and  
82.2 enhance access to Minnesota's history and its  
82.3 cultural and historical resources. Grant  
82.4 agreements entered into by the Minnesota  
82.5 Historical Society and other recipients of  
82.6 appropriations in this subdivision must ensure  
82.7 that these funds are used to supplement and  
82.8 not substitute for traditional sources of  
82.9 funding. Funds directly appropriated to the  
82.10 Minnesota Historical Society must be used to  
82.11 supplement and not substitute for traditional  
82.12 sources of funding. The appropriations in this  
82.13 subdivision are onetime.

82.14 **(b) Grants**

82.15 (1) \$100,000 the second year is to facilitate  
82.16 negotiations for the purchase by the state of  
82.17 the Wizard of Oz ruby slippers through a  
82.18 combination of available state funds and  
82.19 nonstate sources of funding. Any remaining  
82.20 amount not used to facilitate the purchase of  
82.21 the slippers by the state may be used as a grant  
82.22 to the Judy Garland Children's Discovery  
82.23 Museum to create an exhibit highlighting the  
82.24 history and cultural relevance of the slippers;

82.25 (2) \$400,000 the second year is for statewide  
82.26 historic and cultural grants to cultural  
82.27 community organizations, historical  
82.28 organizations, and veterans organizations for  
82.29 activities to commemorate 50 years of  
82.30 Southeast Asians in Minnesota. Money under  
82.31 this paragraph must be distributed through a  
82.32 competitive grant process. The Minnesota  
82.33 Historical Society must administer the grants  
82.34 using established grant mechanisms with  
82.35 assistance from the advisory committee

83.1 created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article  
83.2 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), item  
83.3 (ii).

83.4 (3) \$200,000 the second year is for activities  
83.5 to prepare and coordinate community  
83.6 commemoration programs celebrating 50 years  
83.7 of Hmong Americans in Minnesota. The  
83.8 Minnesota Historical Society must form an  
83.9 advisory task force consisting of members of  
83.10 the Hmong community to advise the society  
83.11 on the design and implementation of these  
83.12 activities and programs;

83.13 (4) \$200,000 the second year is for planning  
83.14 and outreach, in collaboration with the  
83.15 Minnesota Humanities Center, for Minnesota's  
83.16 commemoration of the 250th anniversary of  
83.17 the signing of the Declaration of  
83.18 Independence. The Minnesota Historical  
83.19 Society and Minnesota Humanities Center  
83.20 must enter into an agreement between the  
83.21 organizations on how best to maximize the  
83.22 impact of this grant and of collaboration with  
83.23 statewide partners;

83.24 (5) \$50,000 the second year is for a grant to  
83.25 the Greater Litchfield Opera House  
83.26 Association to repair and update the Litchfield  
83.27 Opera House; and

83.28 (6) \$251,000 the second year is for a grant to  
83.29 the Dakota County Historical Society to design  
83.30 and build exhibits at the Lawshe Memorial  
83.31 Museum.

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

84.1 Sec. 15. **CARRYFORWARD.**

84.2 The availability of the appropriation under Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 4, section 2,  
84.3 subdivision 6, paragraph (ff), is extended to June 30, 2028.

84.4 Sec. 16. **EFFECT OF DIRECT APPROPRIATION ON ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE**  
84.5 **COMPETITIVE GRANT.**

84.6 An entity that administers a competitive grant program established in this article must  
84.7 not prohibit a named recipient of an appropriation in this article from applying for a grant  
84.8 under a competitive grant program established in this article.

APPENDIX  
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