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A bill for an act

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

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

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extending prior appropriations; providing for leveraging federal grant money;

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modifying reporting requirements; modifying accountability provisions; requiring

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reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 97A.056, by adding a

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subdivision; 129D.17, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision; Laws 2023, chapter

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40, article 4, section 2, subdivisions 5, 6; Laws 2024, chapter 106, article 4, section

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2, subdivision 6.

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

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ARTICLE 1

1.12

OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

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Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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appropriations in this article are onetime appropriations.

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Sec. 2. OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

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Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation

\$

162,111,000

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775,000

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

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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**

29,032,000

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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**  
 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

2,043,000

775,000

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**

<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>144,625,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>159,301,000</u>
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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. <u>PARKS AND TRAILS FUND</u>			
Subdivision 1. <u>Total Appropriation</u>	\$	<u>61,435,000</u>	\$ <u>68,733,000</u>

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**

\$

37,095,000

\$

41,511,000

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 2026 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.

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

**ARTICLE 4**  
**ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND**

**Section 1. ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND APPROPRIATIONS.**

The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the entities and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the arts and cultural heritage fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for allowable activities under the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15, 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.

**APPROPRIATIONS**

**Available for the Year**

**Ending June 30**

	<b><u>2026</u></b>	<b><u>2027</u></b>
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**Sec. 2. ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE**

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

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

54.21 Sec. 3. MINNESOTA STATE ARTS BOARD

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

54.26 Subd. 2. Grant Agreements

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

56.13 **Subd. 6. Administrative Costs**

56.14 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
 56.15 16B.98, subdivision 14, up to five percent of  
 56.16 the totals in subdivisions 3 to 5 each year is  
 56.17 for administering grant programs, delivering  
 56.18 technical services, providing fiscal oversight  
 56.19 for the statewide system, and ensuring  
 56.20 accountability in fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

56.21 **Subd. 7. Regional Arts Councils**

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

56.32 **Sec. 4. MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

56.33 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** \$ 13,759,000 \$ 20,000,000

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) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
57.33 section 16B.98, subdivision 14, up to five  
57.34 percent of the totals in subdivisions 3 and 4  
57.35 each year is for administering grants and grant

58.1 programs, delivering technical services,  
58.2 providing fiscal oversight, and ensuring  
58.3 accountability in fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

58.4 **Subd. 3. Historical Grants and Programs** 13,634,000 19,875,000

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

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

58.19 **(b) Statewide History Programs**

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

58.24 **(c) History Partnerships**

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

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

59.1 \$330,000 the first year and \$330,000 the  
59.2 second year are for one or more contracts to  
59.3 be competitively awarded to conduct statewide  
59.4 surveys or investigations of Minnesota's sites  
59.5 of historical, archeological, and cultural  
59.6 significance. Results of the surveys or  
59.7 investigations must be published in a  
59.8 searchable form and available to the public  
59.9 cost free. The Minnesota Historical Society,  
59.10 the Office of the State Archeologist, the Indian  
59.11 Affairs Council, and the State Historic  
59.12 Preservation Office must each appoint a  
59.13 representative to an oversight board to select  
59.14 contractors and direct the conduct of the  
59.15 surveys or investigations. The oversight board  
59.16 must consult with the Departments of  
59.17 Transportation and Natural Resources.

59.18 **(e) Digital Library**

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

59.27 **(f) 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of**  
59.28 **Independence**

59.29 \$200,000 the first year is for Minnesota's  
59.30 commemoration of the 250th anniversary of  
59.31 the Declaration of Independence. The  
59.32 Minnesota Historical Society, the Minnesota  
59.33 America 250 Committee, and the Minnesota  
59.34 Humanities Center must work collaboratively  
59.35 to create public programs and activities and

60.1 to support local efforts to commemorate this  
 60.2 anniversary. A portion of this money may be  
 60.3 used to support the work of the Minnesota  
 60.4 America 250 Committee.

60.5 **(g) Memorials and Statues**

60.6 \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the  
 60.7 second year are for grants to community-based  
 60.8 organizations and local units of government  
 60.9 for statues and memorials commemorating the  
 60.10 historical significance and cultural  
 60.11 contributions of Minnesotans. The governing  
 60.12 board of the Minnesota Historical Society  
 60.13 must give priority consideration for funding  
 60.14 under this paragraph to the city of St. Paul to  
 60.15 design and construct a mural and statue  
 60.16 honoring Tou Ger Xiong at Lake Phalen's Tou  
 60.17 Ger Xiong Island in St. Paul; the Dakota  
 60.18 County Historical Society to design and build  
 60.19 the Heroes and Heritage Interpretive Trail  
 60.20 Loop along existing paved trails in South St.  
 60.21 Paul, West St. Paul, and Inver Grove Heights;  
 60.22 and the Forest Lake Veterans Memorial  
 60.23 Committee to construct a memorial to veterans  
 60.24 of the United States armed forces at Lakeside  
 60.25 Memorial Park in the city of Forest Lake.

60.26 **Subd. 4. Grants**

1,443,000

125,000

60.27 \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the  
 60.28 second year are for a grant to Special Guerrilla  
 60.29 Units Veterans and Families of USA, Inc. to  
 60.30 collect, document, archive, and preserve the  
 60.31 oral histories of Hmong veterans of the United  
 60.32 States-sponsored Secret War in Laos and to  
 60.33 create programming and educational resources  
 60.34 to teach the public and future generations

61.1 about the history, legacy, and cultural heritage  
 61.2 of the Hmong in Minnesota.

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

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

62.1 16B.98, subdivision 14, up to two percent of  
 62.2 the amount in this section is for administering  
 62.3 the grants in this section.

62.4 Sec. 6. **DEPARTMENT OF**  
 62.5 **ADMINISTRATION**

62.6 Subdivision 1. **Total Appropriation**                      \$            9,387,000 \$            11,387,000

62.7 The amounts that may be spent for each  
 62.8 purpose are specified in the following  
 62.9 subdivisions.

62.10 Subd. 2. **Grant Agreements**

62.11 (a) The amounts in this section are  
 62.12 appropriated to the commissioner of  
 62.13 administration for grants to the named  
 62.14 organizations for the purposes specified in this  
 62.15 section.

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

62.22 (c) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
 62.23 section 16B.98, subdivision 14, up to three  
 62.24 percent of the amounts in subdivision 3 are  
 62.25 for administering the grants, providing fiscal  
 62.26 oversight, and ensuring accountability in fiscal  
 62.27 years 2026 and 2027.

62.28 Subd. 3. **Grants**    9,387,000                      11,387,000

62.29 (a) **Minnesota Public Radio**

62.30 \$1,557,000 the first year and \$2,057,000 the  
 62.31 second year are for Minnesota Public Radio  
 62.32 to create programming and expand news

63.1 service on Minnesota's cultural heritage and  
63.2 history.

63.3 **(b) Association of Minnesota Public Educational**  
63.4 **Radio Stations**

63.5 \$1,557,000 the first year and \$2,057,000 the  
63.6 second year are to the Association of  
63.7 Minnesota Public Educational Radio Stations  
63.8 for production and acquisition grants in  
63.9 accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section  
63.10 129D.19.

63.11 **(c) Public Television**

63.12 \$3,686,000 the first year and \$4,686,000 the  
63.13 second year are to the Minnesota Public  
63.14 Television Association for production and  
63.15 acquisition grants according to Minnesota  
63.16 Statutes, section 129D.18.

63.17 **(d) Wilderness Inquiry**

63.18 \$485,000 the first year and \$485,000 the  
63.19 second year are to Wilderness Inquiry to  
63.20 preserve Minnesota's outdoor history, culture,  
63.21 and heritage by connecting Minnesota youth  
63.22 and families to natural resources.

63.23 **(e) Como Park Zoo**

63.24 \$1,520,000 the first year and \$1,520,000 the  
63.25 second year are to the Como Park Zoo and  
63.26 Conservatory for program development that  
63.27 features educational programs and habitat  
63.28 enhancement, special exhibits, music  
63.29 appreciation programs, and historical garden  
63.30 access and preservation.

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

63.32 \$450,000 the first year and \$450,000 the  
63.33 second year are to the Science Museum of

64.1 Minnesota for arts, arts education, and arts  
 64.2 access and to preserve Minnesota's history and  
 64.3 cultural heritage, including student and teacher  
 64.4 outreach, statewide educational initiatives, and  
 64.5 community-based exhibits that preserve  
 64.6 Minnesota's history and cultural heritage.

64.7 (g) Lake Superior Zoo

64.8 \$132,000 the first year and \$132,000 the  
 64.9 second year are to the Lake Superior Zoo to  
 64.10 develop educational exhibits and programs.

64.11	Sec. 7. <u>MINNESOTA ZOO</u>	\$	<u>1,490,000</u>	\$	<u>2,150,000</u>
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64.12 The amounts in this section are appropriated  
 64.13 to the Minnesota Zoological Board for  
 64.14 programs at and development of the Minnesota  
 64.15 Zoological Garden and to provide access and  
 64.16 education related to programs on the cultural  
 64.17 heritage of Minnesota.

64.18 Sec. 8. MINNESOTA HUMANITIES CENTER

64.19	Subdivision 1. <u>Total Appropriation</u>	\$	<u>16,009,000</u>	\$	<u>11,056,000</u>
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64.20 The amounts that may be spent for each  
 64.21 purpose are specified in the following  
 64.22 subdivisions.

64.23 Subd. 2. Grant Agreements

64.24 (a) The amounts in this section are  
 64.25 appropriated to the Board of Directors of the  
 64.26 Minnesota Humanities Center for the purposes  
 64.27 specified in this section. Notwithstanding  
 64.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.98,  
 64.29 subdivision 14, the Minnesota Humanities  
 64.30 Center may use up to 5.5 percent of the  
 64.31 appropriations for the administration of these  
 64.32 funds and to cover the cost of administering,  
 64.33 planning, evaluating, and reporting these

65.1 grants. The Minnesota Humanities Center  
 65.2 must develop a written plan to issue the grants  
 65.3 under this section and must submit the plan  
 65.4 for review and approval by the commissioner  
 65.5 of administration. The written plan must  
 65.6 require the Minnesota Humanities Center to  
 65.7 create and adhere to grant policies that are  
 65.8 similar to those established according to  
 65.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.97,  
 65.10 subdivision 4, paragraph (a), clause (1).

65.11 (b) No grants awarded under this section may  
 65.12 be used for travel outside the state of  
 65.13 Minnesota. The grant agreement must specify  
 65.14 the repercussions for failing to comply with  
 65.15 the grant agreement.

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

65.17 \$1,762,000 the first year and \$1,762,000 the  
 65.18 second year are for statewide humanities  
 65.19 programs and to support and expand outreach,  
 65.20 partnerships, and humanities programming  
 65.21 with organizations and individuals throughout  
 65.22 the state, including but not limited to  
 65.23 programming related to veterans and the  
 65.24 military experience; professional development  
 65.25 opportunities for educators; and programming  
 65.26 celebrating, representing, and reflecting upon  
 65.27 the heritage of diverse Minnesota communities  
 65.28 that have been historically underserved.

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

65.30 \$2,025,000 the first year and \$2,025,000 the  
 65.31 second year are for arts and cultural heritage  
 65.32 grants to children's museums for arts and  
 65.33 cultural exhibits and related educational  
 65.34 outreach programs. Of this amount:

- 66.1

(1) \$500,000 each year is for the Minnesota
- 66.2

Children's Museum, St. Paul;
- 66.3

(2) \$175,000 each year is for The Works,
- 66.4

Bloomington;
- 66.5

(3) \$125,000 each year is for the WonderTrek
- 66.6

Children's Museum, Brainerd-Baxter;
- 66.7

(4) \$100,000 each year is for the Children's
- 66.8

Discovery Center, Breckenridge;
- 66.9

(5) \$125,000 each year is for the Duluth
- 66.10

Children's Museum, Duluth;
- 66.11

(6) \$100,000 each year is for the Otter Cove
- 66.12

Children's Museum, Fergus Falls;
- 66.13

(7) \$100,000 each year is for the Children's
- 66.14

Discovery Museum, Grand Rapids;
- 66.15

(8) \$100,000 each year is for the Wheel and
- 66.16

Cog Children's Museum, Hutchinson;
- 66.17

(9) \$175,000 each year is for the Children's
- 66.18

Museum of Southern Minnesota, Mankato;
- 66.19

(10) \$175,000 each year is for the Great River
- 66.20

Children's Museum, St. Cloud;
- 66.21

(11) \$100,000 each year is for The Village
- 66.22

Children's Museum, Willmar;
- 66.23

(12) \$100,000 each year is for the Mini Sota
- 66.24

Ag Museum, Benson; and
- 66.25

(13) \$150,000 each year is for the SPARK
- 66.26

Children's Museum, Rochester.
- 66.27

Subd. 5. **Community Identity and Heritage**
- 66.28

**Emergency Grants**
- 66.29

\$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the
- 66.30

second year are for emergency grants to
- 66.31

organizations otherwise qualified to receive
- 66.32

grants under subdivision 6 and must be

200,000

200,000

67.1 awarded on a rolling basis based on emerging  
 67.2 needs to assist communities responding to  
 67.3 major events and to facilitate the process of  
 67.4 grieving, encourage healing, create memorials,  
 67.5 or assist in recovery of the community. Any  
 67.6 amount described in the preceding sentence  
 67.7 that is not expended by October 15 of the  
 67.8 second year may be used for general  
 67.9 programming costs or grants under subdivision  
 67.10 6.

67.11 **Subd. 6. Community Identity and Heritage**  
 67.12 **Competitive Grant Program**

11,022,000

7,069,000

67.13 (a) \$11,022,000 the first year and \$7,069,000  
 67.14 the second year are for a competitive grant  
 67.15 program to provide grants to organizations or  
 67.16 individuals working to create, celebrate, and  
 67.17 teach the art, culture, and heritage of diverse  
 67.18 Minnesota communities, with a priority on  
 67.19 organizations from communities whose culture  
 67.20 and heritage have been historically  
 67.21 underrepresented or that have struggled to  
 67.22 access culture and heritage resources in the  
 67.23 past, including but not limited to Asian and  
 67.24 Pacific Island communities, the Somali  
 67.25 diaspora and other African immigrant  
 67.26 communities, Indigenous communities with  
 67.27 a focus on the 11 Tribes in Minnesota, the  
 67.28 African American community, the Latinx  
 67.29 community, the LGBTQIA+ community, and  
 67.30 other underrepresented cultural groups,  
 67.31 including communities of Black, Indigenous,  
 67.32 and people of color, to celebrate the cultural  
 67.33 diversity of Minnesota. An individual or  
 67.34 organization that receives a grant under this  
 67.35 subdivision must do at least one of the  
 67.36 following:

- 68.1 (1) preserve and honor the cultural heritage of  
68.2 Minnesota;
- 68.3 (2) provide education and student outreach on  
68.4 cultural diversity;
- 68.5 (3) support the development of culturally  
68.6 diverse humanities programming, including  
68.7 arts programming, by individuals and  
68.8 organizations; or
- 68.9 (4) empower communities in building identity  
68.10 and culture, including preserving and honoring  
68.11 communities whose Indigenous cultures are  
68.12 endangered or disappearing.
- 68.13 (b) At least 80 percent of the amount in  
68.14 paragraphs (c) to (f) must be for grants of less  
68.15 than \$200,000.
- 68.16 (c) Of the amount in paragraph (a), \$2,500,000  
68.17 the first year and \$1,500,000 the second year  
68.18 are for grants to community-based  
68.19 organizations and local governments for  
68.20 museums, exhibits, and collections. The  
68.21 Minnesota Humanities Center must give  
68.22 priority consideration for funding under this  
68.23 paragraph to the Bakken Museum, the  
68.24 Minnesota Fishing Museum and Hall of Fame,  
68.25 MN Zej Zog, and the Somali Museum of  
68.26 Minnesota.
- 68.27 (d) Of the amount in paragraph (b), \$3,650,000  
68.28 the first year and \$2,750,000 the second year  
68.29 are for grants to community-based  
68.30 organizations and local governments to  
68.31 support arts and cultural festivals and events  
68.32 in the state of Minnesota. The Minnesota  
68.33 Humanities Center must give priority  
68.34 consideration for funding under this paragraph

69.1 to Asian Economic Development Association  
 69.2 for Minnesota Asian American film and music  
 69.3 festivals, the Minnesota State Band to provide  
 69.4 free concerts, Siengkane Lao for a Southeast  
 69.5 Asian music festival, and Walker West Music  
 69.6 Academy to provide free concerts.

69.7 (e) Of the amount in paragraph (a), \$4,622,000  
 69.8 the first year and \$2,569,000 the second year  
 69.9 are for grants to community-based  
 69.10 organizations and local governments for  
 69.11 education and recreational programming and  
 69.12 events. The Minnesota Humanities Center  
 69.13 must give priority consideration for funding  
 69.14 under this paragraph to Art from the Inside,  
 69.15 Asian Economic Development Association  
 69.16 for youth outdoor programs, Capri Theater,  
 69.17 Fight for Your Dreams for youth boxing, the  
 69.18 Governor's Council on Developmental  
 69.19 Disabilities, Hmong Cultural Center, the  
 69.20 Lundstrum Center for the Performing Arts,  
 69.21 the Phylis Wheatley Community Center,  
 69.22 Siengkane Lao to preserve traditional dance  
 69.23 performances, and Sweet Potato Comfort Pie.

69.24 (f) Of the amount in paragraph (a), \$250,000  
 69.25 the first year and \$250,000 the second year  
 69.26 are for grants to provide funding to ethnic  
 69.27 media organizations creating video content in  
 69.28 a language other than English.

69.29 **Subd. 7. Underrepresented Groups Cultural**  
 69.30 **Studies Materials**

500,000

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69.31 \$500,000 the first year is for competitive  
 69.32 grants to develop high-quality academic,  
 69.33 cultural, and ethnic studies materials for  
 69.34 communities that do not have adequate  
 69.35 cultural and ethnic studies materials or who

70.1 are underrepresented in those materials,  
 70.2 including but not limited to the Hmong, Karen,  
 70.3 Somali, and Oromo cultures and cultures  
 70.4 without a formal writing system that are  
 70.5 largely oral-based. In developing these  
 70.6 materials, a recipient of a grant under this  
 70.7 subdivision must work with school districts  
 70.8 that intend to use the materials.

70.9 **Subd. 8. Gordon Parks Commemoration** 500,000 -0-

70.10 \$500,000 the first year is to work in  
 70.11 collaboration with Soul Touch Productions to  
 70.12 create an art installation and programming to  
 70.13 celebrate the incredible life and rich legacy of  
 70.14 Gordon Parks.

70.15 **Sec. 9. INDIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL** 2,030,000 2,030,000

70.16 (a) \$750,000 each year is to provide grants to  
 70.17 Minnesota Tribal Nations to preserve Dakota  
 70.18 and Ojibwe Indian language and to foster  
 70.19 education programs and services for Dakota  
 70.20 and Ojibwe language.

70.21 (b) \$575,000 each year is for grants to Dakota  
 70.22 and Ojibwe language-immersion educational  
 70.23 institutions.

70.24 (c) \$525,000 each year is to provide grants to  
 70.25 preserve the Dakota and Ojibwe Indian  
 70.26 language through support of projects and  
 70.27 services and to support educational programs  
 70.28 and immersion efforts in Dakota and Ojibwe  
 70.29 language.

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

71.1

(e) \$130,000 each year is for the Indian Affairs

71.2

Council to carry out responsibilities under

71.3

Minnesota Statutes, section 307.08, to comply

71.4

with Public Law 101-601, the Native

71.5

American Graves Protection and Repatriation

71.6

Act.

71.7

Sec. 10. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

71.8

Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation

\$

602,000

\$

602,000

71.9

The amounts that may be spent for each

71.10

purpose are specified in the following

71.11

subdivisions.

71.12

Subd. 2. County Fair Grants

352,000

352,000

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\$352,000 the first year and \$352,000 the

71.14

second year are for grants to county

71.15

agricultural societies to enhance arts access

71.16

and education and to preserve and promote

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Minnesota's history and cultural heritage as

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embodied in its county fairs. The grants may

71.19

be distributed in equal amounts to each of the

71.20

county fairs that submitted an application. The

71.21

grants are in addition to the aid distribution to

71.22

county agricultural societies under Minnesota

71.23

Statutes, section 38.02. The commissioner of

71.24

agriculture must develop grant-making criteria

71.25

and guidance for expending money under this

71.26

subdivision to provide funding for projects

71.27

and events that provide access to the arts or

71.28

the state's agricultural, historical, and cultural

71.29

heritage. The commissioner must seek input

71.30

from all interested parties. Notwithstanding

71.31

Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.98,

71.32

subdivision 14, the commissioner may use up

71.33

to two percent of the amounts in this

71.34

subdivision for the administration and

72.1 distribution of the grants. Money not used in  
 72.2 the first year may be used in the second year.

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

72.4 (a) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the  
 72.5 second year are for grants to the Minnesota  
 72.6 FFA to provide new and expanded access for  
 72.7 Minnesota FFA members involved in art- and  
 72.8 history-related FFA activities. Of this amount:

72.9 (1) up to \$100,000 each year may be used to  
 72.10 document and commemorate 100 years of  
 72.11 fostering leadership, agricultural education,  
 72.12 and community service across the state by  
 72.13 creating a history book, video storytelling  
 72.14 series, and an in-person arts-focused event;  
 72.15 and

72.16 (2) any amount not spent for the purposes  
 72.17 described in clause (1) may be used for other  
 72.18 activities that provide new and expanded  
 72.19 access for Minnesota FFA members involved  
 72.20 in art- and history-related FFA activities,  
 72.21 including activities related to national and state  
 72.22 FFA band and choir, state and national FFA  
 72.23 talent competitions, FFA floriculture, and FFA  
 72.24 state fair landscape booths.

72.25 (b) The commissioner of agriculture must  
 72.26 develop grant-making criteria and guidance  
 72.27 for grants under this subdivision to provide  
 72.28 funding for projects and events and must seek  
 72.29 input from the Minnesota FFA and Minnesota  
 72.30 FFA Foundation. Notwithstanding Minnesota  
 72.31 Statutes, section 16B.98, subdivision 14, the  
 72.32 commissioner may use up to five percent of  
 72.33 the amounts in this subdivision to cover the

73.1 costs of administering, planning, evaluating,  
73.2 and reporting these grants.

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

73.5 The amount in this section is appropriated to  
73.6 the Legislative Coordinating Commission to  
73.7 maintain the website required under Minnesota  
73.8 Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision 10.

73.9       Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 129D.17, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

73.10       Subd. 2. **Expenditures; accountability.** (a) Funding from the arts and cultural heritage  
73.11 fund may be spent only for arts, arts education, and arts access, and to preserve Minnesota's  
73.12 history and cultural heritage. A project or program receiving funding from the arts and  
73.13 cultural heritage fund must include measurable outcomes, and a plan for measuring and  
73.14 evaluating the results. A project or program must be consistent with current scholarship, or  
73.15 best practices, when appropriate and must incorporate state-of-the-art technology when  
73.16 appropriate.

73.17       (b) Funding from the arts and cultural heritage fund may be granted for an entire project  
73.18 or for part of a project so long as the recipient provides a description and cost for the entire  
73.19 project and can demonstrate that it has adequate resources to ensure that the entire project  
73.20 will be completed.

73.21       (c) Money from the arts and cultural heritage fund shall be expended for benefits across  
73.22 all regions and residents of the state.

73.23       (d) A state agency or other recipient of a direct appropriation from the arts and cultural  
73.24 heritage fund must compile and submit all information for funded projects or programs,  
73.25 including the proposed measurable outcomes and all other items required under section  
73.26 3.303, subdivision 10, to the Legislative Coordinating Commission as soon as practicable  
73.27 or by January 15 of the applicable fiscal year, whichever comes first. The Legislative  
73.28 Coordinating Commission must post submitted information on the website required under  
73.29 section 3.303, subdivision 10, as soon as it becomes available.

73.30       (e) Grants funded by the arts and cultural heritage fund must be implemented according  
73.31 to section 16B.98 and must account for all expenditures of funds. Priority for grant proposals  
73.32 must be given to proposals involving grants that will be competitively awarded.

74.1 (f) All money from the arts and cultural heritage fund must be for projects located in  
74.2 Minnesota.

74.3 (g) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the arts and cultural  
74.4 heritage fund shall prominently display on the recipient's website home page the legacy  
74.5 logo required under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws  
74.6 2010, chapter 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more  
74.7 information." When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the website must direct the  
74.8 person to a web page that includes both the contact information that a person may use to  
74.9 obtain additional information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating Commission  
74.10 website required under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

74.11 (h) Future eligibility for money from the arts and cultural heritage fund is contingent  
74.12 upon a state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section,  
74.13 as well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of  
74.14 the Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a  
74.15 recipient of money from the arts and cultural heritage fund has not complied with the laws,  
74.16 rules, or regulations in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient  
74.17 must be listed in an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the  
74.18 legacy funds. The list must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a  
74.19 recipient from the list upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient  
74.20 on the list is not eligible for future funding from the arts and cultural heritage fund until the  
74.21 recipient demonstrates compliance to the legislative auditor.

74.22 (i) Any state agency or organization requesting a direct appropriation from the arts and  
74.23 cultural heritage fund must inform the house of representatives and senate committees  
74.24 having jurisdiction over the arts and cultural heritage fund, at the time the request for funding  
74.25 is made, whether the request is supplanting or is a substitution for any previous funding that  
74.26 was not from a legacy fund and was used for the same purpose and provide a copy of the  
74.27 most recent year's Internal Revenue Service Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt  
74.28 From Income Tax.

74.29 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 129D.17, is amended by adding a subdivision  
74.30 to read:

74.31 Subd. 7. **Construction costs.** Money from the arts and cultural heritage fund must not  
74.32 be appropriated to fund new construction or for capital construction projects, including  
74.33 major renovations or long-term building projects, with the exception of preservation of  
74.34 historic structures or sites. This prohibition does not apply to:

- 75.1 (1) accessibility accommodations;
- 75.2 (2) the creation of exhibits or installations; and
- 75.3 (3) renovations to provide care for collections or facilitate exhibits, installations, or other
- 75.4 projects funded with arts and cultural heritage fund appropriations.

75.5 Sec. 14. Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 4, section 2, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

75.6	Subd. 5. <b>Department of Education</b>	3,000,000	2,750,000
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75.7 (a) \$2,750,000 each year is appropriated to

75.8 the commissioner of education for grants to

75.9 the 12 Minnesota regional library systems to

75.10 provide educational opportunities in the arts,

75.11 history, literary arts, and cultural heritage of

75.12 Minnesota. When possible, funding under this

75.13 subdivision should be used to promote and

75.14 share the work of Minnesota authors,

75.15 including authors from diverse backgrounds.

75.16 This money must be allocated using the

75.17 formulas in Minnesota Statutes, section

75.18 134.355, subdivisions 3 to 5, with the

75.19 remaining 25 percent to be distributed to all

75.20 qualifying systems in an amount proportionate

75.21 to the number of qualifying system entities in

75.22 each system. For purposes of this subdivision,

75.23 "qualifying system entity" means a public

75.24 library, a regional library system, a regional

75.25 library system headquarters, a county, or an

75.26 outreach service program. This money may

75.27 be used to sponsor programs provided by

75.28 regional libraries or to provide grants to local

75.29 arts and cultural heritage programs for

75.30 programs in partnership with regional libraries.

75.31 This money must be distributed in ten equal

75.32 payments per year. Notwithstanding

75.33 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the

75.34 appropriations encumbered on or before June

76.1 30, ~~2025~~ 2026, as grants or contracts in this  
 76.2 subdivision are available until June 30, ~~2026~~  
 76.3 2027.

76.4 (b) \$250,000 the first year is appropriated to  
 76.5 the commissioner of education for a water  
 76.6 safety grant program. The commissioner of  
 76.7 education must allocate grants to eligible  
 76.8 applicants. Eligible applicants include  
 76.9 nonprofit organizations and city and county  
 76.10 parks and recreation programs providing  
 76.11 swimming lessons to youth. Eligible applicants  
 76.12 are not required to partner with other entities.  
 76.13 Grant funds must primarily be used to provide  
 76.14 scholarships to low-income and at-risk  
 76.15 children for swimming lessons. Up to 15  
 76.16 percent of the grant funds may also be used  
 76.17 to hire water safety instructors or lifeguards  
 76.18 or train water safety instructors or lifeguards  
 76.19 in nationally recognized water safety practices  
 76.20 and instruction.

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

76.22 Sec. 15. Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 4, section 2, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

76.23	Subd. 6. <b>Department of Administration</b>	17,040,000	14,105,000
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76.24 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are  
 76.25 appropriated to the commissioner of  
 76.26 administration for grants to the named  
 76.27 organizations for the purposes specified in this  
 76.28 subdivision. The commissioner of  
 76.29 administration may use a portion of this  
 76.30 appropriation for costs that are directly related  
 76.31 to and necessary for the administration of  
 76.32 grants in this subdivision.

76.33 (b) Grant agreements entered into by the  
 76.34 commissioner and recipients of appropriations

77.1 under this subdivision must ensure that money  
77.2 appropriated in this subdivision is used to  
77.3 supplement and not substitute for traditional  
77.4 sources of funding.

77.5 **(c) Minnesota Public Radio**

77.6 \$2,050,000 each year is for Minnesota Public  
77.7 Radio to create programming and expand news  
77.8 service on Minnesota's cultural heritage and  
77.9 history.

77.10 **(d) Association of Minnesota Public Educational**  
77.11 **Radio Stations**

77.12 \$2,050,000 the first year and \$2,050,000 the  
77.13 second year are to the Association of  
77.14 Minnesota Public Educational Radio Stations  
77.15 for production and acquisition grants in  
77.16 accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section  
77.17 129D.19.

77.18 **(e) Public Television**

77.19 \$5,000,000 the first year and \$4,500,000 the  
77.20 second year are to the Minnesota Public  
77.21 Television Association for production and  
77.22 acquisition grants according to Minnesota  
77.23 Statutes, section 129D.18. Of the amount in  
77.24 the first year, \$1,000,000 is for producing  
77.25 Minnesota military and veterans' history  
77.26 stories and unique immigrant stories from  
77.27 around the state.

77.28 **(f) Wilderness Inquiry**

77.29 \$500,000 the first year and \$600,000 the  
77.30 second year are to Wilderness Inquiry to  
77.31 preserve Minnesota's outdoor history, culture,  
77.32 and heritage by connecting Minnesota youth  
77.33 and families to natural resources.

77.34 **(g) Como Park Zoo**

78.1 \$1,725,000 each year is to the Como Park Zoo  
78.2 and Conservatory for program development  
78.3 that features educational programs and habitat  
78.4 enhancement, special exhibits, music  
78.5 appreciation programs, and historical garden  
78.6 access and preservation.

78.7 **(h) Science Museum of Minnesota**

78.8 \$825,000 each year is to the Science Museum  
78.9 of Minnesota for arts, arts education, and arts  
78.10 access and to preserve Minnesota's history and  
78.11 cultural heritage, including student and teacher  
78.12 outreach, statewide educational initiatives, and  
78.13 community-based exhibits that preserve  
78.14 Minnesota's history and cultural heritage.

78.15 **(i) Appetite for Change**

78.16 \$200,000 the first year is to the nonprofit  
78.17 Appetite for Change for the Community Cooks  
78.18 programming, which will preserve the cultural  
78.19 heritage of growing and cooking food in  
78.20 Minnesota.

78.21 **(j) Lake Superior Zoo**

78.22 \$150,000 each year is to the Lake Superior  
78.23 Zoo to develop educational exhibits and  
78.24 programs.

78.25 **(k) Great Lakes Aquarium**

78.26 \$250,000 each year is to the Lake Superior  
78.27 Center Authority to prepare, fabricate, and  
78.28 install a hands-on exhibit with interactive  
78.29 learning components to educate Minnesotans  
78.30 on the history of the natural landscape of the  
78.31 state.

78.32 **(l) State Band**

79.1 \$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 the second  
79.2 year are to the Minnesota state band to provide  
79.3 free concerts throughout the state.

79.4 **(m) Veterans Memorial Park in Wyoming**

79.5 \$100,000 the first year is for a grant to the city  
79.6 of Wyoming to build the Veterans Memorial  
79.7 Plaza and related interpretive walk in Railroad  
79.8 Park.

79.9 **(n) Great Northern Festival**

79.10 \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the second  
79.11 year are for a grant to support the Great  
79.12 Northern Festival, which connects attendees  
79.13 to parks, outdoor spaces, and cultural venues  
79.14 through a festival.

79.15 **(o) Governor's Council on Developmental**  
79.16 **Disabilities**

79.17 \$50,000 the first year is to the Minnesota  
79.18 Governor's Council on Developmental  
79.19 Disabilities to continue to preserve and raise  
79.20 awareness of the history of Minnesotans with  
79.21 developmental disabilities.

79.22 **(p) Minnesota Council on Disability**

79.23 \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the  
79.24 second year are to the Minnesota Council on  
79.25 Disability to provide educational opportunities  
79.26 in the arts, history, and cultural heritage of  
79.27 Minnesotans with disabilities in conjunction  
79.28 with the 50th anniversary of the Minnesota  
79.29 Council on Disability. This appropriation is  
79.30 available until June 30, 2027.

79.31 **(q) Keller Regional Park**

79.32 \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to Ramsey  
79.33 County to preserve Minnesota's cultural

80.1 heritage by enhancing the tuj lub courts at  
80.2 Keller Regional Park.

80.3 **(r) Vietnam War Anniversary**

80.4 \$250,000 the first year is for a grant to the  
80.5 commissioner of veterans affairs to prepare  
80.6 and host a commemoration program for the  
80.7 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

80.8 **(s) St. Paul Cultural Art Installation**

80.9 \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to the city  
80.10 of St. Paul for an art installation celebrating  
80.11 Olympic gold medalist Suni Lee. The project  
80.12 funded by this paragraph must be located in  
80.13 St. Paul at the Conway Recreation Center or,  
80.14 if that site is not practicable, at Lake Phalen  
80.15 at the platform containing the bust of Suni  
80.16 Lee. This appropriation is available until June  
80.17 30, 2027.

80.18 **(t) One Heartland Center**

80.19 \$50,000 each year is for a grant to One  
80.20 Heartland Center for programming and  
80.21 outdoor activities for families and youth in  
80.22 Minnesota.

80.23 **(u) Forest Lake Veterans Memorial**

80.24 \$100,000 the first year is for a grant to the  
80.25 Forest Lake Veterans Memorial Committee  
80.26 to construct a memorial to veterans of the  
80.27 United States armed forces at Lakeside  
80.28 Memorial Park in the city of Forest Lake. This  
80.29 appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.

80.30 **(v) Hmong Plaza**

80.31 \$450,000 the first year is for a grant to the city  
80.32 of St. Paul to construct the Hmong Plaza at  
80.33 Phalen Lake.

81.1 **(w) Camille Gage Artist Fellowship**

81.2 \$55,000 the first year and \$55,000 the second  
81.3 year are for a grant to YWCA Minneapolis to  
81.4 fund an annual fellowship to be known as the  
81.5 Camille J. Gage Artist Fellowship. Of this  
81.6 amount, up to \$5,000 each year may be used  
81.7 for administrative expenses. YWCA  
81.8 Minneapolis must select a person for the  
81.9 Camille J. Gage Artist Fellowship after an  
81.10 application process that allows both  
81.11 applications by interested persons and  
81.12 nominations of persons by third parties. By  
81.13 October 1, 2026, YWCA Minneapolis must  
81.14 report to the chairs and ranking minority  
81.15 members of the legislative committees and  
81.16 divisions with jurisdiction over legacy on the  
81.17 use of money appropriated under this  
81.18 paragraph and on the activities of the person  
81.19 selected for the Camille J. Gage Artist  
81.20 Fellowship under this paragraph. This  
81.21 appropriation is available until June 30, 2026.

81.22 **(x) Minnesota African American Heritage**  
81.23 **Museum and Gallery**

81.24 \$235,000 the first year and \$125,000 the  
81.25 second year are for arts and cultural heritage  
81.26 programming celebrating African American  
81.27 and Black communities in Minnesota. Of the  
81.28 amount in the first year, \$110,000 is for C.  
81.29 Caldwell Fine Arts for an outdoor mural  
81.30 project in North Minneapolis to work with  
81.31 young people to develop skills while using art  
81.32 as the impetus.

81.33 **(y) Tibetan American Foundation of Minnesota**

81.34 \$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 the second  
81.35 year are for a grant to the Tibetan American

82.1 Foundation of Minnesota to celebrate and  
82.2 teach the art, culture, and heritage of Tibetan  
82.3 Americans in Minnesota.

82.4 **(z) Hong De Wu Guan**

82.5 \$25,000 the first year is for a grant to Hong  
82.6 De Wu Guan to create cultural arts projects  
82.7 like Lion Dance for after-school programs for  
82.8 youth.

82.9 **(aa) Sepak Takraw of USA**

82.10 \$50,000 the first year is for a grant to the  
82.11 Sepak Takraw of USA to work with youth and  
82.12 after-school programs in the community to  
82.13 teach the cultural games of tuj lub and sepak  
82.14 takraw. This appropriation may not be used  
82.15 to hold events.

82.16 **(bb) 30,000 Feet**

82.17 \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the second  
82.18 year are for a grant to 30,000 Feet, a nonprofit  
82.19 organization, to help youth and community  
82.20 artists further develop their artistic skills, to  
82.21 create community art and artistic  
82.22 performances, and to promote and share  
82.23 African American history and culture through  
82.24 the arts.

82.25 **(cc) Siengkane Lao Minnesota**

82.26 \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the second  
82.27 year are for a grant to Siengkane Lao MN to  
82.28 create cultural arts projects and to preserve  
82.29 traditional performances.

82.30 **(dd) Hmong Cultural Center**

82.31 \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the  
82.32 second year are for a grant to the Hmong  
82.33 Cultural Center of Minnesota for

83.1 museum-related programming and educational  
 83.2 outreach activities to teach the public about  
 83.3 the historical, cultural, and folk arts heritage  
 83.4 of Hmong Minnesotans.

83.5 **(ee) Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio**

83.6 \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the  
 83.7 second year are for a grant to Comunidades  
 83.8 Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES) to  
 83.9 expand arts programming to celebrate Latino  
 83.10 cultural heritage; support local artists; and  
 83.11 provide professional development, networking,  
 83.12 and presentation opportunities.

83.13 **(ff) Hmong RPA Writing System**

83.14 \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the  
 83.15 second year are for grants to recipients who  
 83.16 have demonstrated knowledge and interest in  
 83.17 preserving Hmong culture to preserve Hmong  
 83.18 Minnesotans' heritage, history, language, and  
 83.19 culture. Grants must be used in conjunction  
 83.20 with Minnesota universities to improve and  
 83.21 develop a unified and standardized Latin  
 83.22 alphabet form of the Hmong RPA writing  
 83.23 system. No portion of this appropriation may  
 83.24 be used to encourage religious membership  
 83.25 or to conduct personal ceremonies or events.  
 83.26 This appropriation is available until June 30,  
 83.27 2028.

83.28 **(gg) Somali Museum of Minnesota**

83.29 \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the  
 83.30 second year are for a grant to the Somali  
 83.31 Museum of Minnesota for heritage arts and  
 83.32 cultural vitality programs to provide classes,  
 83.33 exhibits, presentations, and outreach about the  
 83.34 Somali community and heritage in Minnesota.

84.1 **(hh) Minnesota Museum of American Art**

84.2 \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the  
84.3 second year are for a grant to the Minnesota  
84.4 Museum of American Art for exhibit  
84.5 programming and for a Native American  
84.6 Fellowship at the museum.

84.7 **(ii) Fanka Programs**

84.8 \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the  
84.9 second year are for a grant to Ka Joog  
84.10 statewide Somali-based collaborative  
84.11 programs for arts and cultural heritage. The  
84.12 funding must be used for Fanka programs to  
84.13 provide arts education and workshops, mentor  
84.14 programs, and community presentations and  
84.15 community engagement events throughout  
84.16 Minnesota.

84.17 **(jj) The Bakken Museum**

84.18 \$150,000 the first year is for a grant to The  
84.19 Bakken Museum for interactive exhibits and  
84.20 outreach programs on arts and cultural  
84.21 heritage.

84.22 **(kk) 4-H Shooting Sports**

84.23 \$50,000 the first year is to the University of  
84.24 Minnesota Extension Office to provide grants  
84.25 to Minnesota 4-H chapters that have members  
84.26 participating in state and national  
84.27 4-H-sanctioned shooting sports events.  
84.28 Eligible costs for grant money include  
84.29 shooting sports equipment and supplies and  
84.30 event fees associated with participating in state  
84.31 shooting sports events.

84.32 **(ll) Public Art Saint Paul**

85.1 \$75,000 each year is for a grant to Public Art  
85.2 Saint Paul for art programming at the Wakpa  
85.3 Triennial Art Festival to showcase new art  
85.4 across the Twin Cities by Minnesota artists in  
85.5 outdoor and indoor settings and to encourage  
85.6 visitors to experience the arts and culture  
85.7 produced by local arts and culture  
85.8 organizations.

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

85.10 Sec. 16. Laws 2024, chapter 106, article 4, section 2, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

85.11	Subd. 6. <b>Minnesota Historical Society</b>	-0-	1,201,000
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85.12 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are  
85.13 appropriated to the governing board of the  
85.14 Minnesota Historical Society to preserve and  
85.15 enhance access to Minnesota's history and its  
85.16 cultural and historical resources. Grant  
85.17 agreements entered into by the Minnesota  
85.18 Historical Society and other recipients of  
85.19 appropriations in this subdivision must ensure  
85.20 that these funds are used to supplement and  
85.21 not substitute for traditional sources of  
85.22 funding. Funds directly appropriated to the  
85.23 Minnesota Historical Society must be used to  
85.24 supplement and not substitute for traditional  
85.25 sources of funding. The appropriations in this  
85.26 subdivision are onetime.

85.27 (b) **Grants**

85.28 (1) \$100,000 the second year is to facilitate  
85.29 negotiations for the purchase by the state of  
85.30 the Wizard of Oz ruby slippers through a  
85.31 combination of available state funds and  
85.32 nonstate sources of funding. Any remaining  
85.33 amount not used to facilitate the purchase of  
85.34 the slippers by the state may be used as a grant

86.1 to the Judy Garland Children's Discovery  
86.2 Museum to create an exhibit highlighting the  
86.3 history and cultural relevance of the slippers;  
86.4 (2) \$400,000 the second year is for statewide  
86.5 historic and cultural grants to cultural  
86.6 community organizations, historical  
86.7 organizations, and veterans organizations for  
86.8 activities to commemorate 50 years of  
86.9 Southeast Asians in Minnesota. Money under  
86.10 this paragraph must be distributed through a  
86.11 competitive grant process. The Minnesota  
86.12 Historical Society must administer the grants  
86.13 using established grant mechanisms with  
86.14 assistance from the advisory committee  
86.15 created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article  
86.16 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), item  
86.17 (ii).  
86.18 (3) \$200,000 the second year is for activities  
86.19 to prepare and coordinate community  
86.20 commemoration programs celebrating 50 years  
86.21 of Hmong Americans in Minnesota. The  
86.22 Minnesota Historical Society must form an  
86.23 advisory task force consisting of members of  
86.24 the Hmong community to advise the society  
86.25 on the design and implementation of these  
86.26 activities and programs;  
86.27 (4) \$200,000 the second year is for planning  
86.28 and outreach, in collaboration with the  
86.29 Minnesota Humanities Center, for Minnesota's  
86.30 commemoration of the 250th anniversary of  
86.31 the signing of the Declaration of  
86.32 Independence. The Minnesota Historical  
86.33 Society and Minnesota Humanities Center  
86.34 must enter into an agreement between the  
86.35 organizations on how best to maximize the

87.1 impact of this grant and of collaboration with  
87.2 statewide partners;

87.3 (5) \$50,000 the second year is for a grant to  
87.4 the Greater Litchfield Opera House  
87.5 Association to repair and update the Litchfield  
87.6 Opera House; and

87.7 (6) \$251,000 the second year is for a grant to  
87.8 the Dakota County Historical Society to design  
87.9 and build exhibits at the Lawshe Memorial  
87.10 Museum.

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

APPENDIX  
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