

1.1 Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 2865 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "ARTICLE 1

1.4 OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

1.6 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
1.7 and for the purposes specified in this act. The appropriations are from the outdoor heritage
1.8 fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The figures "2026" and "2027" used in
1.9 this act mean that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending
1.10 June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The
1.11 second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and 2027. The
1.12 appropriations in this act are onetime appropriations.

1.13	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
1.14	<u>Available for the Year</u>	
1.15	<u>Ending June 30</u>	
1.16	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>

1.17 Sec. 2. OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

1.18	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>162,111,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>775,000</u>
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1.19 This appropriation is from the outdoor heritage
1.20 fund. The amounts that may be spent for each
1.21 purpose are specified in the following
1.22 subdivisions.

1.23	<u>Subd. 2. Prairies</u>		<u>33,432,000</u>		<u>-0-</u>
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1.24 (a) Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition,
1.25 Phase 9

1.26 \$1,332,000 the first year is to the
1.27 commissioner of natural resources for
1.28 agreements to acquire land in fee and restore
1.29 and enhance strategic prairie grassland,
1.30 wetland, and other wildlife habitat in Martin
1.31 County for wildlife management area purposes
1.32 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
1.33 subdivision 8, as follows: \$970,000 to Fox
1.34 Lake Conservation League, Inc., \$327,000 to

- 2.1 Ducks Unlimited, and \$35,000 to the
2.2 Conservation Fund.
- 2.3 **(b) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the**
2.4 **Southern Red River Valley, Phase 11**
- 2.5 \$3,607,000 the first year is to the
2.6 commissioner of natural resources for an
2.7 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in
2.8 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie
2.9 Chicken Society, to acquire land in fee and
2.10 restore and enhance lands in the southern Red
2.11 River Valley for wildlife management
2.12 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
2.13 86A.05, subdivision 8, or to be designated and
2.14 managed as waterfowl production areas in
2.15 Minnesota, in cooperation with the United
2.16 States Fish and Wildlife Service. Subject to
2.17 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part
2.18 6136.0900, priority must be given to
2.19 acquisitions of lands that are eligible for the
2.20 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,
2.21 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected
2.22 native prairie.
- 2.23 **(c) RIM Grasslands Reserve, Phase 6**
- 2.24 \$3,375,000 the first year is to the Board of
2.25 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
2.26 permanent conservation easements and to
2.27 restore and enhance grassland habitat under
2.28 Minnesota Statutes, sections 103F.501 to
2.29 103F.531. Of this amount, up to \$70,000 is to
2.30 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
2.31 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
2.32 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
2.33 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,
2.34 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.

3.1 A list of permanent conservation easements
3.2 must be provided as part of the final report.

3.3 **(d) RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water, Phase**
3.4 **11**

3.5 \$4,000,000 the first year is to the Board of
3.6 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
3.7 permanent conservation easements and restore
3.8 habitat under Minnesota Statutes, section
3.9 103F.515, to protect, restore, and enhance
3.10 habitat by expanding the riparian buffer
3.11 program under the clean water fund for
3.12 additional wildlife benefits from buffers on
3.13 private land. Of this amount, up to \$60,000 is
3.14 to establish a monitoring and enforcement
3.15 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
3.16 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
3.17 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,
3.18 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.

3.19 A list of permanent conservation easements
3.20 must be provided as part of the final report.

3.21 **(e) Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area**
3.22 **Program, Phase 17**

3.23 \$4,863,000 the first year is to the
3.24 commissioner of natural resources for an
3.25 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire
3.26 in fee and restore and enhance lands for
3.27 wildlife management area purposes under
3.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
3.29 subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation criteria
3.30 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
3.31 must be given to acquisition of lands that are
3.32 eligible for the native prairie bank under
3.33 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
3.34 adjacent to protected native prairie.

3.35 **(f) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Program, Phase**
3.36 **14**

4.1 \$2,433,000 the first year is to the
4.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
4.3 agreement with The Nature Conservancy to
4.4 acquire land in fee and restore and enhance
4.5 native prairie, grasslands, wetlands, and
4.6 savanna. Subject to evaluation criteria in
4.7 Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
4.8 must be given to acquiring lands that are
4.9 eligible for the native prairie bank under
4.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
4.11 adjacent to protected native prairie. Annual
4.12 income statements and balance sheets for
4.13 income and expenses from land acquired with
4.14 this appropriation must be submitted to the
4.15 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council no
4.16 later than 180 days following the close of The
4.17 Nature Conservancy's fiscal year. A list of
4.18 proposed land acquisitions, restorations, and
4.19 enhancements must be provided as part of the
4.20 required accomplishment plan and must be
4.21 consistent with the priorities identified in
4.22 *Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.*

4.23 **(g) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife**
4.24 **Refuge, Phase 15**

4.25 \$3,658,000 the first year is to the
4.26 commissioner of natural resources for an
4.27 agreement with The Nature Conservancy, in
4.28 cooperation with the United States Fish and
4.29 Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee or
4.30 permanent conservation easements and to
4.31 restore and enhance lands in the Northern
4.32 Tallgrass Prairie Habitat Preservation Area in
4.33 western Minnesota for addition to the Northern
4.34 Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge.
4.35 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota
4.36 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given

5.1 to acquiring lands that are eligible for the
5.2 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,
5.3 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected
5.4 native prairie.

5.5 **(h) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**
5.6 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition, Phase**
5.7 **17**

5.8 \$1,916,000 the first year is to the
5.9 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
5.10 in fee and restore and enhance lands for
5.11 wildlife management purposes under
5.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
5.13 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee for
5.14 scientific and natural area purposes under
5.15 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
5.16 subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria
5.17 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
5.18 must be given to acquisition of lands that are
5.19 eligible for the native prairie bank under
5.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
5.21 adjacent to protected native prairie.

5.22 **(i) Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands, Phase**
5.23 **8**

5.24 \$3,440,000 the first year is to the
5.25 commissioner of natural resources for an
5.26 agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance
5.27 and restore grassland and wetland habitat on
5.28 public lands in the forest prairie transition,
5.29 metro urban, and prairie ecoregions of
5.30 Minnesota.

5.31 **(j) Accelerating the USFWS Habitat**
5.32 **Conservation Easement Program, Phase 5**

5.33 \$4,808,000 the first year is to the
5.34 commissioner of natural resources for
5.35 agreements to restore and enhance wetland
5.36 and prairie habitat on habitat easements of the

6.1 United States Fish and Wildlife Service as
 6.2 follows: \$3,100,000 to Ducks Unlimited and
 6.3 \$1,708,000 to Pheasants Forever.

6.4 **Subd. 3. Forests** 19,958,000 -0-

6.5 **(a) Minnesota Forest Recovery Project, Phase**
 6.6 **3**

6.7 \$3,464,000 the first year is to the
 6.8 commissioner of natural resources for an
 6.9 agreement with The Nature Conservancy in
 6.10 cooperation with the Department of Natural
 6.11 Resources and Minnesota Land Trust to
 6.12 acquire permanent conservation easements
 6.13 and to restore and enhance degraded forests
 6.14 in Beltrami, Cass, Cook, Itasca, Lake,
 6.15 Koochiching, and St. Louis Counties. Of this
 6.16 amount, up to \$84,000 is to the easement
 6.17 holder to establish a monitoring and
 6.18 enforcement fund as approved in the
 6.19 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
 6.20 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

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

6.22 \$2,720,000 the first year is to the
 6.23 commissioner of natural resources for an
 6.24 agreement with Itasca County to acquire
 6.25 priority forest habitat lands in fee as county
 6.26 forests.

6.27 **(c) Hardwood Hills Habitat Conservation**
 6.28 **Program, Phase 2**

6.29 \$1,803,000 the first year is to the
 6.30 commissioner of natural resources for
 6.31 agreements to acquire permanent conservation
 6.32 easements and to restore and enhance forest
 6.33 habitats in the hardwood hills ecological
 6.34 section of west-central Minnesota as follows:
 6.35 \$100,000 to St. John's University and

7.1 \$1,703,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Of the
7.2 amount to Minnesota Land Trust, \$196,000 is
7.3 to establish a monitoring and enforcement
7.4 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
7.5 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
7.6 97A.056, subdivision 17.

7.7 **(d) Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape Protection**
7.8 **Program ACUB, Phase 13**

7.9 \$2,183,000 the first year is to the Board of
7.10 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with
7.11 the Morrison County Soil and Water
7.12 Conservation District, to acquire permanent
7.13 conservation easements and to restore and
7.14 enhance forest wildlife habitat within the
7.15 boundaries of the Minnesota National Guard
7.16 Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape and Army
7.17 Compatible Use Buffer. Of this amount, up to
7.18 \$110,000 is to establish a monitoring and
7.19 enforcement fund as approved in the
7.20 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
7.21 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.
7.22 Subdivision 8, paragraph (b), does not apply
7.23 to this project. A list of permanent
7.24 conservation easements must be provided as
7.25 part of the final report.

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

7.27 \$5,241,000 the first year is to the
7.28 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
7.29 lands in conservation easements and to restore
7.30 and enhance forests, wetlands, and shoreline
7.31 habitat through working forest permanent
7.32 conservation easements under the Minnesota
7.33 forests for the future program according to
7.34 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.66. A
7.35 conservation easement acquired with money

8.1 appropriated under this paragraph must
 8.2 comply with Minnesota Statutes, section
 8.3 97A.056, subdivision 13. The accomplishment
 8.4 plan must include an easement monitoring and
 8.5 enforcement plan. Of this amount, up to
 8.6 \$400,000 is to establish a monitoring and
 8.7 enforcement fund as approved in the
 8.8 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
 8.9 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

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

8.11 \$2,543,000 the first year is to the
 8.12 commissioner of natural resources to restore
 8.13 and enhance forest wildlife habitats on public
 8.14 lands throughout Minnesota.

8.15 **(g) Moose Habitat Collaborative - Northeast**
 8.16 **Minnesota Forest Habitat Enhancement, Phase**
 8.17 **5**

8.18 \$2,004,000 the first year is to the
 8.19 commissioner of natural resources for an
 8.20 agreement with the Ruffed Grouse Society to
 8.21 restore and enhance public forest lands in the
 8.22 northern forest region for moose habitat
 8.23 purposes.

8.24 **Subd. 4. Wetlands**

29,032,000

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8.25 **(a) Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration**
 8.26 **Program, Phase 10**

8.27 \$2,853,000 the first year is to the
 8.28 commissioner of natural resources for an
 8.29 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
 8.30 acquire permanent conservation easements
 8.31 and to restore and enhance prairie, wetland,
 8.32 and other habitats on permanently protected
 8.33 conservation easements in high-priority
 8.34 wetland habitat complexes in the prairie,
 8.35 forest/prairie transition, and forest ecoregions.

9.1 Of this amount, up to \$168,000 is to establish
9.2 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
9.3 approved in the accomplishment plan and
9.4 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
9.5 97A.056, subdivision 17.

9.6 **(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection and**
9.7 **Restoration Program, Phase 14**

9.8 \$5,673,000 the first year is to the
9.9 commissioner of natural resources for an
9.10 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire
9.11 land in fee for wildlife management purposes
9.12 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
9.13 subdivision 8, or to be designated and
9.14 managed as waterfowl production areas or
9.15 national wildlife refuges in Minnesota, in
9.16 cooperation with the United States Fish and
9.17 Wildlife Service, and to restore and enhance
9.18 prairie lands, wetlands, and land-buffering
9.19 shallow lakes.

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

9.22 \$4,291,000 the first year is to the Board of
9.23 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
9.24 permanent conservation easements and to
9.25 restore wetlands and native grassland habitat
9.26 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515.
9.27 Of this amount, up to \$70,000 is for
9.28 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
9.29 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
9.30 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
9.31 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,
9.32 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.
9.33 A list of permanent conservation easements
9.34 must be provided as part of the final report.

9.35 **(d) Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area**
9.36 **Acquisition Program, Phase 17**

10.1 \$5,121,000 the first year is to the
10.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
10.3 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in
10.4 cooperation with the United States Fish and
10.5 Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee and to
10.6 restore and enhance wetlands and grasslands
10.7 to be designated and managed as waterfowl
10.8 production areas in Minnesota.

10.9 **(e) Nelson Slough - East Park Wildlife**
10.10 **Management Area, Phase 2**

10.11 \$1,543,000 the first year is to the
10.12 commissioner of natural resources for an
10.13 agreement with the Middle-Snake-Tamarac
10.14 Rivers Watershed District to restore and
10.15 enhance wetland and upland wildlife habitat
10.16 in Nelson Slough and the East Park Wildlife
10.17 Management Area in Marshall County.

10.18 **(f) Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**
10.19 **Enhancement and Restoration Initiative, Phase**
10.20 **11**

10.21 \$5,601,000 the first year is to the
10.22 commissioner of natural resources for an
10.23 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to restore
10.24 and enhance shallow lakes and wetlands on
10.25 public lands and wetlands under permanent
10.26 conservation easement for wildlife
10.27 management.

10.28 **(g) Big Swamp North**

10.29 \$1,442,000 the first year is to the
10.30 commissioner of natural resources for an
10.31 agreement with the Roseau River Watershed
10.32 District to restore and enhance wetland,
10.33 stream, and other related wildlife habitat on
10.34 public lands in the Big Swamp area in Roseau
10.35 County.

11.1 **(h) DNR Accelerated Shallow Lakes and**
 11.2 **Wetland Enhancement, Phase 17**

11.3 \$2,508,000 the first year is to the
 11.4 commissioner of natural resources to enhance
 11.5 and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat
 11.6 statewide.

11.7 **Subd. 5. Habitats**

77,646,000

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11.8 **(a) Cannon River Watershed Habitat**
 11.9 **Restoration and Protection Program, Phase 14**

11.10 \$2,663,000 the first year is to the
 11.11 commissioner of natural resources for
 11.12 agreements to acquire land in fee and to
 11.13 restore and enhance wildlife habitat in the
 11.14 Cannon River Watershed as follows: \$62,000
 11.15 to Clean River Partners; \$1,198,000 to Great
 11.16 River Greening; and \$1,403,000 to the Trust
 11.17 for Public Land.

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

11.19 \$1,982,000 the first year is to the
 11.20 commissioner of natural resources for an
 11.21 agreement with the Riley Purgatory Bluff
 11.22 Creek Watershed District to acquire priority
 11.23 wildlife habitat lands in fee in Hennepin
 11.24 County.

11.25 **(c) Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation,**
 11.26 **Phase 10**

11.27 \$3,518,000 the first year is to the
 11.28 commissioner of natural resources for
 11.29 agreements to acquire permanent conservation
 11.30 easements and to restore and enhance wildlife
 11.31 habitat on public lands and easements in the
 11.32 Anoka Sand Plain ecoregion and intersecting
 11.33 minor watersheds as follows: \$553,000 to
 11.34 Anoka Conservation District; \$1,385,000 to
 11.35 Great River Greening; \$300,000 to The Nature

- 12.1 Conservancy; and \$1,280,000 to Minnesota
- 12.2 Land Trust. Up to \$112,000 to Minnesota
- 12.3 Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and
- 12.4 enforcement fund as approved in the
- 12.5 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
- 12.6 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.
- 12.7 **(d) Integrating Habitat and Clean Water, Phase**
- 12.8 **3**
- 12.9 \$2,691,000 the first year is to the Board of
- 12.10 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
- 12.11 permanent conservation easements and restore
- 12.12 and enhance wildlife habitat identified in One
- 12.13 Watershed, One Plan for stacked benefit to
- 12.14 wildlife and clean water. Of this amount, up
- 12.15 to \$80,000 is for establishing a monitoring and
- 12.16 enforcement fund as approved in the
- 12.17 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
- 12.18 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.
- 12.19 Subdivision 8, paragraph (b), does not apply
- 12.20 to this project. A list of permanent
- 12.21 conservation easements must be provided as
- 12.22 part of the final report.
- 12.23 **(e) St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and**
- 12.24 **Restoration, Phase 6**
- 12.25 \$3,184,000 the first year is to the
- 12.26 commissioner of natural resources for
- 12.27 agreements to acquire land in fee and
- 12.28 permanent conservation easements and to
- 12.29 restore and enhance natural habitat systems in
- 12.30 the St. Croix River Watershed as follows:
- 12.31 \$1,199,000 to the Trust for Public Land;
- 12.32 \$121,000 to Wild Rivers Conservancy; and
- 12.33 \$1,864,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to
- 12.34 \$168,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to
- 12.35 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
- 12.36 as approved in the accomplishment plan and

- 13.1 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
13.2 97A.056, subdivision 17.
- 13.3 **(f) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor**
13.4 **Project, Phase 9**
- 13.5 \$2,769,000 the first year is to acquire lands in
13.6 fee and permanent conservation easements
13.7 and to restore wildlife habitat in the
13.8 Mississippi headwaters. Of this amount: (1)
13.9 \$1,769,000 is to the commissioner of natural
13.10 resources for agreements as follows: \$60,000
13.11 to the Mississippi Headwaters Board and
13.12 \$1,709,000 to the Trust for Public Land; and
13.13 (2) \$1,000,000 is to the Board of Water and
13.14 Soil Resources, of which up to \$50,000 is to
13.15 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
13.16 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
13.17 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
13.18 97A.056, subdivision 17.
- 13.19 **(g) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**
13.20 **Restoration, Phase 13**
- 13.21 \$2,334,000 the first year is to the
13.22 commissioner of natural resources for an
13.23 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
13.24 acquire permanent conservation easements
13.25 and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat on
13.26 public lands and permanent conservation
13.27 easements in southeast Minnesota. Of this
13.28 amount, up to \$140,000 is to establish a
13.29 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
13.30 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
13.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
13.32 subdivision 17.
- 13.33 **(h) Protecting Coldwater Fisheries on**
13.34 **Minnesota's North Shore, Phase 3**

14.1 \$2,187,000 the first year is to the
14.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
14.3 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
14.4 acquire permanent conservation easements
14.5 and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat in
14.6 priority coldwater tributaries to Lake Superior.
14.7 Of this amount, up to \$196,000 is to establish
14.8 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
14.9 approved in the accomplishment plan and
14.10 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
14.11 97A.056, subdivision 17.

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

14.13 \$6,793,000 the first year is to the
14.14 commissioner of natural resources for
14.15 agreements to acquire land in fee and
14.16 permanent conservation easements and to
14.17 restore and enhance natural habitat systems
14.18 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
14.19 and St. Croix Rivers and their tributaries in
14.20 the metropolitan area as follows: \$1,000,000
14.21 to Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge
14.22 Trust, Inc.; \$488,000 to Friends of the
14.23 Mississippi River; \$975,000 to Great River
14.24 Greening; \$2,151,000 to the Trust for Public
14.25 Land; and \$2,179,000 to Minnesota Land
14.26 Trust. Up to \$168,000 to Minnesota Land
14.27 Trust is to establish a monitoring and
14.28 enforcement fund as approved in the
14.29 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
14.30 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

14.31 **(j) Minnesota River Watershed Habitat**
14.32 **Conservation Program**

14.33 \$3,078,000 the first year is to the
14.34 commissioner of natural resources for
14.35 agreements to acquire land in fee and

15.1 permanent conservation easements and to
15.2 restore and enhance priority habitat in the
15.3 Minnesota River watershed as follows:
15.4 \$1,364,000 to Great River Greening and
15.5 \$1,714,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to
15.6 \$168,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to
15.7 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
15.8 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
15.9 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
15.10 97A.056, subdivision 17.

15.11 **(k) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**
15.12 **Restoration Program, Phase 14**

15.13 \$2,141,000 the first year is to the
15.14 commissioner of natural resources for an
15.15 agreement with the Shell Rock River
15.16 Watershed District to acquire land in fee and
15.17 to restore and enhance habitat in the Shell
15.18 Rock River watershed.

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

15.21 \$3,137,000 the first year is to the
15.22 commissioner of natural resources for
15.23 agreements to acquire land in fee and
15.24 permanent conservation easements and to
15.25 restore and enhance lakes of outstanding
15.26 biological significance in northeast and
15.27 north-central Minnesota. Of this amount,
15.28 \$1,494,000 is to the Northern Waters Land
15.29 Trust and \$1,643,000 is to Minnesota Land
15.30 Trust. Up to \$168,000 to Minnesota Land
15.31 Trust is for establishing a monitoring and
15.32 enforcement fund as approved in the
15.33 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
15.34 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

15.35 **(m) Shakopee Creek: Headwaters Restored,**
15.36 **Species and Land Protected**

16.1 \$2,359,000 the first year is to the
16.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
16.3 agreement with the Kandiyohi Soil and Water
16.4 Conservation District to restore and enhance
16.5 wildlife habitat in the headwaters area of
16.6 Shakopee Creek in Kandiyohi County.

16.7 **(n) DNR Trout Stream Conservation Easements,**
16.8 **Phase 4**

16.9 \$973,000 the first year is to the commissioner
16.10 of natural resources to acquire land in
16.11 permanent conservation easements to protect
16.12 trout-stream aquatic habitat. Of this amount,
16.13 up to \$120,000 is for establishing a monitoring
16.14 and enforcement fund as approved in the
16.15 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
16.16 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

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

16.19 \$2,878,000 the first year is to the
16.20 commissioner of natural resources for
16.21 agreements to acquire land in fee and
16.22 permanent conservation easements and to
16.23 restore and enhance wildlife habitat to sustain
16.24 healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes in
16.25 Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard
16.26 Counties as follows: \$1,259,000 to Northern
16.27 Waters Land Trust and \$1,619,000 to
16.28 Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$168,000 to
16.29 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a
16.30 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
16.31 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
16.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
16.33 subdivision 17.

16.34 **(p) Minnesota Statewide Trout Habitat**
16.35 **Enhancement, Phase 2**

- 17.1 \$2,124,000 the first year is to the
17.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
17.3 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited
17.4 to restore and enhance habitat for trout and
17.5 other species in and along coldwater rivers,
17.6 lakes, and streams throughout Minnesota.
- 17.7 **(q) Restoring and Enhancing Minnesota's**
17.8 **Important Bird Areas, Phase 4**
- 17.9 \$2,003,000 the first year is to the
17.10 commissioner of natural resources for an
17.11 agreement with Audubon Minnesota to restore
17.12 and enhance wildlife habitat in important bird
17.13 areas or Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan
17.14 Priority areas of northwestern Minnesota.
- 17.15 **(r) Fall River Restoration**
- 17.16 \$1,318,000 the first year is to the
17.17 commissioner of natural resources for an
17.18 agreement with Cook County to restore and
17.19 enhance coldwater stream habitat in the Fall
17.20 River in Cook County.
- 17.21 **(s) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and**
17.22 **Enhancement, Phase 8**
- 17.23 \$3,800,000 the first year is to the
17.24 commissioner of natural resources to restore
17.25 and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded
17.26 streams and aquatic management areas and to
17.27 facilitate fish passage throughout Minnesota.
- 17.28 **(t) Rum River Corridor Fish and Wildlife**
17.29 **Habitat Enhancement, Phase 3**
- 17.30 \$1,356,000 the first year is to the
17.31 commissioner of natural resources for an
17.32 agreement with the Anoka County Soil and
17.33 Water Conservation District to restore and
17.34 enhance upland and riverine habitat in the
17.35 Rum River corridor.

18.1 **(u) DNR Roving Crew, Phase 3**
18.2 \$12,642,000 the first year is to the
18.3 commissioner of natural resources to restore
18.4 and enhance fish and wildlife habitat on
18.5 permanently protected lands throughout
18.6 Minnesota using the roving crew program of
18.7 the Department of Natural Resources.

18.8 **(v) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**
18.9 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat, Phase**
18.10 **17**

18.11 \$11,716,000 the first year is to the
18.12 commissioner of natural resources for a
18.13 program to provide competitive matching
18.14 grants of up to \$500,000 to local, regional,
18.15 state, and national organizations for enhancing,
18.16 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,
18.17 prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife
18.18 in Minnesota. Of this amount, unless not
18.19 enough eligible grant applications are
18.20 received, at least \$3,000,000 is for grants in
18.21 the seven-county metropolitan area and cities
18.22 with a population of 50,000 or more and at
18.23 least \$2,620,000 is for grants to applicants that
18.24 have not previously applied for money from
18.25 the outdoor heritage fund. Grants must not be
18.26 made for activities required to fulfill the duties
18.27 of owners of lands subject to conservation
18.28 easements. Grants must not be made from the
18.29 appropriation in this paragraph for projects
18.30 that have a total project cost exceeding
18.31 \$1,000,000. Of the total appropriation,
18.32 \$600,000 may be spent for personnel costs,
18.33 outreach, and support to first-time applicants
18.34 and other direct and necessary administrative
18.35 costs. Grantees may acquire land or interests
18.36 in land. Easements must be permanent. Grants

19.1 may not be used to establish easement
19.2 stewardship accounts. The program must
19.3 require a match of at least ten percent from
19.4 nonstate sources for all grants. The match may
19.5 be cash or in-kind. For grant applications of
19.6 \$25,000 or less, the commissioner must
19.7 provide a separate, simplified application
19.8 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the
19.9 commissioner of natural resources must, when
19.10 evaluating projects of equal value, give
19.11 priority to organizations that have a history of
19.12 receiving, or a charter to receive, private
19.13 contributions for local conservation or habitat
19.14 projects. All restoration or enhancement
19.15 projects must be on land permanently
19.16 protected by a permanent covenant ensuring
19.17 perpetual maintenance and protection of
19.18 restored and enhanced habitat, by a
19.19 conservation easement, or by public ownership
19.20 or in public waters as defined in Minnesota
19.21 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 15.
19.22 Priority must be given to restoration and
19.23 enhancement projects on public lands.
19.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
19.25 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded
19.26 under this paragraph. This appropriation is
19.27 available until June 30, 2028. No less than five
19.28 percent of the amount of each grant must be
19.29 held back from reimbursement until the grant
19.30 recipient completes a grant accomplishment
19.31 report by the deadline and in the form
19.32 prescribed by and satisfactory to the
19.33 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The
19.34 commissioner must provide notice of the grant
19.35 program in the summary of game and fish law

20.1 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section
 20.2 97A.051, subdivision 2.

20.3 **Subd. 6. Administration** 2,043,000 775,000

20.4 **(a) Contract Management**

20.5 \$410,000 the first year is to the commissioner
 20.6 of natural resources for contract management
 20.7 duties assigned in this section. The
 20.8 commissioner must provide an
 20.9 accomplishment plan in the form specified by
 20.10 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
 20.11 on expending this appropriation. The
 20.12 accomplishment plan must include a copy of
 20.13 the grant contract template and reimbursement
 20.14 manual. No money may be expended before
 20.15 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
 20.16 approves the accomplishment plan. Money
 20.17 appropriated in this paragraph is available until
 20.18 June 30, 2027.

20.19 **(b) Legislative Coordinating Commission**

20.20 \$732,000 the first year and \$772,000 the
 20.21 second year are to the Legislative
 20.22 Coordinating Commission for administrative
 20.23 expenses of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
 20.24 Heritage Council and for compensating and
 20.25 reimbursing expenses of council members.
 20.26 This appropriation is available until June 30,
 20.27 2027. Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.281,
 20.28 applies to this appropriation.

20.29 **(c) Technical Evaluation Panel**

20.30 \$157,000 the first year is to the commissioner
 20.31 of natural resources for a technical evaluation
 20.32 panel to conduct up to 20 restoration and
 20.33 enhancement evaluations under Minnesota
 20.34 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 10.

21.1 Money appropriated in this paragraph is
21.2 available until June 30, 2027.

21.3 **(d) Core Functions in Partner-Led OHF Land**
21.4 **Acquisitions**

21.5 \$740,000 the first year is to the commissioner
21.6 of natural resources for administering the
21.7 initial development, restoration, and
21.8 enhancement of land acquired in fee with
21.9 money appropriated from the outdoor heritage
21.10 fund. This appropriation may be used for land
21.11 acquisition costs incurred by the department
21.12 as part of conveyance of parcels to the
21.13 Department of Natural Resources and initial
21.14 development activities on fee title acquisitions.

21.15 Money appropriated in this paragraph is
21.16 available until June 30, 2033.

21.17 **(e) Legacy Website**

21.18 \$4,000 the first year and \$3,000 the second
21.19 year are to the Legislative Coordinating
21.20 Commission for the website required under
21.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision
21.22 10.

21.23 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**

21.24 (a) Money appropriated in this section may
21.25 not be spent on activities unless they are
21.26 directly related to and necessary for a specific
21.27 appropriation and are specified in the
21.28 accomplishment plan approved by the
21.29 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

21.30 Money appropriated in this section must not
21.31 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional
21.32 overhead charges that are not directly related
21.33 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.

21.34 Money appropriated for fee title acquisition
21.35 of land may be used to restore, enhance, and

- 22.1 provide for public use of the land acquired
22.2 with the appropriation. Public-use facilities
22.3 must have a minimal impact on habitat in
22.4 acquired lands.
- 22.5 (b) Money appropriated in this section is
22.6 available as follows:
- 22.7 (1) money appropriated for acquiring real
22.8 property is available until June 30, 2029;
- 22.9 (2) money appropriated for restoring and
22.10 enhancing land acquired with an appropriation
22.11 in this act is available for four years after the
22.12 acquisition date with a maximum end date of
22.13 June 30, 2033;
- 22.14 (3) money appropriated for restoring and
22.15 enhancing other land is available until June
22.16 30, 2030;
- 22.17 (4) notwithstanding clauses (1) to (3), money
22.18 appropriated for a project that receives at least
22.19 15 percent of its funding from federal funds
22.20 is available until a date sufficient to match the
22.21 availability of federal funding to a maximum
22.22 of six years if the federal funding was
22.23 confirmed and included in the original
22.24 approved draft accomplishment plan; and
- 22.25 (5) money appropriated for other projects is
22.26 available until the end of the fiscal year in
22.27 which it is appropriated.
- 22.28 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**
22.29 **Equipment Expenditures**
- 22.30 (a) All agreements referred to in this section
22.31 must be administered on a reimbursement
22.32 basis unless otherwise provided in this section.
22.33 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
22.34 16A.41, expenditures directly related to each

23.1 appropriation's purpose made on or after July
23.2 1, 2025, or the date of accomplishment plan
23.3 approval, whichever is later, are eligible for
23.4 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in
23.5 this section. For the purposes of administering
23.6 appropriations and legislatively authorized
23.7 agreements paid out of the outdoor heritage
23.8 fund, an expense must be considered
23.9 reimbursable by the administering agency
23.10 when the recipient presents the agency with
23.11 an invoice or binding agreement with the
23.12 landowner and the recipient attests that the
23.13 goods have been received or the landowner
23.14 agreement is binding. Periodic reimbursement
23.15 must be made upon receiving documentation
23.16 that the items articulated in the
23.17 accomplishment plan approved by the
23.18 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council have
23.19 been achieved, including partial achievements
23.20 as evidenced by progress reports approved by
23.21 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
23.22 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to
23.23 projects to accommodate cash flow needs,
23.24 support future management of acquired lands,
23.25 or match a federal share. The advances must
23.26 be approved as part of the accomplishment
23.27 plan. Capital equipment expenditures for
23.28 specific items in excess of \$10,000 must be
23.29 itemized in and approved as part of the
23.30 accomplishment plan.

23.31 (b) Unless otherwise provided, no money
23.32 appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund
23.33 in this act may be used to acquire, restore, or
23.34 enhance any real property unless the specific
23.35 acquisition, restoration, or enhancement is

24.1 approved as part of the accomplishment plan
24.2 on the parcel list.

24.3 **Subd. 9. Mapping**

24.4 Each direct recipient of money appropriated
24.5 in this section, as well as each recipient of a
24.6 grant awarded under this section, must provide
24.7 geographic information to the Lessard-Sams
24.8 Outdoor Heritage Council for mapping of any
24.9 lands acquired in fee with funds appropriated
24.10 in this section and open to the public taking
24.11 of fish and game. The commissioner of natural
24.12 resources must include the lands acquired in
24.13 fee with money appropriated in this section
24.14 on maps showing public recreation
24.15 opportunities. Maps must include information
24.16 on and acknowledgment of the outdoor
24.17 heritage fund, including a notation of any
24.18 restrictions.

24.19 **Subd. 10. Carryforward**

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

24.24 (b) The availability of the appropriation for
24.25 Laws 2020, chapter 104, article 1, section 2,
24.26 subdivision 5, paragraph (k), St. Louis River
24.27 Restoration Initiative - Phase VII, is extended
24.28 to June 30, 2026.

24.29 (c) The availability of the appropriation for
24.30 Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 1, section 2,
24.31 subdivision 6, paragraph (d), Core Functions
24.32 in Partner-Led OHF Land Acquisitions, is
24.33 extended to June 30, 2031.

25.1 **Subd. 11. Cancellation**

25.2 \$120,000 of the outdoor heritage fund

25.3 appropriation in Laws 2020, chapter 104,

25.4 article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, paragraph

25.5 (i), is canceled no later than June 29, 2025.

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

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

25.9 **Subd. 25. Federal grant fund requirements.** An interest in real property acquired with
25.10 money appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund may be used to leverage federal grant
25.11 funds for related conservation programs, such as Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration,
25.12 United States Code, title 16, section 669 et seq.; Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration,
25.13 United States Code, title 16, section 777 et seq.; and the North American Wetlands
25.14 Conservation Act, United States Code, title 16, section 4401. These grant programs may
25.15 place conditions on land use that require the continued use of the land for conservation
25.16 purposes. Placement of conditions on land use under these programs does not require prior
25.17 review and approval of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council or its successor under
25.18 subdivision 15, paragraph (b).

25.19 **ARTICLE 2**

25.20 **CLEAN WATER FUND**

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

25.22 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
25.23 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the clean water
25.24 fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for allowable activities under the
25.25 Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15. The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this
25.26 article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal year
25.27 ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2026.
25.28 "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and 2027. These
25.29 are onetime appropriations.

25.30 **APPROPRIATIONS**

25.31 **Available for the Year**

25.32 **Ending June 30**

25.33 **2026**

2027

26.1 **Sec. 2. CLEAN WATER FUND**

26.2	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>144,625,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>159,301,000</u>
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26.3 This appropriation is from the clean water
 26.4 fund. The amounts that may be spent for each
 26.5 purpose are specified in the following sections.

26.6 **Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation**

26.7 Money appropriated in this article may not be
 26.8 spent on activities unless they are directly
 26.9 related to and necessary for a specific
 26.10 appropriation. Money appropriated in this
 26.11 article must be spent in accordance with
 26.12 Minnesota Management and Budget MMB
 26.13 Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund
 26.14 Expenditure. Notwithstanding Minnesota
 26.15 Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless otherwise
 26.16 specified in this article, fiscal year 2026
 26.17 appropriations are available until June 30,
 26.18 2027, and fiscal year 2027 appropriations are
 26.19 available until June 30, 2028. If a project
 26.20 receives federal funds, the period of the
 26.21 appropriation is extended to equal the
 26.22 availability of federal funding.

26.23 **Subd. 3. Disability Access**

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

27.1 Subd. 4. **Increasing Diversity in Environmental**
27.2 **Careers**

27.3 Agencies should work to provide opportunities
27.4 that encourage a diversity of students to pursue
27.5 careers in environment and natural resources
27.6 when implementing appropriations in this
27.7 article.

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

27.9 (a) \$370,000 the first year and \$370,000 the
27.10 second year are to increase monitoring for
27.11 pesticides and pesticide degradates in surface
27.12 water and groundwater and to use data
27.13 collected to assess pesticide use practices.

27.14 (b) \$3,100,000 the first year and \$3,100,000
27.15 the second year are for monitoring and
27.16 evaluating trends in the concentration of
27.17 nitrate in groundwater; promoting, developing,
27.18 and evaluating regional and crop-specific
27.19 nutrient best management practices, cover
27.20 crops, and other vegetative cover; assessing
27.21 adoption of best management practices and
27.22 other recommended practices; education and
27.23 technical support from University of
27.24 Minnesota Extension; grants to support
27.25 agricultural demonstration and implementation
27.26 activities, including research activities at the
27.27 Rosholt Research Farm; and other actions to
27.28 protect groundwater from degradation from
27.29 nitrate.

27.30 (c) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
27.31 the second year are for the agriculture best
27.32 management practices loan program. Any
27.33 unencumbered balance at the end of the second
27.34 year must be added to the corpus of the loan
27.35 fund.

28.1 (d) \$1,600,000 the first year and \$1,600,000
28.2 the second year are for technical assistance;
28.3 research, demonstration, and promotion
28.4 projects on properly implementing best
28.5 management practices and vegetative cover;
28.6 and more-precise information on nonpoint
28.7 contributions to impaired waters and for grants
28.8 to support on-farm demonstration of
28.9 agricultural practices.

28.10 (e) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
28.11 second year are for maintenance of the
28.12 Minnesota Water Research Digital Library.
28.13 Costs for information technology development
28.14 or support for the digital library may be paid
28.15 to Minnesota IT Services.

28.16 (f) \$3,500,000 the first year and \$3,500,000
28.17 the second year are to implement the
28.18 Minnesota agricultural water quality
28.19 certification program statewide.

28.20 (g) \$155,000 the first year and \$155,000 the
28.21 second year are for a regional irrigation water
28.22 quality specialist through University of
28.23 Minnesota Extension.

28.24 (h) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$3,000,000
28.25 the second year are for grants to the Board of
28.26 Regents of the University of Minnesota to
28.27 fund the Forever Green initiative and to protect
28.28 the state's natural resources while increasing
28.29 the efficiency, profitability, and productivity
28.30 of Minnesota farmers by incorporating
28.31 perennial and winter-annual crops into existing
28.32 agricultural practices.

29.1 (i) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
 29.2 second year are for testing drinking-water
 29.3 wells for pesticides.

29.4 (j) \$1,750,000 the first year and \$1,750,000
 29.5 the second year are for conservation
 29.6 equipment assistance grants to purchase
 29.7 equipment or items to retrofit existing
 29.8 equipment that has climate and water quality
 29.9 benefits.

29.10 (k) \$1,050,000 the first year and \$1,250,000
 29.11 the second year are for expanding the existing
 29.12 state weather station and soil temperature
 29.13 network to provide accurate and timely
 29.14 weather data to optimize the timing of
 29.15 irrigation, fertilizer, pesticide, and manure
 29.16 applications and support land management
 29.17 decisions.

29.18 (l) Unless otherwise specified, the
 29.19 appropriations in this section are available
 29.20 until June 30, 2030.

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

29.22 (a) \$9,450,000 the first year and \$9,450,000
 29.23 the second year are for completing needed
 29.24 statewide assessments of surface water quality
 29.25 and trends according to Minnesota Statutes,
 29.26 chapter 114D. Of this amount, \$170,000 the
 29.27 first year and \$170,000 the second year are
 29.28 for grants to the Red River Watershed
 29.29 Management Board to enhance and expand
 29.30 the existing water quality and watershed
 29.31 monitoring river watch activities in schools in
 29.32 the Red River of the North Watershed. By
 29.33 February 15, 2028, the Red River Watershed
 29.34 Management Board must provide a report to

30.1 the commissioner and the legislative
30.2 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
30.3 over environment and natural resources
30.4 finance and policy and the clean water fund
30.5 on the expenditure of this appropriation.

30.6 (b) \$7,250,000 the first year and \$7,250,000
30.7 the second year are to support public
30.8 participation in the watershed approach and
30.9 to update watershed restoration and protection
30.10 strategies, which include total maximum daily
30.11 load (TMDL) and other supporting studies
30.12 according to Minnesota Statutes, chapter
30.13 114D, for waters on the impaired waters list
30.14 approved by the United States Environmental
30.15 Protection Agency.

30.16 (c) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
30.17 the second year are for groundwater
30.18 assessment, including enhancing the ambient
30.19 monitoring network, modeling, and evaluating
30.20 trends.

30.21 (d) \$1,600,000 the first year and \$1,600,000
30.22 the second year are for national pollutant
30.23 discharge elimination system wastewater and
30.24 stormwater TMDL implementation efforts.

30.25 (e) \$3,340,000 the first year and \$3,541,000
30.26 the second year are for enhancing the
30.27 county-level delivery systems for subsurface
30.28 sewage treatment system (SSTS) activities
30.29 necessary to implement Minnesota Statutes,
30.30 sections 115.55 and 115.56, for protecting
30.31 groundwater. This appropriation includes base
30.32 grants for all counties with SSTS programs.
30.33 Counties that receive base grants must report
30.34 the number of properties with noncompliant
30.35 systems upgraded through an SSTS

31.1 replacement, connection to a centralized sewer
31.2 system, or other means, including property
31.3 abandonment or buyout. Counties also must
31.4 report the number of existing SSTS
31.5 compliance inspections conducted in areas
31.6 under county jurisdiction. The required reports
31.7 must be part of the established annual
31.8 reporting for SSTS programs. Of this amount,
31.9 at least \$900,000 each year is available to
31.10 counties for grants to low-income landowners
31.11 to address systems that pose an imminent
31.12 threat to public health or safety or fail to
31.13 protect groundwater. A county receiving a
31.14 grant under this paragraph must submit a
31.15 report to the agency listing the projects funded,
31.16 including an account of the expenditures.

31.17 (f) \$650,000 the first year and \$650,000 the
31.18 second year are for activities and grants that
31.19 reduce chloride pollution.

31.20 (g) \$461,000 the first year and \$461,000 the
31.21 second year are to support activities of the
31.22 Clean Water Council according to Minnesota
31.23 Statutes, section 114D.30, subdivision 1.

31.24 (h) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
31.25 second year are for a grant program for
31.26 sanitary sewer projects that are included in the
31.27 draft or any updated Voyageurs National Park
31.28 Clean Water Project Comprehensive Plan to
31.29 restore the water quality of waters in
31.30 Voyageurs National Park. Grants must be
31.31 awarded to local government units for projects
31.32 approved by the Voyageurs National Park
31.33 Clean Water Joint Powers Board and must be
31.34 matched by at least 25 percent from sources
31.35 other than the clean water fund.

32.1 (i) Any unencumbered grant balances in the
 32.2 first year do not cancel but are available for
 32.3 grants in the second year. Notwithstanding
 32.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the
 32.5 appropriations in this section are available
 32.6 until June 30, 2030.

32.7 **Sec. 5. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**
 32.8 **RESOURCES**

\$	<u>14,150,000</u>	\$	<u>14,650,000</u>
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32.9 (a) \$2,825,000 the first year and \$2,825,000
 32.10 the second year are for stream flow
 32.11 monitoring.

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

32.15 (c) \$550,000 the first year and \$550,000 the
 32.16 second year are for assessing mercury and
 32.17 other fish contaminants, including PFAS
 32.18 compounds, and monitoring to track the status
 32.19 of impaired waters over time.

32.20 (d) \$2,250,000 the first year and \$2,500,000
 32.21 the second year are for developing targeted,
 32.22 science-based watershed restoration and
 32.23 protection strategies and for technical
 32.24 assistance for local governments.

32.25 (e) \$2,350,000 the first year and \$2,350,000
 32.26 the second year are for water-supply planning,
 32.27 aquifer protection, and monitoring activities
 32.28 and analysis.

32.29 (f) \$2,100,000 the first year and \$2,250,000
 32.30 the second year are for technical assistance to
 32.31 support local implementation of nonpoint
 32.32 source restoration and protection activities and
 32.33 targeted forest stewardship for water quality.

33.1 (g) \$700,000 the first year and \$700,000 the
 33.2 second year are for tool development and
 33.3 evaluation, including maintaining and updating
 33.4 spatial data for watershed boundaries, streams,
 33.5 and water bodies and integrating
 33.6 high-resolution digital elevation data and for
 33.7 assessing the effectiveness of forestry best
 33.8 management practices for water quality.

33.9 (h) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
 33.10 second year are for accelerating completion
 33.11 of or updates to county geologic atlases and
 33.12 supplementing water chemistry or chemical
 33.13 movement studies.

33.14 (i) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
 33.15 second year are for increasing native
 33.16 freshwater mussel production capacity and
 33.17 restoring and monitoring freshwater mussel
 33.18 restoration efforts.

33.19 (j) \$1,400,000 the first year and \$1,500,000
 33.20 the second year are for providing technical
 33.21 and financial assistance for county and local
 33.22 governments to replace failing or ineffective
 33.23 culverts using modern designs that restore
 33.24 floodplain connectivity, biological
 33.25 connectivity, and channel stability. This
 33.26 appropriation is available for up to two
 33.27 additional years.

33.28 **Sec. 6. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL**
 33.29 **RESOURCES**

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

33.30 (a) \$39,962,000 the first year and \$48,138,000
 33.31 the second year are for agreements to
 33.32 implement state-approved watershed-based
 33.33 plans. The agreements may be used to
 33.34 implement projects or programs that protect,
 33.35 enhance, and restore surface water quality in

34.1 lakes, rivers, and streams; protect groundwater
34.2 from degradation; and protect drinking water
34.3 sources. Activities must be identified in a
34.4 comprehensive watershed plan developed
34.5 under the One Watershed, One Plan program
34.6 and seven-county metropolitan groundwater
34.7 or surface water management frameworks as
34.8 provided for in Minnesota Statutes, chapters
34.9 103B, 103C, 103D, and 114D. Other legacy
34.10 funds may be used to supplement projects
34.11 funded under this paragraph. This
34.12 appropriation may be used for:
34.13 (1) implementing state-approved plans,
34.14 including within the following watershed
34.15 planning areas: Big Fork River, Blue Earth
34.16 River, Bois de Sioux - Mustinka, Buffalo-Red
34.17 River, Cannon River, Cedar - Wapsipinicon,
34.18 Chippewa River, Clearwater River,
34.19 Cottonwood-Middle Minnesota, Crow Wing
34.20 River, Des Moines River, Greater Zumbro
34.21 River, Hawk Creek - Middle Minnesota, Kettle
34.22 and Upper St. Croix, Lac qui Parle-Yellow
34.23 Bank, Lake of the Woods, Lake Superior
34.24 North, Le Sueur River, Leech Lake River,
34.25 Little Fork River, Long Prairie River, Lower
34.26 Minnesota River East, Lower Minnesota River
34.27 West, Lower St. Croix River,
34.28 Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers, Minnesota
34.29 River-Mankato, Mississippi River Brainerd,
34.30 Mississippi River Headwaters, Mississippi
34.31 River St. Cloud, Mississippi River-Sartell,
34.32 Mississippi River Winona/La Crescent,
34.33 Missouri River Basin, Nemadji River, North
34.34 Fork Crow River, Otter Tail, Pine River,
34.35 Pomme de Terre River, Rainy-Rapid River,
34.36 Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion, Rainy

35.1 River-Rainy Lake, Red Lake River, Redeye
35.2 River, Redwood River, Root River, Roseau
35.3 River, Rum River, Sand Hill River, Sauk
35.4 River, Shell Rock and Winnebago River,
35.5 Snake River, South Fork of the Crow River,
35.6 St. Louis River, Thief River, Two Rivers Plus,
35.7 Upper and Lower Red Lake, Upper Minnesota
35.8 River, Upper Mississippi - Grand Rapids,
35.9 Watonwan River, Wild Rice - Marsh, and
35.10 Yellow Medicine River;
35.11 (2) implementing seven-county metropolitan
35.12 groundwater or surface water management
35.13 frameworks; and
35.14 (3) implementing other comprehensive
35.15 watershed management plan planning areas
35.16 that have a board-approved and
35.17 local-government-adopted plan as authorized
35.18 in Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.801.
35.19 The board must establish eligibility criteria
35.20 and determine whether a planning area is ready
35.21 to proceed.
35.22 (b) \$2,935,000 the first year and \$3,065,000
35.23 the second year are for agreements with local
35.24 government units to protect and restore surface
35.25 water and drinking water; to keep water on
35.26 the land; to protect, enhance, and restore water
35.27 quality in lakes, rivers, and streams; and to
35.28 protect groundwater and drinking water,
35.29 including feedlot water quality and subsurface
35.30 sewage treatment system projects and stream
35.31 bank, stream channel, shoreline restoration,
35.32 and ravine stabilization projects. The projects
35.33 must use practices demonstrated to be
35.34 effective, be of long-lasting public benefit,
35.35 include a match, and be consistent with total

36.1 maximum daily load (TMDL) implementation
36.2 plans, watershed restoration and protection
36.3 strategies (WRAPS), groundwater restoration
36.4 and protection strategies (GRAPS), or local
36.5 water management plans or their equivalents.
36.6 Up to 50 percent of this appropriation is
36.7 available for land-treatment projects and
36.8 practices that benefit drinking water.

36.9 (c) \$4,350,000 the first year and \$4,350,000
36.10 the second year are for accelerated
36.11 implementation, local resource protection,
36.12 statewide analytical targeting or technology
36.13 tools that fill an identified gap, program
36.14 enhancements for technical assistance, citizen
36.15 and community outreach, compliance, and
36.16 training and certification.

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

36.19 (1) to provide state oversight and
36.20 accountability, evaluate and communicate
36.21 results, provide implementation tools, and
36.22 measure the value of conservation program
36.23 implementation by local governments; and

36.24 (2) to submit to the legislature by December
36.25 15 each even-numbered year a biennial report
36.26 detailing the recipients and projects funded
36.27 and the results accomplished under this
36.28 section.

36.29 (e) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
36.30 the second year are to provide assistance,
36.31 oversight, and support for local governments
36.32 in implementing and complying with riparian
36.33 protection and excessive soil loss
36.34 requirements.

37.1 (f) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
37.2 the second year are for a working lands
37.3 floodplain program and to purchase, restore,
37.4 or preserve riparian land and floodplains
37.5 adjacent to lakes, wetlands, rivers, streams,
37.6 and tributaries, by conservation easements or
37.7 other agreements to keep water on the land,
37.8 to decrease sediment, pollutant, and nutrient
37.9 transport; reduce hydrologic impacts to surface
37.10 waters; and increase protection and recharge
37.11 for groundwater. Up to \$60,000 is for deposit
37.12 in a conservation easement stewardship
37.13 account established according to Minnesota
37.14 Statutes, section 103B.103.

37.15 (g) \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000
37.16 the second year are for conservation easements
37.17 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.501
37.18 to 103F.535, or for agreements with local units
37.19 of government or Tribal governments for
37.20 long-term protection of groundwater supply
37.21 sources. Priority must be placed on drinking
37.22 water supply management areas where the
37.23 vulnerability of the drinking water supply is
37.24 designated as high or very high by the
37.25 commissioner of health, that are mitigation
37.26 level 1 or 2 under the groundwater protection
37.27 rule, where drinking water protection plans
37.28 developed by Tribal governments have
37.29 identified high vulnerability, or where drinking
37.30 water protection plans have identified specific
37.31 activities that will achieve long-term
37.32 protection. Up to \$200,000 is for deposit in a
37.33 conservation easement stewardship account
37.34 established according to Minnesota Statutes,
37.35 section 103B.103.

38.1 (h) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
38.2 second year are for a technical evaluation
38.3 panel to conduct restoration evaluations under
38.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 114D.50,
38.5 subdivision 6.

38.6 (i) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
38.7 second year are for assistance to, oversight of,
38.8 and agreements with local governments to
38.9 enhance and update comprehensive watershed
38.10 management plans developed under Minnesota
38.11 Statutes, section 103B.801.

38.12 (j) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
38.13 the second year are for technical and financial
38.14 assistance for the conservation drainage
38.15 program, in consultation with the Drainage
38.16 Work Group, coordinated under Minnesota
38.17 Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision 13,
38.18 and including projects to improve
38.19 multipurpose water management under
38.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 103E.015.

38.21 (k) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
38.22 second year are to purchase permanent
38.23 conservation easements to protect lands
38.24 adjacent to public waters that have good water
38.25 quality but that are threatened with
38.26 degradation. Up to \$60,000 is for deposit in a
38.27 conservation easement stewardship account
38.28 established according to Minnesota Statutes,
38.29 section 103B.103.

38.30 (l) \$425,000 the first year and \$425,000 the
38.31 second year are to systematically collect data
38.32 and produce county, watershed, and statewide
38.33 estimates of soil erosion caused by water and
38.34 wind, and track adoption of conservation
38.35 measures, including cover crops, to address

39.1 erosion. This appropriation may be used for
39.2 agreements with the University of Minnesota
39.3 to complete this work.

39.4 (m) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
39.5 second year are for implementing a water
39.6 legacy program to expand partnerships for
39.7 clean water.

39.8 (n) \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000
39.9 the second year are for permanent
39.10 conservation easements to protect and restore
39.11 wetlands and associated uplands. Up to
39.12 \$100,000 is for deposit in a conservation
39.13 easement stewardship account established
39.14 according to Minnesota Statutes, section
39.15 103B.103.

39.16 (o) \$3,560,000 the first year and \$5,926,000
39.17 the second year are for financial and technical
39.18 assistance to enhance adoption of cover crops
39.19 and other soil health practices to achieve water
39.20 quality or drinking water benefits. The board
39.21 may use agreements with local governments,
39.22 the United States Department of Agriculture,
39.23 AgCentric at Minnesota State Center for
39.24 Excellence, and other practitioners and
39.25 partners to accomplish this work. Up to
39.26 \$450,000 is for an agreement with the
39.27 University of Minnesota Office for Soil Health
39.28 for applied research and education on
39.29 Minnesota's agroecosystems and soil health
39.30 management systems. This appropriation may
39.31 be extended to leverage available federal
39.32 funds.

39.33 (p) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
39.34 second year are to contract for delivery of
39.35 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota

40.1 and Iowa for restoration, maintenance,
 40.2 training, and other activities consistent with
 40.3 this section.

40.4 (q) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
 40.5 second year are to provide support to soil and
 40.6 water conservation districts and other local
 40.7 governments and partner organizations in the
 40.8 Lake Superior basin to leverage Great Lakes
 40.9 Restoration Initiative or other federal funding
 40.10 to implement prioritized activities.

40.11 (r) The board may shift funds in this section
 40.12 and may adjust the technical and
 40.13 administrative assistance portion of the funds
 40.14 to leverage federal or other nonstate funds, to
 40.15 facilitate oversight responsibilities, or to
 40.16 address high-priority activities identified by
 40.17 the board consistent with local water
 40.18 management plans.

40.19 (s) The board must require grantees to specify
 40.20 the outcomes that will be achieved by the
 40.21 grants.

40.22 (t) The appropriations in this section are
 40.23 available until June 30, 2030, except grant or
 40.24 easement funds are available for five years
 40.25 after the date a grant or other agreement is
 40.26 executed. Returned funds must be repurposed
 40.27 consistent with the purposes of this section.

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

40.29 (a) \$5,925,000 the first year and \$5,925,000
 40.30 the second year are to develop health risk
 40.31 limits and other health-based guidance and
 40.32 conduct outreach activities for contaminants
 40.33 found or anticipated to be found in Minnesota
 40.34 drinking water; to accredit private laboratories

- 41.1 to conduct analyses for these contaminants;
41.2 and to increase the capacity of the
41.3 department's laboratory to analyze for these
41.4 contaminants.
- 41.5 (b) \$2,300,000 the first year and \$3,700,000
41.6 the second year are for ensuring safe drinking
41.7 water for private well users in southeast
41.8 Minnesota and statewide by designing and
41.9 implementing voluntary interventions to
41.10 reduce health risks to private well users,
41.11 including identifying private well locations,
41.12 studying the occurrence and magnitude of
41.13 contaminants in private wells, developing
41.14 guidance and conducting outreach and
41.15 education about well testing and mitigation,
41.16 awarding grants to local governments, and
41.17 offering well testing.
- 41.18 (c) \$3,770,000 the first year and \$3,920,000
41.19 the second year are for protecting sources of
41.20 drinking water, including planning,
41.21 implementation, and monitoring activities and
41.22 grants to local governments and public water
41.23 systems.
- 41.24 (d) \$1,750,000 the first year and \$1,750,000
41.25 the second year are to develop and deliver
41.26 groundwater restoration and protection
41.27 strategies on a watershed scale for use in local
41.28 comprehensive water planning efforts, to
41.29 provide resources to local governments for
41.30 activities that sustain groundwater and protect
41.31 sources of drinking water, and to enhance
41.32 approaches that improve the capacity of local
41.33 governmental units to protect and restore
41.34 groundwater resources.

42.1 (e) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
 42.2 second year are to develop public health
 42.3 policies and approaches to address threats to
 42.4 safe drinking water, including implementation
 42.5 of a statewide action plan for protecting
 42.6 drinking water.

42.7 (f) \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
 42.8 second year are for optimizing the statewide
 42.9 recreational water portal that includes an
 42.10 inventory of public beaches and information
 42.11 about local monitoring results and closures
 42.12 and that provides information about preventing
 42.13 illness and recreational water stewardship.

42.14 (g) Unless otherwise specified, the
 42.15 appropriations in this section are available
 42.16 until June 30, 2029.

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

42.18 (a) \$1,375,000 the first year and \$1,375,000
 42.19 the second year are to support communities
 42.20 implementing projects that address emerging
 42.21 drinking water supply threats and overall water
 42.22 sustainability, provide cost-effective regional
 42.23 solutions, leverage interjurisdictional
 42.24 coordination, support local implementation of
 42.25 wellhead protection plans, and prevent
 42.26 degradation of groundwater and surface water
 42.27 resources. These activities will provide
 42.28 communities with:

42.29 (1) potential solutions to better connect land
 42.30 use impacts on water supply and overall water
 42.31 sustainability;

42.32 (2) ways to balance regional water use by
 42.33 using surface water, stormwater, wastewater,
 42.34 and groundwater;

43.1 (3) an analysis of infrastructure requirements
 43.2 needed to maintain and strengthen the
 43.3 reliability of water systems;

43.4 (4) development of planning-level cost
 43.5 estimates, including capital costs and operating
 43.6 costs;

43.7 (5) funding mechanisms and an equitable
 43.8 cost-sharing structure for regionally beneficial
 43.9 water supply development projects;

43.10 (6) information and tools to use to address
 43.11 climate change impacts on overall water
 43.12 supply systems and overall water
 43.13 sustainability; and

43.14 (7) ways to reduce impacts on the groundwater
 43.15 system through stormwater reuse grants to
 43.16 assist communities in reducing water use.

43.17 (b) \$650,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
 43.18 second year are for grants that implement
 43.19 water demand reduction measures. The grants
 43.20 are to assist municipalities in the metropolitan
 43.21 area with implementing water demand
 43.22 reduction measures to ensure the reliability
 43.23 and protection of drinking water supplies.

43.24 **Sec. 9. UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**

43.25 (a) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the
 43.26 second year are for developing Part A of
 43.27 county geologic atlases. This appropriation is
 43.28 available until June 30, 2030.

43.29 (b) \$600,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the
 43.30 second year are for a program to evaluate
 43.31 performance and technology transfer for
 43.32 stormwater best management practices, to
 43.33 evaluate best management performance and

\$	<u>1,000,000</u>	\$	<u>1,400,000</u>
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44.1 effectiveness to support meeting total
 44.2 maximum daily loads, to develop standards
 44.3 and incorporate state-of-the-art guidance using
 44.4 minimal impact design standards as the model,
 44.5 and to implement a system to transfer
 44.6 knowledge and technology across the local
 44.7 government, industry, and regulatory sectors.
 44.8 This appropriation is available until June 30,
 44.9 2032.

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

44.11 \$7,000 the first year is for the Legislative
 44.12 Coordinating Commission for the website
 44.13 required under Minnesota Statutes, section
 44.14 3.303, subdivision 10.

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

44.16 (a) \$8,190,000 the first year and \$8,250,000
 44.17 the second year are for the point source
 44.18 implementation grants program under
 44.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.073. This
 44.20 appropriation is available until June 30, 2032.

44.21 (b) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
 44.22 second year are for small community
 44.23 wastewater treatment grants and loans under
 44.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.075. This
 44.25 appropriation is available until June 30, 2032.

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

ARTICLE 3

PARKS AND TRAILS FUND

Section 1. PARKS AND TRAILS FUND APPROPRIATIONS.

The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the parks and trails fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figures "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.

APPROPRIATIONS

Available for the Year

Ending June 30

2026

2027

Sec. 2. PARKS AND TRAILS FUND

Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation **\$ 61,394,000** **\$ 68,733,000**

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

Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation

Money appropriated in this article may not be spent on activities unless they are directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation. Money appropriated in this article must be spent in accordance with Minnesota Management and Budget 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

46.1 appropriation is extended to equal the
46.2 availability of federal funding.

46.3 **Subd. 3. Disability Access**

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

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

46.15 Grant recipients of parks and trails funds
46.16 should prioritize water and energy
46.17 conservation technology and the use of
46.18 renewable energy for construction and
46.19 building projects funded with an appropriation
46.20 made in this article.

46.21 **Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**
46.22 **RESOURCES**

\$ 37,095,000 \$ 41,511,000

46.23 (a) \$24,295,000 the first year and \$27,222,000
46.24 the second year are for state parks, recreation
46.25 areas, and trails to:

- 46.26 (1) connect people to the outdoors;
- 46.27 (2) acquire land and create opportunities;
- 46.28 (3) maintain existing holdings; and
- 46.29 (4) improve cooperation by coordinating with
46.30 partners to implement the 25-year long-range
46.31 parks and trails legacy plan.

46.32 (b) The commissioner may spend money
46.33 appropriated under paragraph (a) on I Can!

47.1 programs, including but not limited to
47.2 programs designed to provide underserved
47.3 youth and youth who identify as lesbian, gay,
47.4 bisexual, transgender, and queer the
47.5 opportunity to experience the outdoors with
47.6 similar peers.

47.7 (c) \$12,148,000 the first year and \$13,610,000
47.8 the second year are for grants for parks and
47.9 trails of regional significance outside the
47.10 seven-county metropolitan area under
47.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.535. The grants
47.12 awarded under this paragraph must be based
47.13 on the lists of recommended projects
47.14 submitted to the legislative committees under
47.15 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536,
47.16 subdivision 10, from the Greater Minnesota
47.17 Regional Parks and Trails Commission
47.18 established under Minnesota Statutes, section
47.19 85.536. Grants funded under this paragraph
47.20 must support parks and trails of regional or
47.21 statewide significance that meet the applicable
47.22 definitions and criteria for regional parks and
47.23 trails contained in the Greater Minnesota
47.24 Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan
47.25 adopted by the Greater Minnesota Regional
47.26 Parks and Trails Commission on April 22,
47.27 2015. Grant recipients identified under this
47.28 paragraph must submit a grant application to
47.29 the commissioner of natural resources. Of the
47.30 amount appropriated, up to \$140,000 each
47.31 year may be used by the commissioner for the
47.32 actual cost of issuing and monitoring the
47.33 grants for the commission. Of the amount
47.34 appropriated, \$500,000 in the first year and
47.35 \$500,000 in the second year are for the Greater
47.36 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails

48.1 Commission to carry out its duties under
48.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536, including
48.3 the continued development of a statewide
48.4 system plan for regional parks and trails
48.5 outside the seven-county metropolitan area.

48.6 (d) By January 15, 2026, the Greater
48.7 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
48.8 Commission must submit a list of projects that
48.9 contains the commission's recommendations
48.10 for funding from the parks and trails fund for
48.11 fiscal year 2027 to the chairs and ranking
48.12 minority members of the legislative
48.13 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
48.14 over environment and natural resources and
48.15 the parks and trails fund.

48.16 (e) By January 15, 2026, the Greater
48.17 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
48.18 Commission must submit a report that contains
48.19 the commission's criteria for funding from the
48.20 parks and trails fund, including the criteria
48.21 used to determine if a park or trail is of
48.22 regional significance, to the chairs and ranking
48.23 minority members of the legislative
48.24 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
48.25 over environment and natural resources and
48.26 the parks and trails fund.

48.27 (f) \$652,000 the first year and \$679,000 the
48.28 second year are for coordination and projects
48.29 between the department, the Metropolitan
48.30 Council, and the Greater Minnesota Regional
48.31 Parks and Trails Commission; enhanced
48.32 web-based information for park and trail users;
48.33 and support of activities of the Parks and
48.34 Trails Legacy Advisory Committee.

49.1 (g) The commissioner must contract for
 49.2 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota
 49.3 and Iowa for restoration, maintenance, and
 49.4 other activities under this section for at least
 49.5 \$850,000 the first year and \$850,000 the
 49.6 second year.

49.7 (h) Grant recipients of an appropriation under
 49.8 this section must give consideration to
 49.9 contracting with Conservation Corps
 49.10 Minnesota and Iowa for restoration,
 49.11 maintenance, and other activities.

49.12 (i) In addition to the requirements under
 49.13 paragraph (g), the commissioner should work
 49.14 to provide other opportunities that encourage
 49.15 a diversity of students to pursue careers in
 49.16 environment and natural resources when
 49.17 implementing appropriations in this section.

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

49.19 (a) \$24,295,000 the first year and \$27,222,000
 49.20 the second year are for distribution according
 49.21 to Minnesota Statutes, section 85.53,
 49.22 subdivision 3.

49.23 (b) Money appropriated under this section and
 49.24 distributed to implementing agencies must be
 49.25 used only to fund the list of projects approved
 49.26 by the elected representatives of each of the
 49.27 metropolitan parks implementing agencies.
 49.28 Projects funded by the money appropriated
 49.29 under this section must be substantially
 49.30 consistent with the project descriptions and
 49.31 dollar amounts approved by each elected body.
 49.32 Any money remaining after completing the
 49.33 listed projects may be spent by the

50.1 implementing agencies on projects to support
50.2 parks and trails.

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

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

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

50.14 \$4,000 the first year is for the Legislative
50.15 Coordinating Commission for the website
50.16 required under Minnesota Statutes, section
50.17 3.303, subdivision 10.

50.18 **Sec. 6 PARKS AND TRAILS FUND**
50.19 **APPROPRIATION EXTENSIONS**

50.20 The availability of the grant to Goodhue
50.21 County for the Cannon Valley Trail project
50.22 from the parks and trails fund fiscal year 2023
50.23 appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special
50.24 Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3,
50.25 paragraph (b), is extended to June 30, 2027.

50.26 The availability of the grant to Stearns County
50.27 for the Beaver Island Trail project from the
50.28 parks and trails fund fiscal year 2023
50.29 appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special
50.30 Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3,
50.31 paragraph (b), is extended to June 30, 2027.

50.32 The availability of the grant to the city of
50.33 Winona for the Bluffs Traverse Trail project
50.34 from the parks and trails fund fiscal year 2023

51.1 appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special
 51.2 Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3,
 51.3 paragraph (b), is extended to June 30, 2027.

51.4 The availability of the grant to the city of
 51.5 Austin for the Jay C. Hormel Nature Center
 51.6 project from the parks and trails fund fiscal
 51.7 year 2024 appropriation under Laws 2023,
 51.8 chapter 40, article 3, section 3, paragraph (c),
 51.9 is extended to June 30, 2027.

51.10 The availability of the grant to the city of
 51.11 Duluth for the Spirit Mountain Recreation
 51.12 Area project from the parks and trails fund
 51.13 fiscal year 2023 appropriation under Laws
 51.14 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article
 51.15 3, section 3, paragraph (b), is extended to June
 51.16 30, 2027.

51.17 The availability of the grant to the city of
 51.18 Duluth for the Waabizheshikana/Marten Trail
 51.19 project from the parks and trails fund fiscal
 51.20 year 2024 appropriation under Laws 2023,
 51.21 chapter 40, article 3, section 3, paragraph (c),
 51.22 is extended to June 30, 2027.

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

51.24 **ARTICLE 4**

51.25 **ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND**

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

51.27 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the entities
 51.28 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the arts and cultural
 51.29 heritage fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for allowable activities under
 51.30 the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15, except that any unencumbered balance
 51.31 remaining under this article from the first year does not cancel but is available in the second
 51.32 year. The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed
 51.33 under the figure are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and June 30, 2027,

52.1 respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The
 52.2 biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and 2027. All appropriations in this article are onetime.

52.3	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>		
52.4	<u>Available for the Year</u>		
52.5	<u>Ending June 30</u>		
52.6	<u>2026</u>		<u>2027</u>

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

52.8	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>85,293,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>94,618,000</u>
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52.9 The amounts that may be spent for each
 52.10 purpose are specified in the following
 52.11 subdivisions.

52.12 **Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation**

52.13 Money appropriated in this article must not
 52.14 be spent on activities unless they are directly
 52.15 related to and necessary for a specific
 52.16 appropriation. Money appropriated in this
 52.17 article must not be spent on institutional
 52.18 overhead charges that are not directly related
 52.19 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.

52.20 Money appropriated in this article must be
 52.21 spent in accordance with Minnesota
 52.22 Management and Budget *MMB Guidance to*
 52.23 *Agencies on Legacy Fund Expenditure.*
 52.24 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
 52.25 16A.28, and unless otherwise specified in this
 52.26 article, fiscal year 2026 appropriations are
 52.27 available until June 30, 2027, and fiscal year
 52.28 2027 appropriations are available until June
 52.29 30, 2028. Water and energy conservation
 52.30 technology and the use of renewable energy
 52.31 should be priorities for construction and
 52.32 building projects funded through this
 52.33 appropriation. If a project receives federal
 52.34 funds, the period of the appropriation is

53.1 extended to equal the availability of federal
53.2 funding.

53.3 **Sec. 3. MINNESOTA STATE ARTS BOARD**

53.4 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** **\$** **40,088,000** **\$** **44,470,000**

53.5 The amounts that may be spent for each
53.6 purpose are specified in the following
53.7 subdivisions.

53.8 **Subd. 2. Grant Agreements**

53.9 The amounts in this section are appropriated
53.10 to the Minnesota State Arts Board for arts, arts
53.11 education, arts preservation, and arts access.
53.12 Grant agreements entered into by the
53.13 Minnesota State Arts Board and other
53.14 recipients of appropriations in this section
53.15 must ensure that these funds are used to
53.16 supplement and not substitute for traditional
53.17 sources of funding. Each grant program
53.18 established in this appropriation must be
53.19 separately administered from other state
53.20 appropriations for program planning and
53.21 outcome measurements, but may take into
53.22 consideration other state resources awarded
53.23 in the selection of applicants and grant award
53.24 size.

53.25 **Subd. 3. Arts and Arts Access Initiatives** **\$** **32,071,000** **\$** **35,576,000**

53.26 \$32,071,000 the first year and \$35,576,000
53.27 the second year are to support Minnesota
53.28 artists and arts organizations in creating,
53.29 producing, and presenting high-quality arts
53.30 activities; to preserve, maintain, and interpret
53.31 art forms and works of art so that they are
53.32 accessible to Minnesota audiences; to
53.33 overcome barriers to accessing high-quality
53.34 arts activities; and to instill the arts into the

54.1 community and public life in this state. Grants
 54.2 provided under this subdivision must prioritize
 54.3 artists and arts organizations that plan to
 54.4 present art from communities that have been
 54.5 historically underrepresented in the arts or that
 54.6 improve access to the programs and projects
 54.7 for groups, including youth and historically
 54.8 underserved communities, that have struggled
 54.9 to access arts programming in the past.

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

54.11 \$6,013,000 the first year and \$6,670,000 the
 54.12 second year are for high-quality,
 54.13 age-appropriate arts education for Minnesotans
 54.14 of all ages to develop knowledge, skills, and
 54.15 understanding of the arts. Priority in the award
 54.16 of grants under this subdivision must be given
 54.17 to providing educational opportunities to
 54.18 underserved communities with grants for
 54.19 organizations or entities providing
 54.20 opportunities to K-12 students throughout the
 54.21 state for arts education, including access to
 54.22 arts instruction, arts programming, museums,
 54.23 and arts presentations.

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

54.25 \$2,004,000 the first year and \$2,224,000 the
 54.26 second year are for events and activities that
 54.27 represent, preserve, and maintain the diverse
 54.28 cultural arts traditions, including folk and
 54.29 traditional artists and art organizations,
 54.30 represented in this state.

54.31 **Subd. 6. Administrative Costs**

54.32 Up to five percent of the totals in subdivisions
 54.33 3 to 5 each year is for administering grant
 54.34 programs, delivering technical services,

55.1 providing fiscal oversight for the statewide
55.2 system, and ensuring accountability in fiscal
55.3 years 2026 and 2027.

55.4 **Subd. 7. Regional Arts Councils**

55.5 Thirty percent of the remaining total
55.6 appropriation to each of the categories listed
55.7 in subdivisions 3 to 5 is for grants to the
55.8 regional arts councils. Notwithstanding any
55.9 other provision of law, regional arts council
55.10 grants or other arts council grants for touring
55.11 programs, projects, or exhibits must ensure
55.12 the programs, projects, or exhibits are able to
55.13 tour in their own region as well as all other
55.14 regions of the state.

55.15 **Sec. 4. MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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

55.17 The amounts that may be spent for each
55.18 purpose are specified in the following
55.19 subdivisions.

55.20 **Subd. 2. Grant Agreements**

55.21 (a) The amounts in this section are
55.22 appropriated to the governing board of the
55.23 Minnesota Historical Society to preserve and
55.24 enhance access to Minnesota's history and its
55.25 cultural and historical resources. Grant
55.26 agreements entered into by the Minnesota
55.27 Historical Society and other recipients of
55.28 appropriations in this section must ensure that
55.29 these funds are used to supplement and not
55.30 substitute for traditional sources of funding.
55.31 Funds directly appropriated to the Minnesota
55.32 Historical Society must be used to supplement
55.33 and not substitute for traditional sources of
55.34 funding. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,

56.1 section 16A.28, for historic preservation
 56.2 projects that improve historic structures, the
 56.3 amounts are available until June 30, 2029. The
 56.4 Minnesota Historical Society or grant
 56.5 recipients of the Minnesota Historical Society
 56.6 using arts and cultural heritage funds under
 56.7 this section must give consideration to
 56.8 Conservation Corps Minnesota and Northern
 56.9 Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps, or an
 56.10 organization carrying out similar work, for
 56.11 projects with the potential to need historic
 56.12 preservation services.

56.13 (b) Up to five percent of the totals in
 56.14 subdivisions 3 and 4 each year is for
 56.15 administering grants, grant programs,
 56.16 delivering technical services, providing fiscal
 56.17 oversight, and ensuring accountability in fiscal
 56.18 years 2026 and 2027.

56.19 **Subd. 3. Historical Grants and Programs** **\$** **12,952,000** **\$** **18,875,000**

56.20 (a) Statewide Historic and Cultural Grants
 56.21 \$5,140,000 the first year and \$7,640,000 the
 56.22 second year are for statewide historic and
 56.23 cultural grants to local, county, regional, or
 56.24 other historical or cultural organizations or for
 56.25 activities to preserve significant historic and
 56.26 cultural resources. Money must be distributed
 56.27 through a competitive grant process. The
 56.28 Minnesota Historical Society must administer
 56.29 the money using established grant mechanisms
 56.30 with assistance from the advisory committee
 56.31 created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article
 56.32 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), item
 56.33 (ii).

56.34 (b) Statewide History Programs

57.1 \$5,140,000 the first year and \$7,640,000 the
57.2 second year are for historic and cultural
57.3 programs and purposes related to the heritage
57.4 of the state.

57.5 (c) History Partnerships

57.6 \$1,812,000 the first year and \$2,935,000 the
57.7 second year are for history partnerships
57.8 involving multiple organizations, which may
57.9 include the Minnesota Historical Society, to
57.10 preserve and enhance access to Minnesota's
57.11 history and cultural heritage in all regions of
57.12 the state.

57.13 (d) Statewide Survey of Historical and
57.14 Archaeological Sites

57.15 \$330,000 the first year and \$330,000 the
57.16 second year are for one or more contracts to
57.17 be competitively awarded to conduct statewide
57.18 surveys or investigations of Minnesota's sites
57.19 of historical, archeological, and cultural
57.20 significance. Results of the surveys or
57.21 investigations must be published in a
57.22 searchable form and available to the public
57.23 cost free. The Minnesota Historical Society,
57.24 the Office of the State Archeologist, the Indian
57.25 Affairs Council, and the State Historic
57.26 Preservation Office must each appoint a
57.27 representative to an oversight board to select
57.28 contractors and direct the conduct of the
57.29 surveys or investigations. The oversight board
57.30 must consult with the Departments of
57.31 Transportation and Natural Resources.

57.32 (e) Digital Library

57.33 \$330,000 the first year and \$330,000 the
57.34 second year are for a digital library project to
57.35 preserve, digitize, and share Minnesota

58.1 images, documents, and historical materials.
 58.2 The Minnesota Historical Society must
 58.3 cooperate with the Minitex interlibrary loan
 58.4 system and must jointly share this
 58.5 appropriation for these purposes.

58.6 (f) 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of
 58.7 Independence

58.8 \$200,000 the first year is for Minnesota's
 58.9 commemoration of the 250th anniversary of
 58.10 the Declaration of Independence. The
 58.11 Minnesota Historical Society, the Minnesota
 58.12 America 250 Committee, and the Minnesota
 58.13 Humanities Center shall work collaboratively
 58.14 to create public programs and activities and
 58.15 to support local efforts to commemorate this
 58.16 anniversary. A portion of these funds may be
 58.17 used to support the work of the Minnesota
 58.18 America 250 Committee.

58.19	<u>Subd. 4. Grants</u>	<u>1,125,000</u>	<u>125,000</u>
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58.20 (a) \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to the
 58.21 Minnesota Transportation Museum for
 58.22 exhibits, the purchase and restoration of
 58.23 historic train cars, and updates to the museum
 58.24 that allow persons of all ages and abilities to
 58.25 access the museum safely;

58.26 (b) \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to
 58.27 Olmsted County Historical Society to
 58.28 rehabilitate the historic George Stoppel stone
 58.29 house and barn and to construct an accessible
 58.30 pathway to the farmstead. All work must
 58.31 follow the standards outlined in the United
 58.32 States Secretary of the Interior's Treatment of
 58.33 Historic Properties; and

58.34 (c) \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
 58.35 second year are for a grant to Special Guerrilla

59.1 Units Veterans and Families of USA, Inc. to
 59.2 collect, document, archive, and preserve the
 59.3 oral histories of Hmong veterans of the United
 59.4 States-sponsored Secret War in Laos and to
 59.5 create programming and educational resources
 59.6 to teach the public and future generations
 59.7 about the history, legacy, and cultural heritage
 59.8 of the Hmong in Minnesota.

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

59.10 (a) \$1,923,000 the first year and \$2,923,000
 59.11 the second year are appropriated to the
 59.12 commissioner of education for grants to the
 59.13 12 Minnesota regional library systems to
 59.14 provide educational opportunities in the arts,
 59.15 history, literary arts, and cultural heritage of
 59.16 Minnesota. When possible, funding under this
 59.17 section should be used to promote and share
 59.18 the work of Minnesota authors, including
 59.19 authors from diverse backgrounds. This money
 59.20 must be allocated using the formulas in
 59.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 134.355,
 59.22 subdivisions 3 to 5, with the remaining 25
 59.23 percent to be distributed to all qualifying
 59.24 systems in an amount proportionate to the
 59.25 number of qualifying system entities in each
 59.26 system. For purposes of this section,
 59.27 "qualifying system entity" means a public
 59.28 library, a regional library system, a regional
 59.29 library system headquarters, a county, or an
 59.30 outreach service program. This money may
 59.31 be used to sponsor programs provided by
 59.32 regional libraries or to provide grants to local
 59.33 arts and cultural heritage programs for
 59.34 programs in partnership with regional libraries.
 59.35 This money must be distributed in ten equal

60.1 payments per year. Notwithstanding
 60.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the
 60.3 appropriations encumbered on or before June
 60.4 30, 2027, as grants or contracts in this section
 60.5 are available until June 30, 2029. Up to two
 60.6 percent of the amount in this section is for
 60.7 administering the grants in this section.

60.8 **Sec. 6. DEPARTMENT OF**
 60.9 **ADMINISTRATION**

60.10 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** **\$** **14,794,000** **\$** **12,269,000**

60.11 The amounts that may be spent for each
 60.12 purpose are specified in the following
 60.13 subdivisions.

60.14 **Subd. 2. Grant Agreements**

60.15 (a) The amounts in this section are
 60.16 appropriated to the commissioner of
 60.17 administration for grants to the named
 60.18 organizations for the purposes specified in this
 60.19 subdivision.

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

60.26 (c) Up to five percent of the amounts in
 60.27 subdivision 3 are for administering the grants,
 60.28 providing fiscal oversight, and ensuring
 60.29 accountability in fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

60.30 **Subd. 3. Grants** **\$** **14,794,000** **\$** **12,269,000**

60.31 **(a) Minnesota Public Radio**

60.32 (a) \$1,557,000 the first year and \$2,057,000
 60.33 the second year are for Minnesota Public

61.1 Radio to create programming and expand news
61.2 service on Minnesota's cultural heritage and
61.3 history.

61.4 **(b) Association of Minnesota Public Educational**
61.5 **Radio Stations**

61.6 \$1,557,000 the first year and \$2,057,000 the
61.7 second year are to the Association of
61.8 Minnesota Public Educational Radio Stations
61.9 for production and acquisition grants in
61.10 accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section
61.11 129D.19.

61.12 **(c) Public Television**

61.13 \$3,686,000 the first year and \$4,686,000 the
61.14 second year are to the Minnesota Public
61.15 Television Association for production and
61.16 acquisition grants according to Minnesota
61.17 Statutes, section 129D.18.

61.18 **(d) Wilderness Inquiry**

61.19 \$485,000 the first year and \$485,000 the
61.20 second year are to Wilderness Inquiry to
61.21 preserve Minnesota's outdoor history, culture,
61.22 and heritage by connecting Minnesota youth
61.23 and families to natural resources.

61.24 **(e) Como Park Zoo**

61.25 \$1,520,000 the first year and \$1,520,000 the
61.26 second year are to the Como Park Zoo and
61.27 Conservatory for program development that
61.28 features educational programs and habitat
61.29 enhancement, special exhibits, music
61.30 appreciation programs, and historical garden
61.31 access and preservation.

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

62.1 \$450,000 the first year and \$450,000 the
62.2 second year are to the Science Museum of
62.3 Minnesota for arts, arts education, and arts
62.4 access and to preserve Minnesota's history and
62.5 cultural heritage, including student and teacher
62.6 outreach, statewide educational initiatives, and
62.7 community-based exhibits that preserve
62.8 Minnesota's history and cultural heritage.

62.9 **(g) Lake Superior Zoo**

62.10 \$132,000 the first year and \$132,000 the
62.11 second year are to the Lake Superior Zoo to
62.12 develop educational exhibits and programs.

62.13 **(h) State Band**

62.14 \$50,000 the first year is to the Minnesota state
62.15 band to provide free concerts throughout the
62.16 state.

62.17 **(i) Governor's Council on Developmental**
62.18 **Disabilities**

62.19 \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the second
62.20 year are to the Minnesota Governor's Council
62.21 on Developmental Disabilities to continue to
62.22 preserve and raise awareness of the history of
62.23 Minnesotans with developmental disabilities.

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

62.25 \$275,000 the first year is for a grant to the
62.26 Forest Lake Veterans Memorial Committee
62.27 to construct a memorial to veterans of the
62.28 United States armed forces at Lakeside
62.29 Memorial Park in the city of Forest Lake.

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

62.31 \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
62.32 second year are for a grant to Comunidades
62.33 Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES) to

63.1 expand arts programming to celebrate Latino
63.2 cultural heritage; support local artists; and
63.3 provide professional development, networking,
63.4 and presentation opportunities.

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

63.6 \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
63.7 second year are for a grant to the Somali
63.8 Museum of Minnesota to preserve and
63.9 celebrate Somali culture through classes,
63.10 exhibits, and outreach.

63.11 **(m) The Bakken Museum**

63.12 \$132,000 the first year and \$132,000 the
63.13 second year are for a grant to The Bakken
63.14 Museum for interactive exhibits and outreach
63.15 programs on arts and cultural heritage.

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

63.17 \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
63.18 second year are for a grant to the
63.19 Neighborhood Development Center to
63.20 preserve the cultural heritage of Black farmers
63.21 in Minnesota by fostering a new generation
63.22 of culturally aware farmers who enhance
63.23 understanding of sustainable farm practices
63.24 and serve as community hubs for cultural and
63.25 educational programming.

63.26 **(o) History Theatre**

63.27 \$100,000 the first year is for a grant to History
63.28 Theatre to perform a play celebrating Hmong
63.29 arts and culture.

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

63.31 \$300,000 the first year is for a grant to Walker
63.32 West Music Academy for a series of 12 free
63.33 concerts, youth and adult music education,

64.1 professional development for music educators,
64.2 and community choir programs.

64.3 **(q) Minnesota Fishing Museum and Hall of**
64.4 **Fame**

64.5 \$100,000 the first year is for a grant to the
64.6 Minnesota Fishing Museum and Hall of Fame
64.7 in Little Falls for programming and
64.8 educational opportunities celebrating
64.9 Minnesota's outdoor culture and heritage.

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

64.11 \$800,000 the first year is for a grant to the city
64.12 of St. Paul for ice sculptures at Lake Phalen
64.13 that celebrate the city's diverse communities
64.14 of Minnesotans as part of the city's Winter
64.15 Carnival.

64.16 **(s) Minnesota Asian American Film and Music**
64.17 **Festivals**

64.18 \$250,000 the first year is for a grant to Asian
64.19 Economic Development Association (AEDA)
64.20 to plan and produce a Minnesota Asian
64.21 American film festival and a music festival.

64.22 **(t) Phyllis Wheatley Community Center**

64.23 \$200,000 the first year is for a grant to the
64.24 Phyllis Wheatley Community Center for
64.25 programming in arts and cultural expansion
64.26 support for the Mary T. Wellcome Child
64.27 Development Center, artistic and cultural
64.28 digital programming for marginalized youth,
64.29 and services including arts and cultural
64.30 heritage for adults and youth in the center's
64.31 trauma and restorative programming.

64.32 **(u) Sweet Potato Comfort Pie**

64.33 \$200,000 the first year is for a grant to Sweet
64.34 Potato Comfort Pie for programming that

65.1 celebrates traditional food and uses culinary
65.2 arts, storytelling, and other creative forms of
65.3 culture sharing to celebrate and educate
65.4 communities on culture and history.

65.5 **(v) Lundstrum Center for the Performing Arts**

65.6 \$200,000 the first year is for a grant to the
65.7 Lundstrum Center for the Performing Arts for
65.8 after-school educational programming that
65.9 includes instruction in dance, voice, and
65.10 drama.

65.11 **(w) Thoroughbred Racing Culture**

65.12 \$200,000 this first year is for a grant to a class
65.13 A racetrack that primarily conducts
65.14 thoroughbred and quarter horse racing and is
65.15 licensed by the Minnesota Racing Commission
65.16 under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 240, to
65.17 support Minnesota's cultural heritage of
65.18 thoroughbred racing by expanding
65.19 opportunities at the racetrack for Minnesota
65.20 racehorses.

65.21 **(x) Taste of Minnesota**

65.22 \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to the
65.23 Minneapolis Downtown Council to support
65.24 the Taste of Minnesota event. This
65.25 appropriation is for infrastructure and
65.26 associated costs, including but not limited to
65.27 event buildout, permits, waste management,
65.28 staffing, security, equipment rentals, signs,
65.29 and insurance.

65.30 **(y) Siengkane Lao**

65.31 \$275,000 the first year and \$75,000 the second
65.32 year are for a grant to Siengkane Lao. Of this
65.33 amount:

- 66.1 (1) \$200,000 the first year is for a Southeast
- 66.2 Asian music festival on the east side of St.
- 66.3 Paul; and
- 66.4 (2) \$75,000 each year is to create cultural arts
- 66.5 projects and to preserve traditional dance
- 66.6 performances.
- 66.7 **(z) United Hmong Family**
- 66.8 \$350,000 the first year is for a grant to the
- 66.9 United Hmong Family to provide dance and
- 66.10 other arts and cultural programming.
- 66.11 **(aa) Tou Ger Xiong Mural**
- 66.12 \$300,000 the first year is for a grant to the city
- 66.13 of St. Paul to design and construct a mural and
- 66.14 statue honoring Tou Ger Xiong at Lake
- 66.15 Phalen's Tou Ger Xiong Island in St. Paul.
- 66.16 **(bb) AEDA Youth Sports Programs**
- 66.17 \$250,00 the first year is for a grant to the
- 66.18 Asian Economic Development Association
- 66.19 (AEDA) for outdoor programs for youth.
- 66.20 **(cc) Capri Theater**
- 66.21 \$250,000 the first year is for a grant to PCYC
- 66.22 for the Capri Theater to enrich and expand the
- 66.23 Capri's youth and adult arts programming and
- 66.24 to support the theater's position as a
- 66.25 community builder and primary catalyst for
- 66.26 economic development in North Minneapolis
- 66.27 through powerful, effective arts and
- 66.28 educational offerings for youth, families,
- 66.29 emerging and accomplished artists, community
- 66.30 and civic organizations, and the over 20,000
- 66.31 patrons who visit this Northside venue yearly.

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

67.1 The amounts in this section are appropriated
 67.2 to the Minnesota Zoological Board for
 67.3 programs at and development of the Minnesota
 67.4 Zoological Garden and to provide access and
 67.5 education related to programs on the cultural
 67.6 heritage of Minnesota.

67.7 **Sec. 8. MINNESOTA HUMANITIES CENTER**

67.8	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>10,284,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>11,174,000</u>
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67.9 The amounts that may be spent for each
 67.10 purpose are specified in the following
 67.11 subdivisions.

67.12 **Subd. 2. Grant Agreements**

67.13 (a) The amounts in this section are
 67.14 appropriated to the Board of Directors of the
 67.15 Minnesota Humanities Center for the purposes
 67.16 specified in this section. The Minnesota
 67.17 Humanities Center may use up to 5.5 percent
 67.18 of the appropriations for the administration of
 67.19 these funds and to cover the cost of
 67.20 administering, planning, evaluating, and
 67.21 reporting these grants. The Minnesota
 67.22 Humanities Center must develop a written
 67.23 plan to issue the grants under this section and
 67.24 must submit the plan for review and approval
 67.25 by the commissioner of administration. The
 67.26 written plan must require the Minnesota
 67.27 Humanities Center to create and adhere to
 67.28 grant policies that are similar to those
 67.29 established according to Minnesota Statutes,
 67.30 section 16B.97, subdivision 4, paragraph (a),
 67.31 clause (1).

67.32 (b) No grants awarded under this section may
 67.33 be used for travel outside the state of
 67.34 Minnesota. The grant agreement must specify

68.1 the repercussions for failing to comply with
 68.2 the grant agreement.

68.3 **Subd. 3. Programs** **\$ 1,762,000 \$ 1,762,000**

68.4 \$1,762,000 the first year and \$1,762,000 the
 68.5 second year are for statewide humanities
 68.6 programs and to support and expand outreach,
 68.7 partnerships, and humanities programming
 68.8 with organizations and individuals throughout
 68.9 the state, including but not limited to
 68.10 programming related to veterans and the
 68.11 military experience, professional development
 68.12 opportunities for educators, and programming
 68.13 celebrating, representing, and reflecting upon
 68.14 the heritage of diverse Minnesota communities
 68.15 that have been historically underserved.

68.16 **Subd. 4. Children's Museum Grants** **\$ 2,025,000 \$ 2,025,000**

68.17 \$2,025,000 the first year and \$2,025,000 the
 68.18 second year are for arts and cultural heritage
 68.19 grants to children's museums for arts and
 68.20 cultural exhibits and related educational
 68.21 outreach programs. Of this amount:
 68.22 (1) \$500,000 each year is for the Minnesota
 68.23 Children's Museum, St. Paul;
 68.24 (2) \$175,000 each year is for The Works,
 68.25 Bloomington;
 68.26 (3) \$125,000 each year is for the WonderTrek
 68.27 Children's Museum, Brainerd-Baxter;
 68.28 (4) \$100,000 each year is for the Children's
 68.29 Discovery Center, Breckenridge;
 68.30 (5) \$125,000 each year is for the Duluth
 68.31 Children's Museum, Duluth;
 68.32 (6) \$100,000 each year is for the Otter Cove
 68.33 Children's Museum, Fergus Falls;

- 69.1 (7) \$100,000 each year is for the Children's
- 69.2 Discovery Museum, Grand Rapids;
- 69.3 (8) \$100,000 each year is for the Wheel and
- 69.4 Cog Children's Museum, Hutchinson;
- 69.5 (9) \$175,000 each year is for the Children's
- 69.6 Museum of Southern Minnesota, Mankato;
- 69.7 (10) \$175,000 each year is for the Great River
- 69.8 Children's Museum, St. Cloud;
- 69.9 (11) \$100,000 each year is for The Village
- 69.10 Children's Museum, Willmar;
- 69.11 (12) \$100,000 each year is for the Mini Sota
- 69.12 Ag Museum, Benson; and
- 69.13 (13) \$150,000 each year is for the SPARK
- 69.14 Children's Museum, Rochester.

69.15 **Subd. 5. Community Identity and Heritage**
 69.16 **Grant Program**

	<u>\$</u>	<u>5,055,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>6,945,000</u>
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69.17 \$5,055,000 the first year and \$6,945,000 the
 69.18 second year are for a competitive grant
 69.19 program to provide grants to organizations or
 69.20 individuals working to create, celebrate, and
 69.21 teach the art, culture, and heritage of diverse
 69.22 Minnesota communities, including but not
 69.23 limited to Asian and Pacific Island
 69.24 communities, the Somali diaspora and other
 69.25 African immigrant communities, Indigenous
 69.26 communities with a focus on the 11 Tribes in
 69.27 Minnesota, the African American community,
 69.28 the Latinx community, the LGBTQIA+
 69.29 community, and other underrepresented
 69.30 cultural groups, including communities of
 69.31 Black, Indigenous, and people of color, to
 69.32 celebrate the cultural diversity of Minnesota.
 69.33 At least \$250,000 of the grant funding in this
 69.34 subdivision each year must be for grants to

70.1 provide funding to ethnic media organizations
 70.2 creating video content in a language other than
 70.3 English. At least \$200,000 of the grant funding
 70.4 in this subdivision each year must be used to
 70.5 award emergency grants to organizations
 70.6 otherwise qualified to receive grants under
 70.7 this subdivision and must be awarded on a
 70.8 rolling basis based on emerging needs to assist
 70.9 communities responding to major events and
 70.10 to facilitate the process of grieving, encourage
 70.11 healing, create memorials, or assist in recovery
 70.12 of the community. Any amount described in
 70.13 the preceding sentence that is not expended
 70.14 by October 15 of the second year may be used
 70.15 for general programming costs or grants under
 70.16 this subdivision. An individual or organization
 70.17 that receives a grant under this subdivision
 70.18 must do at least one of the following:

70.19 (1) preserve and honor the cultural heritage of
 70.20 Minnesota;

70.21 (2) provide education and student outreach on
 70.22 cultural diversity;

70.23 (3) support the development of culturally
 70.24 diverse humanities programming, including
 70.25 arts programming, by individuals and
 70.26 organizations; or

70.27 (4) empower communities in building identity
 70.28 and culture, including preserving and honoring
 70.29 communities whose Indigenous cultures are
 70.30 endangered or disappearing.

70.31 **Subd. 6. Underrepresented Groups Cultural**
 70.32 **Studies Materials**

\$

500,000 \$

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70.33 \$500,000 the first year is for competitive
 70.34 grants to develop high-quality academic,

71.1 cultural, and ethnic studies materials for
 71.2 communities that do not have adequate
 71.3 cultural and ethnic studies materials or who
 71.4 are underrepresented in those materials,
 71.5 including but not limited to the Hmong, Karen,
 71.6 Somali, and Oromo cultures and cultures
 71.7 without a formal writing system that are
 71.8 largely oral-based. In developing these
 71.9 materials, a recipient of a grant under this
 71.10 subdivision must work with school districts
 71.11 that intend to use the materials.

71.12	<u>Subd. 7. Gordon Parks Commemoration</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u>
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71.13 \$500,000 the first year is to work in
 71.14 collaboration with Soul Touch Productions to
 71.15 create an art installation and programming to
 71.16 celebrate the incredible life and rich legacy of
 71.17 Gordon Parks.

71.18	<u>Subd. 8. Grants</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>442,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>442,000</u>
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71.19 **(a) Urban Debate League**
 71.20 \$160,000 the first year and \$160,000 the
 71.21 second year are for a grant to the Minnesota
 71.22 Urban Debate League to offer improved
 71.23 professional development programming and
 71.24 expand services to youth in more geographic
 71.25 areas.

71.26 **(b) Art from the Inside**
 71.27 \$132,000 the first year and \$132,000 the
 71.28 second year are for a grant to Art from the
 71.29 Inside to use the arts, including but not limited
 71.30 to visual art, poetry, literature, theater, dance,
 71.31 and music, to address the supportive,
 71.32 therapeutic, and rehabilitative needs of
 71.33 incarcerated persons and persons on
 71.34 supervised release and promote a safer

72.1 correctional facility and community
72.2 environment.

72.3 **(c) Hmong Cultural Center**

72.4 \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
72.5 second year are for a grant to the Hmong
72.6 Cultural Center of Minnesota for
72.7 museum-related programming, a library, and
72.8 classes and educational outreach activities to
72.9 teach the public about the historical, cultural,
72.10 and folk arts heritage of Hmong Minnesotans.

72.11 **Sec. 9. INDIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL** **\$** **2,030,000** **\$** **2,030,000**

72.12 (a) \$750,000 each year is to provide grants to
72.13 Minnesota Tribal Nations to preserve Dakota
72.14 and Ojibwe Indian language and to foster
72.15 education programs and services for Dakota
72.16 and Ojibwe language.

72.17 (b) \$575,000 each year is for grants to Dakota
72.18 and Ojibwe language-immersion educational
72.19 institutions.

72.20 (c) \$525,000 each year is to provide grants to
72.21 preserve the Dakota and Ojibwe Indian
72.22 language through support of projects and
72.23 services and to support educational programs
72.24 and immersion efforts in Dakota and Ojibwe
72.25 language.

72.26 (d) \$50 each year is for a Dakota and Ojibwe
72.27 Indian language working group coordinated
72.28 by the Indian Affairs Council.

72.29 (e) \$130,000 each year is for the Indian Affairs
72.30 Council to carry out responsibilities under
72.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 307.08, to comply
72.32 with Public Law 101-601, the Native

73.1 American Graves Protection and Repatriation
 73.2 Act.

73.3 **Sec. 10. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

73.4 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** **\$ 602,000 \$ 602,000**

73.5 The amounts that may be spent for each
 73.6 purpose are specified in the following
 73.7 subdivisions.

73.8 **Subd. 2. County Fair Grants** **\$ 352,000 \$ 352,000**

73.9 \$352,000 the first year and \$352,000 the
 73.10 second year are for grants to county
 73.11 agricultural societies to enhance arts access
 73.12 and education and to preserve and promote
 73.13 Minnesota's history and cultural heritage as
 73.14 embodied in its county fairs. The grants may
 73.15 be distributed in equal amounts to each of the
 73.16 county fairs that submitted an application. The
 73.17 grants are in addition to the aid distribution to
 73.18 county agricultural societies under Minnesota
 73.19 Statutes, section 38.02. The commissioner of
 73.20 agriculture must develop grant-making criteria
 73.21 and guidance for expending money under this
 73.22 subdivision to provide funding for projects
 73.23 and events that provide access to the arts or
 73.24 the state's agricultural, historical, and cultural
 73.25 heritage. The commissioner must seek input
 73.26 from all interested parties. The commissioner
 73.27 may use up to two percent of the amounts in
 73.28 this subdivision for the administration and
 73.29 distribution of the grants. Money not used in
 73.30 the first year may be used in the second year.

73.31 **Subd. 3. Minnesota FFA** **\$ 250,000 \$ 250,000**

73.32 (a) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
 73.33 second year are appropriated from the arts and
 73.34 cultural heritage fund to the commissioner of

74.1 agriculture for grants to the Minnesota FFA
 74.2 to provide new and expanded access for
 74.3 Minnesota FFA members involved in art- and
 74.4 history-related FFA activities. Of this amount:
 74.5 (1) up to \$100,000 each year may be used to
 74.6 document and commemorate 100 years of
 74.7 fostering leadership, agricultural education,
 74.8 and community service across the state by
 74.9 creating a history book, video storytelling
 74.10 series, and an in-person arts-focused event;
 74.11 and
 74.12 (2) any amount not spent for the purposes
 74.13 described in clause (1) may be used for other
 74.14 activities that provide new and expanded
 74.15 access for Minnesota FFA members involved
 74.16 in art- and history-related FFA activities,
 74.17 including activities related to national and state
 74.18 FFA band and choir, state and national FFA
 74.19 talent competitions, FFA floriculture, and FFA
 74.20 state fair landscape booths.
 74.21 (b) The commissioner of agriculture must
 74.22 develop grant-making criteria and guidance
 74.23 for grants under this paragraph to provide
 74.24 funding for projects and events and must seek
 74.25 input from the Minnesota FFA and Minnesota
 74.26 FFA Foundation. The commissioner may use
 74.27 up to five percent of the amounts in this
 74.28 subdivision to cover the costs of administering,
 74.29 planning, evaluating, and reporting these
 74.30 grants.

74.31 **Sec. 11. LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING**
 74.32 **COMMISSION**

\$

5,000 \$

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74.33 The amount in this section is appropriated to
 74.34 the Legislative Coordinating Commission to

75.1 maintain the website required under Minnesota
 75.2 Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision 10.

75.3 Sec. 12. Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 4, section 2, subdivision 3, as amended by Laws
 75.4 2024, chapter 106, article 4, section 3, is amended to read:

75.5	Subd. 3. Minnesota State Arts Board	47,421,000	44,796,000
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75.6 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are
 75.7 appropriated to the Minnesota State Arts
 75.8 Board for arts, arts education, arts
 75.9 preservation, and arts access. Grant
 75.10 agreements entered into by the Minnesota
 75.11 State Arts Board and other recipients of
 75.12 appropriations in this subdivision must ensure
 75.13 that these funds are used to supplement and
 75.14 not substitute for traditional sources of
 75.15 funding. Each grant program established in
 75.16 this appropriation must be separately
 75.17 administered from other state appropriations
 75.18 for program planning and outcome
 75.19 measurements, but may take into consideration
 75.20 other state resources awarded in the selection
 75.21 of applicants and grant award size.

75.22 (b) **Arts and Arts Access Initiatives**
 75.23 \$35,737,000 the first year and \$36,437,000
 75.24 the second year are to support Minnesota
 75.25 artists and arts organizations in creating,
 75.26 producing, and presenting high-quality arts
 75.27 activities; to preserve, maintain, and interpret
 75.28 art forms and works of art so that they are
 75.29 accessible to Minnesota audiences; to
 75.30 overcome barriers to accessing high-quality
 75.31 arts activities; and to instill the arts into the
 75.32 community and public life in this state. Grants
 75.33 provided under this paragraph must prioritize
 75.34 artists and arts organizations that plan to

76.1 present art from communities that have been
76.2 historically underrepresented in the arts or that
76.3 improve access to the programs and projects
76.4 for groups, including youth and historically
76.5 underserved communities, that have struggled
76.6 to access arts programming in the past.

76.7 **(c) Arts Education**

76.8 \$7,263,000 the first year and \$6,269,000 the
76.9 second year are for high-quality,
76.10 age-appropriate arts education for Minnesotans
76.11 of all ages to develop knowledge, skills, and
76.12 understanding of the arts. Priority in the award
76.13 of grants under this paragraph must be given
76.14 to providing educational opportunities to
76.15 underserved communities with grants for
76.16 organizations or entities providing
76.17 opportunities to K-12 students throughout the
76.18 state for arts education, including access to
76.19 arts instruction, arts programming, museums,
76.20 and arts presentations.

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

76.22 \$2,421,000 the first year and \$2,090,000 the
76.23 second year are for events and activities that
76.24 represent, preserve, and maintain the diverse
76.25 cultural arts traditions, including folk and
76.26 traditional artists and art organizations,
76.27 represented in this state.

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

76.29 \$2,000,000 the first year is for a grant to the
76.30 Minnesota United Foundation for the design,
76.31 land development, land transfer fees, and
76.32 production costs of a public art project in St.
76.33 Paul ~~at the United Village site~~ celebrating
76.34 Minnesota arts and cultural heritage and

77.1 providing a unique public art experience
77.2 through sculpture and design. The project
77.3 funded by this paragraph must have a
77.4 matching contribution from nonpublic funds
77.5 and must include a public-private partnership
77.6 agreement providing an agreement for the
77.7 future ownership, maintenance, taxes, and
77.8 associated costs for the art project and project
77.9 site. The project funded by this paragraph must
77.10 have a permanent sign indicating the project
77.11 was funded through the arts and cultural
77.12 heritage fund. The project funded by this
77.13 paragraph must be located in St. Paul at the
77.14 Conway Recreation Center or, if that site is
77.15 not practicable, at Lake Phalen at the platform
77.16 containing the bust of Sunisa Lee. This
77.17 appropriation is available until June 30, ~~2028~~
77.18 2029. Nonpublic contributions made after
77.19 January 1, 2024, are eligible matching
77.20 expenditures for the purposes of this grant.

77.21 **(f) Administrative Costs**

77.22 Up to five percent of the totals in paragraphs
77.23 (b) to (e) each year is for administering grant
77.24 programs, delivering technical services,
77.25 providing fiscal oversight for the statewide
77.26 system, and ensuring accountability for fiscal
77.27 year 2024 and fiscal year 2025 appropriations.

77.28 **(g) Regional Arts Councils**

77.29 Thirty percent of the remaining total
77.30 appropriation to each of the categories listed
77.31 in paragraphs (b) to (d) is for grants to the
77.32 regional arts councils. Notwithstanding any
77.33 other provision of law, regional arts council
77.34 grants or other arts council grants for touring
77.35 programs, projects, or exhibits must ensure

78.1 the programs, projects, or exhibits are able to
 78.2 tour in their own region as well as all other
 78.3 regions of the state.

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

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

78.8	Subd. 5. Department of Education	3,000,000	2,750,000
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78.9 (a) \$2,750,000 each year is appropriated to
 78.10 the commissioner of education for grants to
 78.11 the 12 Minnesota regional library systems to
 78.12 provide educational opportunities in the arts,
 78.13 history, literary arts, and cultural heritage of
 78.14 Minnesota. When possible, funding under this
 78.15 subdivision should be used to promote and
 78.16 share the work of Minnesota authors,
 78.17 including authors from diverse backgrounds.
 78.18 This money must be allocated using the
 78.19 formulas in Minnesota Statutes, section
 78.20 134.355, subdivisions 3 to 5, with the
 78.21 remaining 25 percent to be distributed to all
 78.22 qualifying systems in an amount proportionate
 78.23 to the number of qualifying system entities in
 78.24 each system. For purposes of this subdivision,
 78.25 "qualifying system entity" means a public
 78.26 library, a regional library system, a regional
 78.27 library system headquarters, a county, or an
 78.28 outreach service program. This money may
 78.29 be used to sponsor programs provided by
 78.30 regional libraries or to provide grants to local
 78.31 arts and cultural heritage programs for
 78.32 programs in partnership with regional libraries.
 78.33 This money must be distributed in ten equal
 78.34 payments per year. Notwithstanding

79.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the
 79.2 appropriations encumbered on or before June
 79.3 30, ~~2025~~ 2026, as grants or contracts in this
 79.4 subdivision are available until June 30, ~~2026~~
 79.5 2027.

79.6 (b) \$250,000 the first year is appropriated to
 79.7 the commissioner of education for a water
 79.8 safety grant program. The commissioner of
 79.9 education must allocate grants to eligible
 79.10 applicants. Eligible applicants include
 79.11 nonprofit organizations and city and county
 79.12 parks and recreation programs providing
 79.13 swimming lessons to youth. Eligible applicants
 79.14 are not required to partner with other entities.
 79.15 Grant funds must primarily be used to provide
 79.16 scholarships to low-income and at-risk
 79.17 children for swimming lessons. Up to 15
 79.18 percent of the grant funds may also be used
 79.19 to hire water safety instructors or lifeguards
 79.20 or train water safety instructors or lifeguards
 79.21 in nationally recognized water safety practices
 79.22 and instruction.

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

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

79.25 Subd. 6. **Minnesota Historical Society** -0- 1,201,000

79.26 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are
 79.27 appropriated to the governing board of the
 79.28 Minnesota Historical Society to preserve and
 79.29 enhance access to Minnesota's history and its
 79.30 cultural and historical resources. Grant
 79.31 agreements entered into by the Minnesota
 79.32 Historical Society and other recipients of
 79.33 appropriations in this subdivision must ensure
 79.34 that these funds are used to supplement and

80.1 not substitute for traditional sources of
80.2 funding. Funds directly appropriated to the
80.3 Minnesota Historical Society must be used to
80.4 supplement and not substitute for traditional
80.5 sources of funding. The appropriations in this
80.6 subdivision are onetime.

80.7 **(b) Grants**

80.8 (1) \$100,000 the second year is to facilitate
80.9 negotiations for the purchase by the state of
80.10 the Wizard of Oz ruby slippers through a
80.11 combination of available state funds and
80.12 nonstate sources of funding. Any remaining
80.13 amount not used to facilitate the purchase of
80.14 the slippers by the state may be used as a grant
80.15 to the Judy Garland Children's Discovery
80.16 Museum to create an exhibit highlighting the
80.17 history and cultural relevance of the slippers;

80.18 (2) \$400,000 the second year is for statewide
80.19 historic and cultural grants to cultural
80.20 community organizations, historical
80.21 organizations, and veterans organizations for
80.22 activities to commemorate 50 years of
80.23 Southeast Asians in Minnesota. Money under
80.24 this paragraph must be distributed through a
80.25 competitive grant process. The Minnesota
80.26 Historical Society must administer the grants
80.27 using established grant mechanisms with
80.28 assistance from the advisory committee
80.29 created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article
80.30 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), item
80.31 (ii).

80.32 (3) \$200,000 the second year is for activities
80.33 to prepare and coordinate community
80.34 commemoration programs celebrating 50 years
80.35 of Hmong Americans in Minnesota. The

81.1 Minnesota Historical Society must form an
81.2 advisory task force consisting of members of
81.3 the Hmong community to advise the society
81.4 on the design and implementation of these
81.5 activities and programs;

81.6 (4) \$200,000 the second year is for planning
81.7 and outreach, in collaboration with the
81.8 Minnesota Humanities Center, for Minnesota's
81.9 commemoration of the 250th anniversary of
81.10 the signing of the Declaration of
81.11 Independence. The Minnesota Historical
81.12 Society and Minnesota Humanities Center
81.13 must enter into an agreement between the
81.14 organizations on how best to maximize the
81.15 impact of this grant and of collaboration with
81.16 statewide partners;

81.17 (5) \$50,000 the second year is for a grant to
81.18 the Greater Litchfield Opera House
81.19 Association to repair and update the Litchfield
81.20 Opera House; and

81.21 (6) \$251,000 the second year is for a grant to
81.22 the Dakota County Historical Society to design
81.23 and build exhibits at the Lawshe Memorial
81.24 Museum.

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

81.26 Sec. 15. **CARRYFORWARD.**

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

82.1 Sec. 16. **EFFECT OF DIRECT APPROPRIATION ON ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE**
82.2 **COMPETITIVE GRANT.**

82.3 An entity that administers a competitive grant program established in this act must not
82.4 prohibit a named recipient of an appropriation in this act from applying for a grant under a
82.5 competitive grant program established in this act."

82.6 Amend the title accordingly