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H. F. No. 2563

03/20/2025 Authored by Vang and McDonald
The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Legacy Finance
04/10/2025 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to legacy; appropriating money from outdoor heritage, clean water, parks
1.3 and trails, and arts and cultural heritage funds; extending prior appropriations;
1.4 providing for leveraging federal grant money; modifying reporting requirements;
1.5 modifying accountability provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections
1.6 97A.056, by adding a subdivision; 114D.30, subdivision 7; 129D.17, subdivision
1.7 2, by adding a subdivision; Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 4, section 2, subdivision
1.8 6.

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

1.10 ARTICLE 1
1.11 OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

1.12 Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

1.13 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
1.14 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the outdoor heritage
1.15 fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The figures "2026" and "2027" used in
1.16 this article mean that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year
1.17 ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2026.
1.18 "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and 2027. The
1.19 appropriations in this article are onetime appropriations.

Table with 2 columns: Year (2026, 2027) and Appropriations Available for the Year Ending June 30.

1.24 Sec. 2. OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

1.25 Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation \$ 162,111,000 \$ 775,000

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5.1 consistent with the priorities identified in

5.2 Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

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

5.5 \$3,658,000 the first year is to the

5.6 commissioner of natural resources for an

5.7 agreement with The Nature Conservancy, in

5.8 cooperation with the United States Fish and

5.9 Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee or

5.10 permanent conservation easements and to

5.11 restore and enhance lands in the Northern

5.12 Tallgrass Prairie Habitat Preservation Area in

5.13 western Minnesota for addition to the Northern

5.14 Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge.

5.15 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota

5.16 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given

5.17 to acquiring lands that are eligible for the

5.18 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,

5.19 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected

5.20 native prairie.

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

5.24 \$1,916,000 the first year is to the

5.25 commissioner of natural resources to acquire

5.26 in fee and restore and enhance lands for

5.27 wildlife management purposes under

5.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,

5.29 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee for

5.30 scientific and natural area purposes under

5.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,

5.32 subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria

5.33 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority

5.34 must be given to acquisition of lands that are

5.35 eligible for the native prairie bank under

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9.7 **Subd. 4. Wetlands** 29,032,000 -0-

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

9.10 \$2,853,000 the first year is to the
 9.11 commissioner of natural resources for an
 9.12 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
 9.13 acquire permanent conservation easements
 9.14 and to restore and enhance prairie, wetland,
 9.15 and other habitats on permanently protected
 9.16 conservation easements in high-priority
 9.17 wetland habitat complexes in the prairie,
 9.18 forest/prairie transition, and forest ecoregions.

9.19 Of this amount, up to \$168,000 is to establish
 9.20 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
 9.21 approved in the accomplishment plan and
 9.22 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 9.23 97A.056, subdivision 17.

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

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

10.1 prairie lands, wetlands, and land-buffering

10.2 shallow lakes.

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

10.5 \$4,291,000 the first year is to the Board of

10.6 Water and Soil Resources to acquire

10.7 permanent conservation easements and to

10.8 restore wetlands and native grassland habitat

10.9 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515.

10.10 Of this amount, up to \$70,000 is for

10.11 establishing a monitoring and enforcement

10.12 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan

10.13 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section

10.14 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,

10.15 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.

10.16 A list of permanent conservation easements

10.17 must be provided as part of the final report.

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

10.20 \$5,121,000 the first year is to the

10.21 commissioner of natural resources for an

10.22 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in

10.23 cooperation with the United States Fish and

10.24 Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee and to

10.25 restore and enhance wetlands and grasslands

10.26 to be designated and managed as waterfowl

10.27 production areas in Minnesota.

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

10.30 \$1,543,000 the first year is to the

10.31 commissioner of natural resources for an

10.32 agreement with the Middle-Snake-Tamarac

10.33 Rivers Watershed District to restore and

10.34 enhance wetland and upland wildlife habitat

11.1 in Nelson Slough and the East Park Wildlife
 11.2 Management Area in Marshall County.

11.3 **(f) Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**
 11.4 **Enhancement and Restoration Initiative, Phase**
 11.5 **11**

11.6 \$5,601,000 the first year is to the
 11.7 commissioner of natural resources for an
 11.8 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to restore
 11.9 and enhance shallow lakes and wetlands on
 11.10 public lands and wetlands under permanent
 11.11 conservation easement for wildlife
 11.12 management.

11.13 **(g) Big Swamp North**

11.14 \$1,442,000 the first year is to the
 11.15 commissioner of natural resources for an
 11.16 agreement with the Roseau River Watershed
 11.17 District to restore and enhance wetland,
 11.18 stream, and other related wildlife habitat on
 11.19 public lands in the Big Swamp area in Roseau
 11.20 County.

11.21 **(h) DNR Accelerated Shallow Lakes and**
 11.22 **Wetland Enhancement, Phase 17**

11.23 \$2,508,000 the first year is to the
 11.24 commissioner of natural resources to enhance
 11.25 and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat
 11.26 statewide.

11.27 **Subd. 5. Habitats**

77,646,000

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11.28 **(a) Cannon River Watershed Habitat**
 11.29 **Restoration and Protection Program, Phase 14**

11.30 \$2,663,000 the first year is to the
 11.31 commissioner of natural resources for
 11.32 agreements to acquire land in fee and to
 11.33 restore and enhance wildlife habitat in the
 11.34 Cannon River Watershed as follows: \$62,000
 11.35 to Clean River Partners; \$1,198,000 to Great

- 12.1 River Greening; and \$1,403,000 to the Trust
12.2 for Public Land.
- 12.3 **(b) Spring Road Conservation Project**
- 12.4 \$1,982,000 the first year is to the
12.5 commissioner of natural resources for an
12.6 agreement with the Riley Purgatory Bluff
12.7 Creek Watershed District to acquire priority
12.8 wildlife habitat lands in fee in Hennepin
12.9 County.
- 12.10 **(c) Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation,**
12.11 **Phase 10**
- 12.12 \$3,518,000 the first year is to the
12.13 commissioner of natural resources for
12.14 agreements to acquire permanent conservation
12.15 easements and to restore and enhance wildlife
12.16 habitat on public lands and easements in the
12.17 Anoka Sand Plain ecoregion and intersecting
12.18 minor watersheds as follows: \$553,000 to
12.19 Anoka Conservation District; \$1,385,000 to
12.20 Great River Greening; \$300,000 to The Nature
12.21 Conservancy; and \$1,280,000 to Minnesota
12.22 Land Trust. Up to \$112,000 to Minnesota
12.23 Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and
12.24 enforcement fund as approved in the
12.25 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
12.26 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.
- 12.27 **(d) Integrating Habitat and Clean Water, Phase**
12.28 **3**
- 12.29 \$2,691,000 the first year is to the Board of
12.30 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
12.31 permanent conservation easements and restore
12.32 and enhance wildlife habitat identified in One
12.33 Watershed, One Plan for stacked benefit to
12.34 wildlife and clean water. Of this amount, up
12.35 to \$80,000 is for establishing a monitoring and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 16.1 to restore and enhance habitat in the Shell
16.2 Rock River watershed.
- 16.3 **(l) Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding**
16.4 **Biological Significance, Phase 4**
- 16.5 \$3,137,000 the first year is to the
16.6 commissioner of natural resources for
16.7 agreements to acquire land in fee and
16.8 permanent conservation easements and to
16.9 restore and enhance lakes of outstanding
16.10 biological significance in northeast and
16.11 north-central Minnesota. Of this amount,
16.12 \$1,494,000 is to the Northern Waters Land
16.13 Trust and \$1,643,000 is to Minnesota Land
16.14 Trust. Up to \$168,000 to Minnesota Land
16.15 Trust is for establishing a monitoring and
16.16 enforcement fund as approved in the
16.17 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
16.18 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.
- 16.19 **(m) Shakopee Creek: Headwaters Restored,**
16.20 **Species and Land Protected**
- 16.21 \$2,359,000 the first year is to the
16.22 commissioner of natural resources for an
16.23 agreement with the Kandiyohi Soil and Water
16.24 Conservation District to restore and enhance
16.25 wildlife habitat in the headwaters area of
16.26 Shakopee Creek in Kandiyohi County.
- 16.27 **(n) DNR Trout Stream Conservation Easements,**
16.28 **Phase 4**
- 16.29 \$973,000 the first year is to the commissioner
16.30 of natural resources to acquire land in
16.31 permanent conservation easements to protect
16.32 trout-stream aquatic habitat. Of this amount,
16.33 up to \$120,000 is for establishing a monitoring
16.34 and enforcement fund as approved in the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18.1 **(r) Fall River Restoration**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 22.1 Money appropriated in this paragraph is
22.2 available until June 30, 2033.
- 22.3 **(e) Legacy Website**
- 22.4 \$4,000 the first year and \$3,000 the second
22.5 year are to the Legislative Coordinating
22.6 Commission for the website required under
22.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision
22.8 10.
- 22.9 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**
- 22.10 (a) Money appropriated in this section may
22.11 not be spent on activities unless they are
22.12 directly related to and necessary for a specific
22.13 appropriation and are specified in the
22.14 accomplishment plan approved by the
22.15 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
- 22.16 Money appropriated in this section must not
22.17 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional
22.18 overhead charges that are not directly related
22.19 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.
- 22.20 Money appropriated for fee title acquisition
22.21 of land may be used to restore, enhance, and
22.22 provide for public use of the land acquired
22.23 with the appropriation. Public-use facilities
22.24 must have a minimal impact on habitat in
22.25 acquired lands.
- 22.26 (b) Money appropriated in this section is
22.27 available as follows:
- 22.28 (1) money appropriated for acquiring real
22.29 property is available until June 30, 2029;
- 22.30 (2) money appropriated for restoring and
22.31 enhancing land acquired with an appropriation
22.32 in this article is available for four years after
22.33 the acquisition date with a maximum end date
22.34 of June 30, 2033;

23.1 (3) money appropriated for restoring and
23.2 enhancing other land is available until June
23.3 30, 2030;

23.4 (4) notwithstanding clauses (1) to (3), money
23.5 appropriated for a project that receives at least
23.6 15 percent of its funding from federal funds
23.7 is available until a date sufficient to match the
23.8 availability of federal funding to a maximum
23.9 of six years if the federal funding was
23.10 confirmed and included in the original
23.11 approved draft accomplishment plan; and

23.12 (5) money appropriated for other projects is
23.13 available until the end of the fiscal year in
23.14 which it is appropriated.

23.15 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**
23.16 **Equipment Expenditures**

23.17 (a) All agreements referred to in this section
23.18 must be administered on a reimbursement
23.19 basis unless otherwise provided in this section.

23.20 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
23.21 16A.41, expenditures directly related to each
23.22 appropriation's purpose made on or after July
23.23 1, 2025, or the date of accomplishment plan
23.24 approval, whichever is later, are eligible for
23.25 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in
23.26 this section. For the purposes of administering
23.27 appropriations and legislatively authorized
23.28 agreements paid out of the outdoor heritage
23.29 fund, an expense must be considered
23.30 reimbursable by the administering agency
23.31 when the recipient presents the agency with
23.32 an invoice or binding agreement with the
23.33 landowner and the recipient attests that the
23.34 goods have been received or the landowner
23.35 agreement is binding. Periodic reimbursement

24.1 must be made upon receiving documentation
24.2 that the items articulated in the
24.3 accomplishment plan approved by the
24.4 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council have
24.5 been achieved, including partial achievements
24.6 as evidenced by progress reports approved by
24.7 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
24.8 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to
24.9 projects to accommodate cash flow needs,
24.10 support future management of acquired lands,
24.11 or match a federal share. The advances must
24.12 be approved as part of the accomplishment
24.13 plan. Capital equipment expenditures for
24.14 specific items in excess of \$10,000 must be
24.15 itemized in and approved as part of the
24.16 accomplishment plan.

24.17 (b) Unless otherwise provided, no money
24.18 appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund
24.19 in this article may be used to acquire, restore,
24.20 or enhance any real property unless the
24.21 specific acquisition, restoration, or
24.22 enhancement is approved as part of the
24.23 accomplishment plan on the parcel list.

24.24 **Subd. 9. Mapping**

24.25 Each direct recipient of money appropriated
24.26 in this section, as well as each recipient of a
24.27 grant awarded under this section, must provide
24.28 geographic information to the Lessard-Sams
24.29 Outdoor Heritage Council for mapping of any
24.30 lands acquired in fee with funds appropriated
24.31 in this section and open to the public taking
24.32 of fish and game. The commissioner of natural
24.33 resources must include the lands acquired in
24.34 fee with money appropriated in this section
24.35 on maps showing public recreation

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

25.5 **Subd. 10. Carryforward**

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

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

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

25.20 **Subd. 11. Cancellation**

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

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

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

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

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

27.9 **Subd. 3. Disability Access**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30.5 (a) \$9,450,000 the first year and \$9,450,000
 30.6 the second year are for completing needed
 30.7 statewide assessments of surface water quality
 30.8 and trends according to Minnesota Statutes,
 30.9 chapter 114D.

30.10 (b) \$7,250,000 the first year and \$7,250,000
 30.11 the second year are to support public
 30.12 participation in the watershed approach and
 30.13 to update watershed restoration and protection
 30.14 strategies, which include total maximum daily
 30.15 load (TMDL) and other supporting studies
 30.16 according to Minnesota Statutes, chapter
 30.17 114D, for waters on the impaired waters list
 30.18 approved by the United States Environmental
 30.19 Protection Agency.

30.20 (c) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
 30.21 the second year are for groundwater
 30.22 assessment, including enhancing the ambient
 30.23 monitoring network, modeling, and evaluating
 30.24 trends.

30.25 (d) \$1,600,000 the first year and \$1,600,000
 30.26 the second year are for national pollutant
 30.27 discharge elimination system wastewater and
 30.28 stormwater TMDL implementation efforts.

30.29 (e) \$3,340,000 the first year and \$3,541,000
 30.30 the second year are for enhancing the
 30.31 county-level delivery systems for subsurface
 30.32 sewage treatment system (SSTS) activities
 30.33 necessary to implement Minnesota Statutes,
 30.34 sections 115.55 and 115.56, for protecting

31.1 groundwater. This appropriation includes base
31.2 grants for all counties with SSTS programs.
31.3 Counties that receive base grants must report
31.4 the number of properties with noncompliant
31.5 systems upgraded through an SSTS
31.6 replacement, connection to a centralized sewer
31.7 system, or other means, including property
31.8 abandonment or buyout. Counties also must
31.9 report the number of existing SSTS
31.10 compliance inspections conducted in areas
31.11 under county jurisdiction. The required reports
31.12 must be part of the established annual
31.13 reporting for SSTS programs. Of this amount,
31.14 at least \$900,000 each year is available to
31.15 counties for grants to low-income landowners
31.16 to address systems that pose an imminent
31.17 threat to public health or safety or fail to
31.18 protect groundwater. A county receiving a
31.19 grant under this paragraph must submit a
31.20 report to the agency listing the projects funded,
31.21 including an account of the expenditures.
31.22 (f) \$650,000 the first year and \$650,000 the
31.23 second year are for activities and grants that
31.24 reduce chloride pollution.
31.25 (g) \$461,000 the first year and \$461,000 the
31.26 second year are to support activities of the
31.27 Clean Water Council according to Minnesota
31.28 Statutes, section 114D.30, subdivision 1.
31.29 (h) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
31.30 second year are for a grant program for
31.31 sanitary sewer projects that are included in the
31.32 draft or any updated Voyageurs National Park
31.33 Clean Water Project Comprehensive Plan to
31.34 restore the water quality of waters in
31.35 Voyageurs National Park. Grants must be

32.1 awarded to local government units for projects
 32.2 approved by the Voyageurs National Park
 32.3 Clean Water Joint Powers Board and must be
 32.4 matched by at least 25 percent from sources
 32.5 other than the clean water fund.

32.6 (i) Any unencumbered grant balances in the
 32.7 first year do not cancel but are available for
 32.8 grants in the second year. Notwithstanding
 32.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the
 32.10 appropriations in this section are available
 32.11 until June 30, 2030.

32.12 **Sec. 5. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**
 32.13 **RESOURCES**

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

32.14 (a) \$2,825,000 the first year and \$2,825,000
 32.15 the second year are for stream flow
 32.16 monitoring.

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

32.20 (c) \$550,000 the first year and \$550,000 the
 32.21 second year are for assessing mercury and
 32.22 other fish contaminants, including PFAS
 32.23 compounds, and monitoring to track the status
 32.24 of impaired waters over time.

32.25 (d) \$2,250,000 the first year and \$2,500,000
 32.26 the second year are for developing targeted,
 32.27 science-based watershed restoration and
 32.28 protection strategies and for technical
 32.29 assistance for local governments.

32.30 (e) \$2,350,000 the first year and \$2,350,000
 32.31 the second year are for water-supply planning,
 32.32 aquifer protection, and monitoring activities
 32.33 and analysis.

33.1 (f) \$2,100,000 the first year and \$2,250,000
 33.2 the second year are for technical assistance to
 33.3 support local implementation of nonpoint
 33.4 source restoration and protection activities and
 33.5 targeted forest stewardship for water quality.

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

33.14 (h) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
 33.15 second year are for accelerating completion
 33.16 of or updates to county geologic atlases and
 33.17 supplementing water chemistry or chemical
 33.18 movement studies.

33.19 (i) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
 33.20 second year are for increasing native
 33.21 freshwater mussel production capacity and
 33.22 restoring and monitoring freshwater mussel
 33.23 restoration efforts.

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

33.33 **Sec. 6. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL**
 33.34 **RESOURCES**

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

34.1 (a) \$39,962,000 the first year and \$48,138,000
34.2 the second year are for agreements to
34.3 implement state-approved watershed-based
34.4 plans. The agreements may be used to
34.5 implement projects or programs that protect,
34.6 enhance, and restore surface water quality in
34.7 lakes, rivers, and streams; protect groundwater
34.8 from degradation; and protect drinking water
34.9 sources. Activities must be identified in a
34.10 comprehensive watershed plan developed
34.11 under the One Watershed, One Plan program
34.12 and seven-county metropolitan groundwater
34.13 or surface water management frameworks as
34.14 provided for in Minnesota Statutes, chapters
34.15 103B, 103C, 103D, and 114D. Other legacy
34.16 funds may be used to supplement projects
34.17 funded under this paragraph. This
34.18 appropriation may be used for:

34.19 (1) implementing state-approved plans,
34.20 including within the following watershed
34.21 planning areas: Big Fork River, Blue Earth
34.22 River, Bois de Sioux - Mustinka, Buffalo-Red
34.23 River, Cannon River, Cedar - Wapsipinicon,
34.24 Chippewa River, Clearwater River,
34.25 Cottonwood-Middle Minnesota, Crow Wing
34.26 River, Des Moines River, Greater Zumbro
34.27 River, Hawk Creek - Middle Minnesota, Kettle
34.28 and Upper St. Croix, Lac qui Parle-Yellow
34.29 Bank, Lake of the Woods, Lake Superior
34.30 North, Le Sueur River, Leech Lake River,
34.31 Little Fork River, Long Prairie River, Lower
34.32 Minnesota River East, Lower Minnesota River
34.33 West, Lower St. Croix River,
34.34 Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers, Minnesota
34.35 River-Mankato, Mississippi River Brainerd,
34.36 Mississippi River Headwaters, Mississippi

- 35.1 River St. Cloud, Mississippi River-Sartell,
35.2 Mississippi River Winona/La Crescent,
35.3 Missouri River Basin, Nemadji River, North
35.4 Fork Crow River, Otter Tail, Pine River,
35.5 Pomme de Terre River, Rainy-Rapid River,
35.6 Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion, Rainy
35.7 River-Rainy Lake, Red Lake River, Redeye
35.8 River, Redwood River, Root River, Roseau
35.9 River, Rum River, Sand Hill River, Sauk
35.10 River, Shell Rock and Winnebago River,
35.11 Snake River, South Fork of the Crow River,
35.12 St. Louis River, Thief River, Two Rivers Plus,
35.13 Upper and Lower Red Lake, Upper Minnesota
35.14 River, Upper Mississippi - Grand Rapids,
35.15 Watonwan River, Wild Rice - Marsh, and
35.16 Yellow Medicine River;
35.17 (2) implementing seven-county metropolitan
35.18 groundwater or surface water management
35.19 frameworks; and
35.20 (3) implementing other comprehensive
35.21 watershed management plan planning areas
35.22 that have a board-approved and
35.23 local-government-adopted plan as authorized
35.24 in Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.801.
35.25 The board must establish eligibility criteria
35.26 and determine whether a planning area is ready
35.27 to proceed.
35.28 (b) \$2,935,000 the first year and \$3,065,000
35.29 the second year are for agreements with local
35.30 government units to protect and restore surface
35.31 water and drinking water; to keep water on
35.32 the land; to protect, enhance, and restore water
35.33 quality in lakes, rivers, and streams; and to
35.34 protect groundwater and drinking water,
35.35 including feedlot water quality and subsurface

36.1 sewage treatment system projects and stream
36.2 bank, stream channel, shoreline restoration,
36.3 and ravine stabilization projects. The projects
36.4 must use practices demonstrated to be
36.5 effective, be of long-lasting public benefit,
36.6 include a match, and be consistent with total
36.7 maximum daily load (TMDL) implementation
36.8 plans, watershed restoration and protection
36.9 strategies (WRAPS), groundwater restoration
36.10 and protection strategies (GRAPS), or local
36.11 water management plans or their equivalents.
36.12 Up to 50 percent of this appropriation is
36.13 available for land-treatment projects and
36.14 practices that benefit drinking water.
36.15 (c) \$4,350,000 the first year and \$4,350,000
36.16 the second year are for accelerated
36.17 implementation, local resource protection,
36.18 statewide analytical targeting or technology
36.19 tools that fill an identified gap, program
36.20 enhancements for technical assistance, citizen
36.21 and community outreach, compliance, and
36.22 training and certification.
36.23 (d) \$1,250,000 the first year and \$1,250,000
36.24 the second year are:
36.25 (1) to provide state oversight and
36.26 accountability, evaluate and communicate
36.27 results, provide implementation tools, and
36.28 measure the value of conservation program
36.29 implementation by local governments; and
36.30 (2) to submit to the legislature by December
36.31 15 each even-numbered year a biennial report
36.32 detailing the recipients and projects funded
36.33 and the results accomplished under this
36.34 section.

37.1 (e) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
37.2 the second year are to provide assistance,
37.3 oversight, and support for local governments
37.4 in implementing and complying with riparian
37.5 protection and excessive soil loss
37.6 requirements.

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

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

38.1 water protection plans have identified specific
38.2 activities that will achieve long-term
38.3 protection. Up to \$200,000 is for deposit in a
38.4 conservation easement stewardship account
38.5 established according to Minnesota Statutes,
38.6 section 103B.103.

38.7 (h) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
38.8 second year are for a technical evaluation
38.9 panel to conduct restoration evaluations under
38.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 114D.50,
38.11 subdivision 6.

38.12 (i) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
38.13 second year are for assistance to, oversight of,
38.14 and agreements with local governments to
38.15 enhance and update comprehensive watershed
38.16 management plans developed under Minnesota
38.17 Statutes, section 103B.801.

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

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

39.1 (l) \$425,000 the first year and \$425,000 the
39.2 second year are to systematically collect data
39.3 and produce county, watershed, and statewide
39.4 estimates of soil erosion caused by water and
39.5 wind, and track adoption of conservation
39.6 measures, including cover crops, to address
39.7 erosion. This appropriation may be used for
39.8 agreements with the University of Minnesota
39.9 to complete this work.

39.10 (m) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
39.11 second year are for implementing a water
39.12 legacy program to expand partnerships for
39.13 clean water.

39.14 (n) \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000
39.15 the second year are for permanent
39.16 conservation easements to protect and restore
39.17 wetlands and associated uplands. Up to
39.18 \$100,000 is for deposit in a conservation
39.19 easement stewardship account established
39.20 according to Minnesota Statutes, section
39.21 103B.103.

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

40.1 management systems. This appropriation may
 40.2 be extended to leverage available federal
 40.3 funds.

40.4 (p) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
 40.5 second year are to contract for delivery of
 40.6 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota
 40.7 and Iowa for restoration, maintenance,
 40.8 training, and other activities consistent with
 40.9 this section.

40.10 (q) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
 40.11 second year are to provide support to soil and
 40.12 water conservation districts and other local
 40.13 governments and partner organizations in the
 40.14 Lake Superior basin to leverage Great Lakes
 40.15 Restoration Initiative or other federal funding
 40.16 to implement prioritized activities.

40.17 (r) The board may shift funds in this section
 40.18 and may adjust the technical and
 40.19 administrative assistance portion of the funds
 40.20 to leverage federal or other nonstate funds, to
 40.21 facilitate oversight responsibilities, or to
 40.22 address high-priority activities identified by
 40.23 the board consistent with local water
 40.24 management plans.

40.25 (s) The board must require grantees to specify
 40.26 the outcomes that will be achieved by the
 40.27 grants.

40.28 (t) The appropriations in this section are
 40.29 available until June 30, 2030, except grant or
 40.30 easement funds are available for five years
 40.31 after the date a grant or other agreement is
 40.32 executed. Returned funds must be repurposed
 40.33 consistent with the purposes of this section.

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

- 41.1 (a) \$5,925,000 the first year and \$5,925,000
41.2 the second year are to develop health risk
41.3 limits and other health-based guidance and
41.4 conduct outreach activities for contaminants
41.5 found or anticipated to be found in Minnesota
41.6 drinking water; to accredit private laboratories
41.7 to conduct analyses for these contaminants;
41.8 and to increase the capacity of the
41.9 department's laboratory to analyze for these
41.10 contaminants.
- 41.11 (b) \$2,300,000 the first year and \$3,700,000
41.12 the second year are for ensuring safe drinking
41.13 water for private well users in southeast
41.14 Minnesota and statewide by designing and
41.15 implementing voluntary interventions to
41.16 reduce health risks to private well users,
41.17 including identifying private well locations,
41.18 studying the occurrence and magnitude of
41.19 contaminants in private wells, developing
41.20 guidance and conducting outreach and
41.21 education about well testing and mitigation,
41.22 awarding grants to local governments, and
41.23 offering well testing.
- 41.24 (c) \$3,770,000 the first year and \$3,920,000
41.25 the second year are for protecting sources of
41.26 drinking water, including planning,
41.27 implementation, and monitoring activities and
41.28 grants to local governments and public water
41.29 systems.
- 41.30 (d) \$1,750,000 the first year and \$1,750,000
41.31 the second year are to develop and deliver
41.32 groundwater restoration and protection
41.33 strategies on a watershed scale for use in local
41.34 comprehensive water planning efforts, to
41.35 provide resources to local governments for

- 43.1 (1) potential solutions to better connect land
- 43.2 use impacts on water supply and overall water
- 43.3 sustainability;
- 43.4 (2) ways to balance regional water use by
- 43.5 using surface water, stormwater, wastewater,
- 43.6 and groundwater;
- 43.7 (3) an analysis of infrastructure requirements
- 43.8 needed to maintain and strengthen the
- 43.9 reliability of water systems;
- 43.10 (4) development of planning-level cost
- 43.11 estimates, including capital costs and operating
- 43.12 costs;
- 43.13 (5) funding mechanisms and an equitable
- 43.14 cost-sharing structure for regionally beneficial
- 43.15 water supply development projects;
- 43.16 (6) information and tools to use to address
- 43.17 climate change impacts on overall water
- 43.18 supply systems and overall water
- 43.19 sustainability; and
- 43.20 (7) ways to reduce impacts on the groundwater
- 43.21 system through stormwater reuse grants to
- 43.22 assist communities in reducing water use.
- 43.23 (b) \$650,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
- 43.24 second year are for grants that implement
- 43.25 water demand reduction measures. The grants
- 43.26 are to assist municipalities in the metropolitan
- 43.27 area with implementing water demand
- 43.28 reduction measures to ensure the reliability
- 43.29 and protection of drinking water supplies.
- 43.30 **Sec. 9. UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**
- 43.31 (a) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the
- 43.32 second year are for developing Part A of

	\$	<u>1,000,000</u>	\$	<u>1,400,000</u>
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44.1 county geologic atlases. This appropriation is
 44.2 available until June 30, 2030.

44.3 (b) \$600,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the
 44.4 second year are for a program to evaluate
 44.5 performance and technology transfer for
 44.6 stormwater best management practices, to
 44.7 evaluate best management performance and
 44.8 effectiveness to support meeting total
 44.9 maximum daily loads, to develop standards
 44.10 and incorporate state-of-the-art guidance using
 44.11 minimal impact design standards as the model,
 44.12 and to implement a system to transfer
 44.13 knowledge and technology across the local
 44.14 government, industry, and regulatory sectors.

44.15 This appropriation is available until June 30,
 44.16 2032.

44.17 **Sec. 10. PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY \$ 8,240,000 \$ 8,300,000**

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

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

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

45.1 rank on the Pollution Control Agency's project
 45.2 priority list.

45.3 Sec. 11. **LEGISLATURE** **\$** **7,000** **\$** **-0-**

45.4 \$7,000 the first year is for the Legislative
 45.5 Coordinating Commission for the website
 45.6 required under Minnesota Statutes, section
 45.7 3.303, subdivision 10.

45.8 Sec. 12. **ASH RIVER SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT**
 45.9 **SYSTEM APPROPRIATION EXTENSION.**

45.10 The portion of the appropriation in Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 2, article
 45.11 2, section 5, paragraph (h), as amended by Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1,
 45.12 article 2, section 18, for the Ash River Sanitary Sewer Collection and Treatment System is
 45.13 available until June 30, 2026.

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

45.15 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 114D.30, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

45.16 Subd. 7. **Reports to legislature.** By January 15 each odd-numbered year, the council
 45.17 must submit a report to the legislature that includes:

45.18 (1) a summary of the activities for which money has been or will be spent in the current
 45.19 biennium;

45.20 (2) the recommendations required under subdivision 6 for how money in the clean water
 45.21 fund should be spent in the next biennium, broken out by fiscal year and including
 45.22 recommended legislative bill language; and

45.23 (3) the impact on economic development of the implementation of efforts to protect and
 45.24 restore groundwater and the impaired waters program.

45.25 **ARTICLE 3**

45.26 **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND**

45.27 Section 1. **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND APPROPRIATIONS.**

45.28 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
 45.29 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the parks and
 45.30 trails fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figures
 45.31 "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure

47.1 progress toward providing people with
 47.2 disabilities greater access to programs, print
 47.3 publications, and digital media related to the
 47.4 programs the recipient funds using
 47.5 appropriations made in this article.

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

47.7 Grant recipients of parks and trails funds
 47.8 should prioritize water and energy
 47.9 conservation technology and the use of
 47.10 renewable energy for construction and
 47.11 building projects funded with an appropriation
 47.12 made in this article.

47.13 **Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**
 47.14 **RESOURCES**

\$ 37,120,000 \$ 41,511,000

47.15 (a) \$24,310,000 the first year and \$27,222,000
 47.16 the second year are for state parks, recreation
 47.17 areas, and trails to:

- 47.18 (1) connect people to the outdoors;
- 47.19 (2) acquire land and create opportunities;
- 47.20 (3) maintain existing holdings; and
- 47.21 (4) improve cooperation by coordinating with
 47.22 partners to implement the 25-year long-range
 47.23 parks and trails legacy plan.

47.24 (b) Of the amount appropriated under
 47.25 paragraph (a), \$100,000 the first year and
 47.26 \$100,000 the second year are for grants to
 47.27 Wilderness Inquiry to connect Minnesota
 47.28 youth and families to natural resources through
 47.29 activities that support state parks and trails.

47.30 (c) The commissioner may spend money
 47.31 appropriated under paragraph (a) on I Can!
 47.32 programs, including but not limited to
 47.33 programs designed to provide underserved

48.1 youth the opportunity to experience the
48.2 outdoors with similar peers.

48.3 (d) \$12,146,000 the first year and \$13,561,000
48.4 the second year are for grants for parks and
48.5 trails of regional significance outside the
48.6 seven-county metropolitan area under
48.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.535. The grants
48.8 awarded under this paragraph must be based
48.9 on the lists of recommended projects
48.10 submitted to the legislative committees under
48.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536,
48.12 subdivision 10, from the Greater Minnesota
48.13 Regional Parks and Trails Commission
48.14 established under Minnesota Statutes, section
48.15 85.536. Grants funded under this paragraph
48.16 must support parks and trails of regional or
48.17 statewide significance that meet the applicable
48.18 definitions and criteria for regional parks and
48.19 trails contained in the Greater Minnesota
48.20 Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan
48.21 adopted by the Greater Minnesota Regional
48.22 Parks and Trails Commission on April 22,
48.23 2015. Grant recipients identified under this
48.24 paragraph must submit a grant application to
48.25 the commissioner of natural resources. Up to
48.26 2.5 percent of the appropriation may be used
48.27 by the commissioner for the actual cost of
48.28 issuing and monitoring the grants for the
48.29 commission. Of the amount appropriated,
48.30 \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
48.31 second year are for the Greater Minnesota
48.32 Regional Parks and Trails Commission to
48.33 carry out its duties under Minnesota Statutes,
48.34 section 85.536, including the continued
48.35 development of a statewide system plan for

- 49.1 regional parks and trails outside the
49.2 seven-county metropolitan area.
- 49.3 (e) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
49.4 second year are for grants to Wilderness
49.5 Inquiry to connect Minnesota youth and
49.6 families to natural resources through activities
49.7 that support parks and trails of regional
49.8 significance outside the seven-county
49.9 metropolitan area.
- 49.10 (f) By January 15, 2026, the Greater
49.11 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
49.12 Commission must submit a list of projects that
49.13 contains the commission's recommendations
49.14 for funding from the parks and trails fund for
49.15 fiscal year 2027 to the chairs and ranking
49.16 minority members of the legislative
49.17 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
49.18 over environment and natural resources and
49.19 the parks and trails fund.
- 49.20 (g) By January 15, 2026, the Greater
49.21 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
49.22 Commission must submit a report that contains
49.23 the commission's criteria for funding from the
49.24 parks and trails fund, including the criteria
49.25 used to determine if a park or trail is of
49.26 regional significance, to the chairs and ranking
49.27 minority members of the legislative
49.28 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
49.29 over environment and natural resources and
49.30 the parks and trails fund.
- 49.31 (h) \$614,000 the first year and \$678,000 the
49.32 second year are for coordination and projects
49.33 between the department, the Metropolitan
49.34 Council, and the Greater Minnesota Regional
49.35 Parks and Trails Commission; enhanced

51.1 used only to fund the list of projects approved
 51.2 by the elected representatives of each of the
 51.3 metropolitan parks implementing agencies.
 51.4 Projects funded by the money appropriated
 51.5 under this section must be substantially
 51.6 consistent with the project descriptions and
 51.7 dollar amounts approved by each elected body.
 51.8 Any money remaining after completing the
 51.9 listed projects may be spent by the
 51.10 implementing agencies on projects to support
 51.11 parks and trails.

51.12 (d) Grant agreements entered into by the
 51.13 Metropolitan Council and recipients of money
 51.14 appropriated under this section must ensure
 51.15 that the money is used to supplement and not
 51.16 substitute for traditional sources of funding.

51.17 (e) The implementing agencies receiving
 51.18 appropriations under this section must give
 51.19 consideration to contracting with Conservation
 51.20 Corps Minnesota and Iowa for restoration,
 51.21 maintenance, and other activities.

51.22 **Sec. 5. LEGISLATURE** **\$** **4,000** **\$** **-0-**

51.23 \$4,000 the first year is for the Legislative
 51.24 Coordinating Commission for the website
 51.25 required under Minnesota Statutes, section
 51.26 3.303, subdivision 10.

51.27 **Sec. 6. PARKS AND TRAILS FUND**
 51.28 **APPROPRIATION EXTENSIONS**

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

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

52.7 The availability of the grant to the city of
52.8 Winona for the Bluffs Traverse Trail project
52.9 from the parks and trails fund fiscal year 2023
52.10 appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special
52.11 Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3,
52.12 paragraph (b), is extended to June 30, 2027.

52.13 The availability of the grant to the city of
52.14 Austin for the Jay C. Hormel Nature Center
52.15 project from the parks and trails fund fiscal
52.16 year 2024 appropriation under Laws 2023,
52.17 chapter 40, article 3, section 3, paragraph (c),
52.18 is extended to June 30, 2027.

52.19 The availability of the grant to the city of
52.20 Duluth for the Spirit Mountain Recreation
52.21 Area project from the parks and trails fund
52.22 fiscal year 2023 appropriation under Laws
52.23 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article
52.24 3, section 3, paragraph (b), is extended to June
52.25 30, 2027.

52.26 The availability of the grant to the city of
52.27 Duluth for the Waabizheshikana/Marten Trail
52.28 project from the parks and trails fund fiscal
52.29 year 2024 appropriation under Laws 2023,
52.30 chapter 40, article 3, section 3, paragraph (c),
52.31 is extended to June 30, 2027.

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

52.33 **Sec. 7. CANCELLATIONS**

53.1 (a) The unobligated balance from the parks
 53.2 and trails fund appropriation under Laws 2019,
 53.3 First Special Session, chapter 2, article 3,
 53.4 section 3, paragraph (b), for grants estimated
 53.5 to be \$10,000 is canceled to the parks and
 53.6 trails fund no later than June 30, 2025.

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

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

53.14 **ARTICLE 4**

53.15 **ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND**

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

53.17 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the entities
 53.18 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the arts and cultural
 53.19 heritage fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for allowable activities under
 53.20 the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15, except that any unencumbered balance
 53.21 remaining under this article from the first year does not cancel but is available in the second
 53.22 year. The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed
 53.23 under the figure are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and June 30, 2027,
 53.24 respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The
 53.25 biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and 2027. All appropriations in this article are onetime.

53.26 **APPROPRIATIONS**

53.27 **Available for the Year**

53.28 **Ending June 30**

53.29 **2026**

2027

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

53.31 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** **\$ 85,293,000 \$ 94,618,000**

55.1 The amounts in this section are appropriated
 55.2 to the Minnesota State Arts Board for arts, arts
 55.3 education, arts preservation, and arts access.
 55.4 Grant agreements entered into by the
 55.5 Minnesota State Arts Board and other
 55.6 recipients of appropriations in this section
 55.7 must ensure that the money is used to
 55.8 supplement and not substitute for traditional
 55.9 sources of funding. Each grant program
 55.10 established in this appropriation must be
 55.11 separately administered from other state
 55.12 appropriations for program planning and
 55.13 outcome measurements, but may take into
 55.14 consideration other state resources awarded
 55.15 in the selection of applicants and grant award
 55.16 size.

55.17 **Subd. 3. Arts and Arts Access Initiatives** 29,669,000 37,978,000

55.18 \$29,669,000 the first year and \$37,978,000
 55.19 the second year are to support Minnesota
 55.20 artists and arts organizations in creating,
 55.21 producing, and presenting high-quality arts
 55.22 activities; to preserve, maintain, and interpret
 55.23 art forms and works of art so that they are
 55.24 accessible to Minnesota audiences; to
 55.25 overcome barriers to accessing high-quality
 55.26 arts activities; and to instill the arts into the
 55.27 community and public life in this state. Grants
 55.28 provided under this subdivision must prioritize
 55.29 artists and arts organizations that plan to
 55.30 present art from communities that have been
 55.31 historically underrepresented in the arts or that
 55.32 improve access to the programs and projects
 55.33 for groups, including youth and historically
 55.34 underserved communities, that have struggled
 55.35 to access arts programming in the past.

56.1	<u>Subd. 4. Arts Education</u>	<u>6,013,000</u>	<u>6,670,000</u>
56.2	<u>\$6,013,000 the first year and \$6,670,000 the</u>		
56.3	<u>second year are for high-quality,</u>		
56.4	<u>age-appropriate arts education for Minnesotans</u>		
56.5	<u>of all ages to develop knowledge, skills, and</u>		
56.6	<u>understanding of the arts. Priority in the award</u>		
56.7	<u>of grants under this subdivision must be given</u>		
56.8	<u>to providing educational opportunities to</u>		
56.9	<u>underserved communities with grants for</u>		
56.10	<u>organizations or entities providing</u>		
56.11	<u>opportunities to K-12 students throughout the</u>		
56.12	<u>state for arts education, including access to</u>		
56.13	<u>arts instruction, arts programming, museums,</u>		
56.14	<u>and arts presentations.</u>		
56.15	<u>Subd. 5. Arts and Cultural Heritage</u>	<u>2,004,000</u>	<u>2,224,000</u>
56.16	<u>\$2,004,000 the first year and \$2,224,000 the</u>		
56.17	<u>second year are for events and activities that</u>		
56.18	<u>represent, preserve, and maintain the diverse</u>		
56.19	<u>cultural arts traditions, including folk and</u>		
56.20	<u>traditional artists and art organizations,</u>		
56.21	<u>represented in this state.</u>		
56.22	<u>Subd. 6. Administrative Costs</u>		
56.23	<u>Up to five percent of the totals in subdivisions</u>		
56.24	<u>3 to 5 each year is for administering grant</u>		
56.25	<u>programs, delivering technical services,</u>		
56.26	<u>providing fiscal oversight for the statewide</u>		
56.27	<u>system, and ensuring accountability in fiscal</u>		
56.28	<u>years 2026 and 2027.</u>		
56.29	<u>Subd. 7. Regional Arts Councils</u>		
56.30	<u>Thirty percent of the remaining total</u>		
56.31	<u>appropriation to each of the categories listed</u>		
56.32	<u>in subdivisions 3 to 5 is for grants to the</u>		
56.33	<u>regional arts councils. Notwithstanding any</u>		
56.34	<u>other provision of law, regional arts council</u>		

57.1 grants or other arts council grants for touring
 57.2 programs, projects, or exhibits must ensure
 57.3 the programs, projects, or exhibits are able to
 57.4 tour in their own region as well as all other
 57.5 regions of the state.

57.6 **Subd. 8. Minnesota Musicians**

57.7 \$200,000 each year is for a competitive grant
 57.8 program to award grants to Minnesota
 57.9 musicians to create, produce, and perform
 57.10 music throughout the state.

57.11 **Subd. 9. Youth Literary Grants**

57.12 \$250,000 each year is for competitive grants
 57.13 to individual authors and organizations
 57.14 creating and producing books. The grants
 57.15 under this subdivision must be used for the
 57.16 creation and distribution of books for youth
 57.17 that celebrate cultural expression with a focus
 57.18 on excellent creative work and educational
 57.19 value.

57.20 **Sec. 4. MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

57.21	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>19,253,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>19,253,000</u>
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57.22 The amounts that may be spent for each
 57.23 purpose are specified in the following
 57.24 subdivisions.

57.25 **Subd. 2. Grant Agreements**

57.26 (a) The amounts in this section are
 57.27 appropriated to the governing board of the
 57.28 Minnesota Historical Society to preserve and
 57.29 enhance access to Minnesota's history and its
 57.30 cultural and historical resources. Grant
 57.31 agreements entered into by the Minnesota
 57.32 Historical Society and other recipients of
 57.33 appropriations in this section must ensure that

58.1 the money is used to supplement and not
 58.2 substitute for traditional sources of funding.
 58.3 Money directly appropriated to the Minnesota
 58.4 Historical Society must be used to supplement
 58.5 and not substitute for traditional sources of
 58.6 funding. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
 58.7 section 16A.28, for historic preservation
 58.8 projects that improve historic structures, the
 58.9 amounts are available until June 30, 2029. The
 58.10 Minnesota Historical Society or grant
 58.11 recipients of the Minnesota Historical Society
 58.12 using money from the arts and cultural
 58.13 heritage fund under this section must give
 58.14 consideration to Conservation Corps
 58.15 Minnesota and Iowa and Northern Bedrock
 58.16 Historic Preservation Corps, or an organization
 58.17 carrying out similar work, for projects with
 58.18 the potential to need historic preservation
 58.19 services.

58.20 (b) Up to five percent of the totals in
 58.21 subdivisions 3 and 4 each year is for
 58.22 administering grants and grant programs,
 58.23 delivering technical services, providing fiscal
 58.24 oversight, and ensuring accountability in fiscal
 58.25 years 2026 and 2027.

58.26 <u>Subd. 3. Historical Grants and Programs</u>	<u>19,253,000</u>	<u>19,253,000</u>
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58.27 **(a) Statewide Historic and Cultural Grants**
 58.28 \$6,993,000 the first year and \$6,993,000 the
 58.29 second year are for statewide historic and
 58.30 cultural grants to local, county, regional, or
 58.31 other historical or cultural organizations or for
 58.32 activities to preserve significant historic and
 58.33 cultural resources. Money must be distributed
 58.34 through a competitive grant process. The
 58.35 Minnesota Historical Society must administer

59.1 the money using established grant mechanisms
59.2 with assistance from the advisory committee
59.3 created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article
59.4 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), item
59.5 (ii).

59.6 **(b) Statewide History Programs**

59.7 \$7,760,000 the first year and \$7,760,000 the
59.8 second year are for historic and cultural
59.9 programs and purposes related to the heritage
59.10 of the state.

59.11 **(c) History Partnerships**

59.12 \$2,875,000 the first year and \$2,875,000 the
59.13 second year are for history partnerships
59.14 involving multiple organizations, which may
59.15 include the Minnesota Historical Society, to
59.16 preserve and enhance access to Minnesota's
59.17 history and cultural heritage in all regions of
59.18 the state.

59.19 **(d) Statewide Survey of Historical and**
59.20 **Archaeological Sites**

59.21 \$375,000 the first year and \$375,000 the
59.22 second year are for one or more contracts to
59.23 be competitively awarded to conduct statewide
59.24 surveys or investigations of Minnesota's sites
59.25 of historical, archeological, and cultural
59.26 significance. Results of the surveys or
59.27 investigations must be published in a
59.28 searchable form and available to the public
59.29 cost-free. The Minnesota Historical Society,
59.30 the Office of the State Archeologist, the Indian
59.31 Affairs Council, and the State Historic
59.32 Preservation Office must each appoint a
59.33 representative to an oversight board to select
59.34 contractors and direct the conduct of the
59.35 surveys or investigations. The oversight board

60.1 must consult with the Departments of
 60.2 Transportation and Natural Resources.

60.3 **(e) Digital Library**

60.4 \$375,000 the first year and \$375,000 the
 60.5 second year are for a digital library project to
 60.6 preserve, digitize, and share Minnesota
 60.7 images, documents, and historical materials.
 60.8 The Minnesota Historical Society must
 60.9 cooperate with the Minitex interlibrary loan
 60.10 system and must jointly share this
 60.11 appropriation for these purposes.

60.12	<u>Subd. 4. Grants</u>	<u>875,000</u>	<u>875,000</u>
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60.13 (a) \$750,000 each year is for grants to
 60.14 organizations that own buildings or structures
 60.15 that are considered historically significant to
 60.16 their local communities to improve access to
 60.17 the buildings or structures, to preserve the
 60.18 buildings or structures, or to enhance the use
 60.19 of the buildings or structures, including
 60.20 improving access to museums, music halls,
 60.21 opera houses, libraries, and sites celebrating
 60.22 diverse cultures and heritages throughout the
 60.23 state. Grant money not encumbered in the first
 60.24 year is available for statewide history
 60.25 programs in the second year. The Minnesota
 60.26 Historical Society must give priority
 60.27 consideration for funding to the Fairmont
 60.28 Opera House for structural beam repair and
 60.29 the Litchfield Opera House for expanding and
 60.30 installing balcony seating.

60.31 (b) \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
 60.32 second year are for a grant to Special Guerrilla
 60.33 Units Veterans and Families of USA, Inc. to
 60.34 collect, document, archive, and preserve the

61.1 oral histories of Hmong veterans of the United
 61.2 States-sponsored Secret War in Laos and to
 61.3 create programming and educational resources
 61.4 to teach the public and future generations
 61.5 about the history, legacy, and cultural heritage
 61.6 of the Hmong in Minnesota.

61.7 **Sec. 5. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION \$ 3,000,000 \$ 3,000,000**

61.8 \$3,00,000 the first year and \$3,000,000 the
 61.9 second year are appropriated to the
 61.10 commissioner of education for grants to the
 61.11 12 Minnesota regional library systems to
 61.12 provide educational opportunities in the arts,
 61.13 history, literary arts, and cultural heritage of
 61.14 Minnesota. When possible, funding under this
 61.15 section should be used to promote and share
 61.16 the work of Minnesota authors, including
 61.17 authors from diverse backgrounds. This money
 61.18 must be allocated using the formulas in
 61.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 134.355,
 61.20 subdivisions 3 to 5, with the remaining 25
 61.21 percent to be distributed to all qualifying
 61.22 systems in an amount proportionate to the
 61.23 number of qualifying system entities in each
 61.24 system. For purposes of this section,
 61.25 "qualifying system entity" means a public
 61.26 library, a regional library system, a regional
 61.27 library system headquarters, a county, or an
 61.28 outreach service program. This money may
 61.29 be used to sponsor programs provided by
 61.30 regional libraries or to provide grants to local
 61.31 arts and cultural heritage programs for
 61.32 programs in partnership with regional libraries.
 61.33 This money must be distributed in ten equal
 61.34 payments per year. Notwithstanding
 61.35 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the

63.1 Minnesota's arts and cultural heritage and
63.2 history.

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

63.5 \$2,050,000 the first year and \$2,050,000 the
63.6 second year are to the Association of
63.7 Minnesota Public Educational Radio Stations
63.8 for production and acquisition grants in
63.9 accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section
63.10 129D.19.

63.11 **(c) Public Television**

63.12 \$4,750,000 the first year and \$4,750,000 the
63.13 second year are to the Minnesota Public
63.14 Television Association for production and
63.15 acquisition grants according to Minnesota
63.16 Statutes, section 129D.18.

63.17 **(d) Como Park Zoo**

63.18 \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000 the
63.19 second year are to the Como Park Zoo and
63.20 Conservatory for program development that
63.21 features educational programs and habitat
63.22 enhancement, special exhibits, music
63.23 appreciation programs, and historical garden
63.24 access and preservation.

63.25 **(e) Great Lakes Aquarium**

63.26 \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
63.27 second year are to the Great Lakes Aquarium
63.28 for a lake sturgeon project, including an
63.29 exhibit and public education on lake sturgeon,
63.30 in cooperation with the commissioner of
63.31 natural resources, Fond du Lac Band of Lake
63.32 Superior Chippewa, and United States Fish
63.33 and Wildlife Services.

63.34 **(f) The Bakken Museum**

64.1 \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the second
 64.2 year are for a grant to The Bakken Museum
 64.3 for interactive exhibits and outreach programs
 64.4 on arts and cultural heritage.

64.5 **Sec. 7. MINNESOTA ZOO** **\$ 1,175,000 \$ 1,175,000**

64.6 The amounts in this section are appropriated
 64.7 to the Minnesota Zoological Board for
 64.8 programs at and development of the Minnesota
 64.9 Zoological Garden and to provide access and
 64.10 education related to programs on the cultural
 64.11 heritage of Minnesota.

64.12 **Sec. 8. MINNESOTA HUMANITIES CENTER**

64.13 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** **\$ 12,350,000 \$ 12,493,000**

64.14 The amounts that may be spent for each
 64.15 purpose are specified in the following
 64.16 subdivisions.

64.17 **Subd. 2. Grant Agreements**

64.18 (a) The amounts in this section are
 64.19 appropriated to the Board of Directors of the
 64.20 Minnesota Humanities Center for the purposes
 64.21 specified in this section. The Minnesota
 64.22 Humanities Center may use up to 5.5 percent
 64.23 of the appropriations for the administration of
 64.24 these funds and to cover the cost of
 64.25 administering, planning, evaluating, and
 64.26 reporting these grants. The Minnesota
 64.27 Humanities Center must develop a written
 64.28 plan to issue the grants under this section and
 64.29 must submit the plan for review and approval
 64.30 by the commissioner of administration. The
 64.31 written plan must require the Minnesota
 64.32 Humanities Center to create and adhere to
 64.33 grant policies that are similar to those
 64.34 established according to Minnesota Statutes,

65.1 section 16B.97, subdivision 4, paragraph (a),
 65.2 clause (1).

65.3 (b) No grants awarded under this section may
 65.4 be used for travel outside the state of
 65.5 Minnesota. The grant agreement must specify
 65.6 the repercussions for failing to comply with
 65.7 the grant agreement.

65.8 **Subd. 3. Programs** 2,525,000 2,500,000

65.9 \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000 the
 65.10 second year are for statewide humanities
 65.11 programs and to support and expand outreach,
 65.12 partnerships, and humanities programming
 65.13 with organizations and individuals throughout
 65.14 the state, including but not limited to
 65.15 programming related to veterans and the
 65.16 military experience, professional development
 65.17 opportunities for educators, and programming
 65.18 celebrating, representing, and reflecting upon
 65.19 the heritage of diverse Minnesota communities
 65.20 that have been historically underserved.

65.21 \$25,000 the first year is for outreach and
 65.22 education on the humanities center grant
 65.23 program with a focus on reaching underserved
 65.24 community organizations and providing
 65.25 assistance with grant opportunities,
 65.26 qualifications, and reporting requirements, and
 65.27 specifically providing technical assistance and
 65.28 a nontraditional application process to improve
 65.29 access to grant funding.

65.30 **Subd. 4. Children's Museum Grants** 500,000 500,000

65.31 \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
 65.32 second year are for arts and cultural heritage
 65.33 grants to children's museums for arts and
 65.34 cultural exhibits and related educational

66.1 outreach programs. The Minnesota Humanities
 66.2 Center must administer this money using
 66.3 established grant mechanisms.

66.4 **Subd. 5. Community Identity and Heritage**
 66.5 **Grant Program**

8,500,000

8,968,000

66.6 \$8,500,000 the first year and \$8,968,000 the
 66.7 second year are for a competitive grant
 66.8 program to provide funding to organizations
 66.9 or individuals working to create, celebrate,
 66.10 and teach the art, culture, and heritage of the
 66.11 many cultural groups that make up Minnesota,
 66.12 including but not limited to Indigenous
 66.13 communities, veterans, and historical and
 66.14 recent immigrant communities. At least
 66.15 \$2,000,000 each year must be for grants
 66.16 greater than \$150,000. Grants under this clause
 66.17 should provide funding focused on preserving,
 66.18 honoring, and sharing unique cultural
 66.19 heritages; provide education and student
 66.20 outreach opportunities related to arts and
 66.21 culture; support the development of humanities
 66.22 programming, including the arts; and empower
 66.23 communities in building their identity and
 66.24 culture.

66.25 Of this amount, \$1,500,000 each year is for
 66.26 grants to community-based organizations,
 66.27 cities, and counties to support cultural festivals
 66.28 and events throughout the state. The funding
 66.29 may support arts and cultural programming,
 66.30 staffing, community outreach, transportation,
 66.31 facilities and equipment rentals, signage, and
 66.32 public safety expense reimbursements. The
 66.33 Minnesota Humanities Center must give
 66.34 priority consideration for funding to the
 66.35 Somali Museum Annual Celebration, Twin

67.1	<u>Cities Jazz Fest, Selby Avenue Jazz Fest, the</u>		
67.2	<u>International Hmong Freedom Festival, Cinco</u>		
67.3	<u>de Mayo festival, and Rondo Days in St. Paul;</u>		
67.4	<u>the Hiddo Soor International Somali Cultural</u>		
67.5	<u>Festival in Plymouth; Safe Summer Nights</u>		
67.6	<u>and Somali Independence Day in St. Paul;</u>		
67.7	<u>sesquicentennial celebrations in Osseo and</u>		
67.8	<u>Delano; Sienkane Lao Southeast Asian Music</u>		
67.9	<u>Festival; the Asian American Film Festival;</u>		
67.10	<u>Midnimo; and IgboFest Minnesota.</u>		
67.11	<u>Subd. 6. Ethnic Media Grants</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
67.12	<u>\$250,000 each year is for competitive grants</u>		
67.13	<u>to provide funding to ethnic media</u>		
67.14	<u>organizations creating educational content that</u>		
67.15	<u>is available to the public and for government</u>		
67.16	<u>access television.</u>		
67.17	<u>Subd. 7. Youth Poet Laureate</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
67.18	<u>\$100,000 each year is for a grant to a nonprofit</u>		
67.19	<u>to operate a statewide youth poet laureate</u>		
67.20	<u>program in coordination with the Minnesota</u>		
67.21	<u>Humanities Center. The program may provide</u>		
67.22	<u>creative writing outreach, programming, and</u>		
67.23	<u>events related to creative writing and must</u>		
67.24	<u>award a young person who is 13 to 19 years</u>		
67.25	<u>of age, through a competitive process similar</u>		
67.26	<u>to the National Youth Poet Laureate program,</u>		
67.27	<u>to be the Minnesota Youth Poet Laureate and</u>		
67.28	<u>provide opportunities to celebrate, mentor,</u>		
67.29	<u>and highlight the work of the Youth Poet</u>		
67.30	<u>Laureate and young writers in Minnesota.</u>		
67.31	<u>Subd. 8. Grants</u>	<u>475,000</u>	<u>175,000</u>
67.32	<u>(a) (Neo)Muralismos de Mexico</u>		
67.33	<u>\$100,000 the first year is for a grant to</u>		
67.34	<u>(Neo)Muralismos de Mexico to expand arts</u>		

68.1 programming that celebrates Latino cultural
 68.2 heritage through workshops and support to
 68.3 local artists through capacity building,
 68.4 professional development, networking, and
 68.5 presentation opportunities on Latino arts and
 68.6 culture.

68.7 **(b) Lundstrum Center for the Performing Arts**

68.8 \$200,000 the first year is for a grant to the
 68.9 Lundstrum Center for the Performing Arts for
 68.10 after-school educational programming that
 68.11 includes instruction in dance, voice, and
 68.12 drama.

68.13 **(c) United Hmong Family**

68.14 \$175,000 each year is for a grant to the United
 68.15 Hmong Family to provide dance and other arts
 68.16 and cultural programming.

68.17 **Sec. 9. INDIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL \$ 1,000,000 \$ 1,000,000**

68.18 (a) \$425,000 each year is to provide grants to
 68.19 Minnesota Tribal Nations to preserve Dakota
 68.20 and Ojibwe Indian language and to foster
 68.21 education programs and services for Dakota
 68.22 and Ojibwe language.

68.23 (b) \$425,000 each year is to provide grants to
 68.24 preserve the Dakota and Ojibwe Indian
 68.25 language through support of projects and
 68.26 services and to support educational programs
 68.27 and immersion efforts in Dakota and Ojibwe
 68.28 language.

68.29 (c) \$150,000 each year is for the Indian Affairs
 68.30 Council to carry out responsibilities under
 68.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 307.08, to comply
 68.32 with Public Law 101-601, the Native
 68.33 American Graves Protection and Repatriation
 68.34 Act.

70.1 (1) up to \$125,000 each year may be used to
 70.2 document and commemorate 100 years of
 70.3 fostering leadership, agricultural education,
 70.4 and community service across the state by
 70.5 creating a history book, video storytelling
 70.6 series, and an in-person arts-focused event;
 70.7 and

70.8 (2) any amount not spent for the purposes
 70.9 described in clause (1) may be used for other
 70.10 activities that provide new and expanded
 70.11 access for Minnesota FFA members involved
 70.12 in art- and history-related FFA activities,
 70.13 including activities related to national and state
 70.14 FFA band and choir, state and national FFA
 70.15 talent competitions, FFA floriculture, and FFA
 70.16 state fair landscape booths.

70.17 (b) The commissioner of agriculture must
 70.18 develop grant-making criteria and guidance
 70.19 for grants under this subdivision to provide
 70.20 funding for projects and events and must seek
 70.21 input from the Minnesota FFA and Minnesota
 70.22 FFA Foundation. The commissioner may use
 70.23 up to five percent of the amounts in this
 70.24 subdivision to cover the costs of administering,
 70.25 planning, evaluating, and reporting these
 70.26 grants.

70.27 **Sec. 11. LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING**
 70.28 **COMMISSION**

\$ **4,000 \$** **-0-**

70.29 The amount in this section is appropriated to
 70.30 the Legislative Coordinating Commission to
 70.31 maintain the website required under Minnesota
 70.32 Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision 10.

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

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

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

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

71.15 (d) A state agency or other recipient of a direct appropriation from the arts and cultural
71.16 heritage fund must compile and submit all information for funded projects or programs,
71.17 including the proposed measurable outcomes and all other items required under section
71.18 3.303, subdivision 10, to the Legislative Coordinating Commission as soon as practicable
71.19 or by January 15 of the applicable fiscal year, whichever comes first. The Legislative
71.20 Coordinating Commission must post submitted information on the website required under
71.21 section 3.303, subdivision 10, as soon as it becomes available.

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

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

71.27 (g) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the arts and cultural
71.28 heritage fund shall prominently display on the recipient's website home page the legacy
71.29 logo required under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws
71.30 2010, chapter 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more
71.31 information." When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the website must direct the
71.32 person to a web page that includes both the contact information that a person may use to
71.33 obtain additional information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating Commission
71.34 website required under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

72.1 (h) Future eligibility for money from the arts and cultural heritage fund is contingent
 72.2 upon a state agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section,
 72.3 as well as any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of
 72.4 the Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a
 72.5 recipient of money from the arts and cultural heritage fund has not complied with the laws,
 72.6 rules, or regulations in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient
 72.7 must be listed in an annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the
 72.8 legacy funds. The list must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a
 72.9 recipient from the list upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient
 72.10 on the list is not eligible for future funding from the arts and cultural heritage fund until the
 72.11 recipient demonstrates compliance to the legislative auditor.

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

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

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

72.25 (1) accessibility accommodations;

72.26 (2) the creation of exhibits or installations; and

72.27 (3) renovations to provide care for collections or facilitate exhibits, installations, or other
 72.28 projects funded with arts and cultural heritage fund appropriations.

72.29 Sec. 14. Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 4, section 2, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

72.30 **Subd. 6. Department of Administration** 17,040,000 14,105,000

72.31 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are
 72.32 appropriated to the commissioner of

73.1 administration for grants to the named
73.2 organizations for the purposes specified in this
73.3 subdivision. The commissioner of
73.4 administration may use a portion of this
73.5 appropriation for costs that are directly related
73.6 to and necessary for the administration of
73.7 grants in this subdivision.

73.8 (b) Grant agreements entered into by the
73.9 commissioner and recipients of appropriations
73.10 under this subdivision must ensure that money
73.11 appropriated in this subdivision is used to
73.12 supplement and not substitute for traditional
73.13 sources of funding.

73.14 **(c) Minnesota Public Radio**

73.15 \$2,050,000 each year is for Minnesota Public
73.16 Radio to create programming and expand news
73.17 service on Minnesota's cultural heritage and
73.18 history.

73.19 **(d) Association of Minnesota Public Educational**
73.20 **Radio Stations**

73.21 \$2,050,000 the first year and \$2,050,000 the
73.22 second year are to the Association of
73.23 Minnesota Public Educational Radio Stations
73.24 for production and acquisition grants in
73.25 accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section
73.26 129D.19.

73.27 **(e) Public Television**

73.28 \$5,000,000 the first year and \$4,500,000 the
73.29 second year are to the Minnesota Public
73.30 Television Association for production and
73.31 acquisition grants according to Minnesota
73.32 Statutes, section 129D.18. Of the amount in
73.33 the first year, \$1,000,000 is for producing
73.34 Minnesota military and veterans' history

74.1 stories and unique immigrant stories from
74.2 around the state.

74.3 **(f) Wilderness Inquiry**

74.4 \$500,000 the first year and \$600,000 the
74.5 second year are to Wilderness Inquiry to
74.6 preserve Minnesota's outdoor history, culture,
74.7 and heritage by connecting Minnesota youth
74.8 and families to natural resources.

74.9 **(g) Como Park Zoo**

74.10 \$1,725,000 each year is to the Como Park Zoo
74.11 and Conservatory for program development
74.12 that features educational programs and habitat
74.13 enhancement, special exhibits, music
74.14 appreciation programs, and historical garden
74.15 access and preservation.

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

74.17 \$825,000 each year is to the Science Museum
74.18 of Minnesota for arts, arts education, and arts
74.19 access and to preserve Minnesota's history and
74.20 cultural heritage, including student and teacher
74.21 outreach, statewide educational initiatives, and
74.22 community-based exhibits that preserve
74.23 Minnesota's history and cultural heritage.

74.24 **(i) Appetite for Change**

74.25 \$200,000 the first year is to the nonprofit
74.26 Appetite for Change for the Community Cooks
74.27 programming, which will preserve the cultural
74.28 heritage of growing and cooking food in
74.29 Minnesota.

74.30 **(j) Lake Superior Zoo**

74.31 \$150,000 each year is to the Lake Superior
74.32 Zoo to develop educational exhibits and
74.33 programs.

75.1 **(k) Great Lakes Aquarium**

75.2 \$250,000 each year is to the Lake Superior
75.3 Center Authority to prepare, fabricate, and
75.4 install a hands-on exhibit with interactive
75.5 learning components to educate Minnesotans
75.6 on the history of the natural landscape of the
75.7 state.

75.8 **(l) State Band**

75.9 \$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 the second
75.10 year are to the Minnesota state band to provide
75.11 free concerts throughout the state.

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

75.13 \$100,000 the first year is for a grant to the city
75.14 of Wyoming to build the Veterans Memorial
75.15 Plaza and related interpretive walk in Railroad
75.16 Park.

75.17 **(n) Great Northern Festival**

75.18 \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the second
75.19 year are for a grant to support the Great
75.20 Northern Festival, which connects attendees
75.21 to parks, outdoor spaces, and cultural venues
75.22 through a festival.

75.23 **(o) Governor's Council on Developmental
75.24 Disabilities**

75.25 \$50,000 the first year is to the Minnesota
75.26 Governor's Council on Developmental
75.27 Disabilities to continue to preserve and raise
75.28 awareness of the history of Minnesotans with
75.29 developmental disabilities.

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

75.31 \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
75.32 second year are to the Minnesota Council on
75.33 Disability to provide educational opportunities

76.1 in the arts, history, and cultural heritage of
76.2 Minnesotans with disabilities in conjunction
76.3 with the 50th anniversary of the Minnesota
76.4 Council on Disability. This appropriation is
76.5 available until June 30, 2027.

76.6 **(q) Keller Regional Park**

76.7 \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to Ramsey
76.8 County to preserve Minnesota's cultural
76.9 heritage by enhancing the tuj lub courts at
76.10 Keller Regional Park.

76.11 **(r) Vietnam War Anniversary**

76.12 \$250,000 the first year is for a grant to the
76.13 commissioner of veterans affairs to prepare
76.14 and host a commemoration program for the
76.15 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

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

76.17 \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to ~~the city~~
76.18 ~~of St. Paul~~ Forecast Public Art for an art
76.19 installation celebrating Olympic gold medalist
76.20 Suni Lee. This appropriation is available until
76.21 June 30, 2027.

76.22 **(t) One Heartland Center**

76.23 \$50,000 each year is for a grant to One
76.24 Heartland Center for programming and
76.25 outdoor activities for families and youth in
76.26 Minnesota.

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

76.28 \$100,000 the first year is for a grant to the
76.29 Forest Lake Veterans Memorial Committee
76.30 to construct a memorial to veterans of the
76.31 United States armed forces at Lakeside
76.32 Memorial Park in the city of Forest Lake. This
76.33 appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.

77.1 **(v) Hmong Plaza**

77.2 \$450,000 the first year is for a grant to the city
77.3 of St. Paul to construct the Hmong Plaza at
77.4 Phalen Lake.

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

77.6 \$55,000 the first year and \$55,000 the second
77.7 year are for a grant to YWCA Minneapolis to
77.8 fund an annual fellowship to be known as the
77.9 Camille J. Gage Artist Fellowship. Of this
77.10 amount, up to \$5,000 each year may be used
77.11 for administrative expenses. YWCA
77.12 Minneapolis must select a person for the
77.13 Camille J. Gage Artist Fellowship after an
77.14 application process that allows both
77.15 applications by interested persons and
77.16 nominations of persons by third parties. By
77.17 October 1, 2026, YWCA Minneapolis must
77.18 report to the chairs and ranking minority
77.19 members of the legislative committees and
77.20 divisions with jurisdiction over legacy on the
77.21 use of money appropriated under this
77.22 paragraph and on the activities of the person
77.23 selected for the Camille J. Gage Artist
77.24 Fellowship under this paragraph. This
77.25 appropriation is available until June 30, 2026.

77.26 **(x) Minnesota African American Heritage
77.27 Museum and Gallery**

77.28 \$235,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
77.29 second year are for arts and cultural heritage
77.30 programming celebrating African American
77.31 and Black communities in Minnesota. Of the
77.32 amount in the first year, \$110,000 is for C.
77.33 Caldwell Fine Arts for an outdoor mural
77.34 project in North Minneapolis to work with

78.1 young people to develop skills while using art
78.2 as the impetus.

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

78.4 \$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 the second
78.5 year are for a grant to the Tibetan American
78.6 Foundation of Minnesota to celebrate and
78.7 teach the art, culture, and heritage of Tibetan
78.8 Americans in Minnesota.

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

78.10 \$25,000 the first year is for a grant to Hong
78.11 De Wu Guan to create cultural arts projects
78.12 like Lion Dance for after-school programs for
78.13 youth.

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

78.15 \$50,000 the first year is for a grant to the
78.16 Sepak Takraw of USA to work with youth and
78.17 after-school programs in the community to
78.18 teach the cultural games of tuj lub and sepak
78.19 takraw. This appropriation may not be used
78.20 to hold events.

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

78.22 \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the second
78.23 year are for a grant to 30,000 Feet, a nonprofit
78.24 organization, to help youth and community
78.25 artists further develop their artistic skills, to
78.26 create community art and artistic
78.27 performances, and to promote and share
78.28 African American history and culture through
78.29 the arts.

78.30 **(cc) Siengkane Lao Minnesota**

78.31 \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the second
78.32 year are for a grant to Siengkane Lao MN to

79.1 create cultural arts projects and to preserve
79.2 traditional performances.

79.3 **(dd) Hmong Cultural Center**

79.4 \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
79.5 second year are for a grant to the Hmong
79.6 Cultural Center of Minnesota for
79.7 museum-related programming and educational
79.8 outreach activities to teach the public about
79.9 the historical, cultural, and folk arts heritage
79.10 of Hmong Minnesotans.

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

79.12 \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
79.13 second year are for a grant to Comunidades
79.14 Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES) to
79.15 expand arts programming to celebrate Latino
79.16 cultural heritage; support local artists; and
79.17 provide professional development, networking,
79.18 and presentation opportunities.

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

79.20 \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
79.21 second year are for grants to recipients who
79.22 have demonstrated knowledge and interest in
79.23 preserving Hmong culture to preserve Hmong
79.24 Minnesotans' heritage, history, language, and
79.25 culture. Grants must be used in conjunction
79.26 with Minnesota universities to improve and
79.27 develop a unified and standardized Latin
79.28 alphabet form of the Hmong RPA writing
79.29 system. No portion of this appropriation may
79.30 be used to encourage religious membership
79.31 or to conduct personal ceremonies or events.

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

79.33 \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
79.34 second year are for a grant to the Somali

80.1 Museum of Minnesota for heritage arts and
80.2 cultural vitality programs to provide classes,
80.3 exhibits, presentations, and outreach about the
80.4 Somali community and heritage in Minnesota.

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

80.6 \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the
80.7 second year are for a grant to the Minnesota
80.8 Museum of American Art for exhibit
80.9 programming and for a Native American
80.10 Fellowship at the museum.

80.11 **(ii) Fanka Programs**

80.12 \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
80.13 second year are for a grant to Ka Joog
80.14 statewide Somali-based collaborative
80.15 programs for arts and cultural heritage. The
80.16 funding must be used for Fanka programs to
80.17 provide arts education and workshops, mentor
80.18 programs, and community presentations and
80.19 community engagement events throughout
80.20 Minnesota.

80.21 **(jj) The Bakken Museum**

80.22 \$150,000 the first year is for a grant to The
80.23 Bakken Museum for interactive exhibits and
80.24 outreach programs on arts and cultural
80.25 heritage.

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

80.27 \$50,000 the first year is to the University of
80.28 Minnesota Extension Office to provide grants
80.29 to Minnesota 4-H chapters that have members
80.30 participating in state and national
80.31 4-H-sanctioned shooting sports events.
80.32 Eligible costs for grant money include
80.33 shooting sports equipment and supplies and

81.1 event fees associated with participating in state
81.2 shooting sports events.

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

81.4 \$75,000 each year is for a grant to Public Art
81.5 Saint Paul for art programming at the Wakpa
81.6 Triennial Art Festival to showcase new art
81.7 across the Twin Cities by Minnesota artists in
81.8 outdoor and indoor settings and to encourage
81.9 visitors to experience the arts and culture
81.10 produced by local arts and culture
81.11 organizations.

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

APPENDIX
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