

Chapter 14

2025 First Special Session

Subject Capital Investment General Fund Bill**Bill** HF17/SF22**Analyst** Chelsea Griffin**Date** June 25, 2025

Overview

This summary explains the capital investment general fund bill, which is part of a capital investment package that includes two bills: one that funds capital projects with state general obligation bonds (Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 15), and one that funds projects with state general fund money (Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 14).

Summary

All appropriations are from the general fund.

Section	Description
1	Capital improvement appropriations. Articulates the statutes and policies that generally apply to the appropriations in the bill.
2	Education. Appropriates \$1,000,000 to the commissioner of education for law enforcement entry device grants at schools. The maximum grant amount per building is \$1,000. Grantees must update their crisis management policies to reflect information about the law enforcement emergency entry devices. The appropriation is available until June 30, 2028. The grants are subject to the grants management policies and processes from the Office of Grants Management, rather than the capital grants process.
3	Administration. Subd. 1. Total appropriation. Provides that the total appropriation from the general fund to the commissioner of administration for the projects in the section is \$1,325,000. Subd. 2. Hubert H. Humphrey Statue. Appropriates \$325,000 for costs for the replacement of the Henry Mower Rice statue in Statuary Hall in the United States

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	Capitol with a statue of Hubert H. Humphrey, including transport, recasting, and erection costs. The appropriation is not a capital project appropriation.
	Subd. 3. Capitol Area economic development grant program. Appropriates \$1,000,000 for a grant to the St. Paul Port Authority to make grants to businesses within the Capitol Area for capital improvements. Up to ten percent of the appropriation may be used to administer the program. The grant is subject to the grants management policies and processes from the Office of Grants Management, rather than the capital grants process.
4	Public safety. Appropriates \$500,000 to the commissioner of public safety for the public safety officer hearing protection program. The appropriation is not a capital project appropriation.
5	Employment and economic development. Appropriates \$1,000,000 to the commissioner of employment and economic development for a grant to the city of Minneapolis for the Center for Communication and Development for operational and facility support to facilitate the center's investment and expansion in the city of Minneapolis. The grant is subject to the grants management policies and processes from the Office of Grants Management, rather than the capital grants process.
6	Public Facilities Authority. Appropriates \$3,500,000 to the Public Facilities Authority for a grant to the First District Association for a wastewater industrial pretreatment facility in the city of Litchfield, in addition to previous appropriations received for the project.
7	Housing Finance Authority. Appropriates \$2,439,000 to the Minnesota Housing Finance Authority for the local public housing program created under section 9.
8	Minnesota Historical Society. Appropriates \$750,000 to the Minnesota Historical Society for a grant to the Minnesota Transportation Museum to construct certain capital improvements.
9	[462A.44] Local public housing program. Creates a new local public housing program to be administered by the Minnesota Housing Finance Authority to fund the capital costs to develop or acquire housing owned by a city or county. American Indian Tribes or Tribally designated housing entities are also eligible for the program if funding is from the local public housing account in the housing development fund. Affordable housing requirements are

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	provided for housing developed under this program. Funding is awarded as grants or loans, depending on whether the funding source is from the bond proceeds fund or the housing development fund. The Minnesota Housing Finance Authority must provide an annual report to the legislature beginning in 2026 on the projects that receive funding under the program.
10	Amateur sports support. Amends a 2023 general fund appropriation for skate park grants to redirect the appropriation through the commissioner of employment and economic development and to specific projects in stated amounts for skate parks in the cities of Winona, Northfield, Minnetonka, Brainerd, Rochester, St. Paul, and Minneapolis. Extends the availability of the appropriation to December 31, 2029.
11	Effective date. Amends an effective date in the 2025 State and Local Government Finance and Policy bill to July 1, 2025. The provision authorized the commissioner of administration to accept private funds for costs relating to erection of a new statue in Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol.
12	Public safety officer hearing protection program. Creates a public safety officer hearing protection program authorizing public safety officers and heads of agencies and entities who buy hearing protection products for public safety officer employees to request hearing protection products from the commissioner of public safety. Entities and individuals that provide a public safety officer with hearing protection under the program are not liable for negligence if the product was defective or deficient.
13	National Statuary Hall; Hubert H. Humphrey statue. Provides legislative findings in support of replacing the Henry Mower Rice statue in National Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol with a statue of Hubert H. Humphrey. Requires the governor to make a written request for the statue replacement on or before January 1, 2028. If the request is approved, the governor must enter into the necessary contracts to complete the statue replacement.
14	General fund cancellations. Provides for early cancellation of the general fund appropriations in the 2025 cancellation report produced by the commissioner of management and budget that are not extended in legislation. The cancellations would otherwise cancel on July 1, 2025, if remaining funds are not encumbered, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.642.

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15	Repealer. Repeals the public skate park grant program under Minnesota Statutes, section 240A.20.
16	Effective date. Provides that the provisions in the act are effective the day following final enactment (June 15, 2025).



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