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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to legacy; appropriating money for Minnesota Historical Society.

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

1.4 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.5 (a) \$13,750,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$13,750,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated

1.6 from the arts and cultural heritage fund to the governing board of the Minnesota Historical

1.7 Society for statewide historic and cultural grants to local, county, regional, or other historical

1.8 or cultural organizations or for activities to preserve significant historic and cultural resources.

1.9 Money is to be distributed through a competitive grant process. The Minnesota Historical

1.10 Society must administer this money using established grant mechanisms, with assistance

1.11 from the advisory committee created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 4, section 2,

1.12 subdivision 4, paragraph (b).

1.13 (b) \$13,750,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$13,750,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated

1.14 from the arts and cultural heritage fund to the governing board of the Minnesota Historical

1.15 Society for historic and cultural programs and purposes related to the heritage of the state.

1.16 (c) \$3,625,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$3,625,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated

1.17 from the arts and cultural heritage fund to the governing board of the Minnesota Historical

1.18 Society for history partnerships involving multiple organizations, which may include the

1.19 Minnesota Historical Society, to preserve and enhance access to Minnesota's history and

1.20 cultural heritage in all regions of the state.

1.21 (d) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from

1.22 the arts and cultural heritage fund to the governing board of the Minnesota Historical Society

2.1 for one or more contracts to be awarded on a competitive basis to conduct statewide surveys  
2.2 or investigations of Minnesota's sites of historical, archeological, and cultural significance.  
2.3 Results of the surveys or investigations must be published in a searchable form and available  
2.4 free to the public. The Minnesota Historical Society, the Office of the State Archeologist,  
2.5 the Indian Affairs Council, and the State Historic Preservation Office must each appoint a  
2.6 representative to an oversight board to select contractors and direct the conduct of the surveys  
2.7 or investigations. The oversight board must consult with the commissioners of transportation  
2.8 and natural resources.

2.9 (e) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from  
2.10 the arts and cultural heritage fund to the governing board of the Minnesota Historical Society  
2.11 for a digital library project to preserve, digitize, and share Minnesota images, documents,  
2.12 and historical materials. The Minnesota Historical Society must cooperate with the Minitex  
2.13 interlibrary loan system and, with the amount appropriated, must reimburse the system for  
2.14 costs incurred for these purposes.

2.15 (f) Money directly appropriated to the Minnesota Historical Society under this section  
2.16 must be used to supplement, not substitute for, traditional sources of funding. Grant  
2.17 agreements entered into by the Minnesota Historical Society and other recipients of  
2.18 appropriations under this section must ensure that the appropriations are used to supplement,  
2.19 not substitute for, traditional sources of funding. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
2.20 section 16A.28, for historic preservation projects that improve historical structures, the  
2.21 amounts are available until June 30, 2027.

2.22 (g) The appropriations in this section are onetime. Any unencumbered balance remaining  
2.23 under this section in the first year does not cancel, but is available for the second year of  
2.24 the biennium.