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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/20/2024	12449	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy
04/02/2024	13076a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance

1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to state government; appropriating money from outdoor heritage, clean

1.3water, parks and trails, and arts and cultural heritage funds; modifying

1.4appropriation; amending Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 3, sections 2, subdivision

1.51; 3; 4.

1.6BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7ARTICLE 1

1.8OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

1.9Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

1.10The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies

1.11and for the purposes specified in this act. The appropriations are from the outdoor heritage

1.12fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The figures "2024" and "2025" used in

1.13this act mean that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending

1.14June 30, 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2024. "The

1.15second year" is fiscal year 2025. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2024 and 2025. The

1.16appropriations in this act are onetime appropriations.

1.17	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>		
1.18	<u>Available for the Year</u>		
1.19	<u>Ending June 30</u>		
1.20	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	

1.21Sec. 2. OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

1.22Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation

\$-0-\$180,711,000

1.23This appropriation is from the outdoor heritage

1.24fund. The amounts that may be spent for each

2.1 purpose are specified in the following
 2.2 subdivisions.

2.3 Subd. 2. **Prairies** -0- 19,439,000

2.4 **(a) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife**
 2.5 **Refuge, Phase 14**

2.6 \$4,412,000 the second year is to the
 2.7 commissioner of natural resources for an
 2.8 agreement with The Nature Conservancy, in
 2.9 cooperation with the United States Fish and
 2.10 Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee or
 2.11 permanent conservation easements and restore
 2.12 and enhance lands within the Northern
 2.13 Tallgrass Prairie Habitat Preservation Area in
 2.14 western Minnesota for addition to the Northern
 2.15 Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge.
 2.16 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota
 2.17 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given
 2.18 to acquiring lands that are eligible for the
 2.19 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,
 2.20 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected
 2.21 native prairie.

2.22 **(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area**
 2.23 **Program, Phase 16**

2.24 \$5,315,000 the second year is to the
 2.25 commissioner of natural resources for an
 2.26 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire
 2.27 in fee and restore and enhance lands for
 2.28 wildlife management area purposes under
 2.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 2.30 subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation criteria
 2.31 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
 2.32 must be given to acquiring lands that are
 2.33 eligible for the native prairie bank under
 2.34 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
 2.35 adjacent to protected native prairie.

3.1 **(c) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of**
3.2 **Southern Red River Valley, Phase 10**

3.3 \$3,794,000 the second year is to the
3.4 commissioner of natural resources for an
3.5 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in
3.6 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie
3.7 Chicken Society, to acquire land in fee and
3.8 restore and enhance lands within the southern
3.9 Red River Valley for wildlife management
3.10 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
3.11 86A.05, subdivision 8, or to be designated and
3.12 managed as waterfowl production areas in
3.13 Minnesota, in cooperation with the United
3.14 States Fish and Wildlife Service. Subject to
3.15 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part
3.16 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring
3.17 lands that are eligible for the native prairie
3.18 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96,
3.19 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.

3.20 **(d) Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition,**
3.21 **Phase 8**

3.22 \$2,589,000 the second year is to the
3.23 commissioner of natural resources for
3.24 agreements to acquire land in fee and to
3.25 restore and enhance strategic prairie grassland,
3.26 wetland, and other wildlife habitat within
3.27 Martin County for wildlife management area
3.28 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
3.29 86A.05, subdivision 8, as follows: \$1,921,000
3.30 to Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc.;
3.31 \$613,000 to Ducks Unlimited; and \$55,000 to
3.32 the Conservation Fund.

3.33 **(e) DNR Grassland Enhancement, Phase 16**

3.34 \$1,427,000 the second year is to the
3.35 commissioner of natural resources to

4.1 accelerate restoration and enhancement of
 4.2 prairies, grasslands, and savannas in wildlife
 4.3 management areas, in scientific and natural
 4.4 areas, in aquatic management areas, on lands
 4.5 in the native prairie bank, in bluff prairies on
 4.6 state forest land in southeastern Minnesota,
 4.7 and in waterfowl production areas and refuge
 4.8 lands of the United States Fish and Wildlife
 4.9 Service.

4.10 **(f) Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands, Phase**
 4.11 **7**

4.12 \$1,902,000 the second year is to the
 4.13 commissioner of natural resources for an
 4.14 agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance
 4.15 and restore grassland and wetland habitat on
 4.16 public lands within the forest prairie transition,
 4.17 metro urban, and prairie ecoregions of
 4.18 Minnesota.

4.19 **Subd. 3. Forests** -0- 32,164,000

4.20 **(a) Minnesota Heritage Forest - Transition to**
 4.21 **Public Ownership Program**

4.22 \$22,647,000 the second year is to the
 4.23 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
 4.24 priority forest habitat lands in fee as wildlife
 4.25 management areas, scientific and natural areas,
 4.26 state forests, and county forests. Of this
 4.27 amount, \$11,737,000 is for an agreement with
 4.28 Northern Waters Land Trust.

4.29 **(b) Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape Protection**
 4.30 **Program ACUB, Phase 12**

4.31 \$2,068,000 the second year is to the Board of
 4.32 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with
 4.33 the Morrison County Soil and Water
 4.34 Conservation District, to acquire permanent
 4.35 conservation easements and restore and

5.1 enhance forest wildlife habitat within the
5.2 boundaries of the Minnesota National Guard
5.3 Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape and Army
5.4 Compatible Use Buffer. Up to \$110,000 to the
5.5 Board of Water and Soil Resources is to
5.6 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
5.7 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
5.8 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
5.9 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,
5.10 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.
5.11 A list of permanent conservation easements
5.12 must be provided as part of the final report.

5.13 **(c) Riparian Habitat Protection in Kettle and**
5.14 **Snake River Watersheds, Phase 2**

5.15 \$1,569,000 the second year is to the Board of
5.16 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with
5.17 the Pine County Soil and Water Conservation
5.18 District, to acquire permanent conservation
5.19 easements to protect high-quality forests,
5.20 wetlands, and shoreline within the Kettle and
5.21 Snake River watersheds. Up to \$150,000 to
5.22 the Board of Water and Soil Resources is to
5.23 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
5.24 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
5.25 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
5.26 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,
5.27 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.
5.28 A list of permanent conservation easements
5.29 must be provided as part of the final report.

5.30 **(d) DNR Forest Habitat Enhancement, Phase 4**

5.31 \$1,727,000 the second year is to the
5.32 commissioner of natural resources to restore
5.33 and enhance forest wildlife habitats on public
5.34 lands throughout Minnesota.

5.35 **(e) Young Forest Conservation, Phase 4**

6.1 \$2,229,000 the second year is to the
 6.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
 6.3 agreement with the American Bird
 6.4 Conservancy to enhance publicly owned,
 6.5 permanently protected forest lands for wildlife
 6.6 management.

6.7 **(f) Floodplain and Upland Forest Enhancement**
 6.8 **- Mississippi River, Phase 5**

6.9 \$1,924,000 the second year is to the
 6.10 commissioner of natural resources for an
 6.11 agreement with the National Audubon Society
 6.12 to restore and enhance floodplain and upland
 6.13 forest habitat for wildlife on public lands along
 6.14 the Mississippi River and Mississippi River
 6.15 tributaries.

6.16 **Subd. 4. Wetlands**

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38,412,000

6.17 **(a) Wild-Rice Shoreland Protection, Phase 9**

6.18 \$2,042,000 the second year is to the Board of
 6.19 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
 6.20 permanent conservation easements on
 6.21 wild-rice lake shoreland habitat for native
 6.22 wild-rice bed protection. Of this amount, up
 6.23 to \$110,000 is for establishing a monitoring
 6.24 and enforcement fund as approved in the
 6.25 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
 6.26 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.
 6.27 Subdivision 8, paragraph (b), does not apply
 6.28 to this project. A list of permanent
 6.29 conservation easements must be provided as
 6.30 part of the final report.

6.31 **(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection and**
 6.32 **Restoration Program, Phase 13**

6.33 \$7,670,000 the second year is to the
 6.34 commissioner of natural resources for an
 6.35 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire

7.1 land in fee for wildlife management purposes
7.2 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
7.3 subdivision 8, or to be designated and
7.4 managed as waterfowl production areas or
7.5 national wildlife refuges in Minnesota, in
7.6 cooperation with the United States Fish and
7.7 Wildlife Service, and to restore and enhance
7.8 prairie lands, wetlands, and land buffering
7.9 shallow lakes.

7.10 **(c) RIM Wetlands - Restoring Most Productive**
7.11 **Habitat in Minnesota, Phase 13**

7.12 \$3,202,000 the second year is to the Board of
7.13 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
7.14 permanent conservation easements and to
7.15 restore wetlands and native grassland habitat
7.16 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515.
7.17 Of this amount, up to \$50,000 is for
7.18 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
7.19 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
7.20 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
7.21 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,
7.22 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.
7.23 A list of permanent conservation easements
7.24 must be provided as part of the final report.

7.25 **(d) Accelerating Waterfowl Production Area**
7.26 **Acquisition Program, Phase 16**

7.27 \$7,020,000 the second year is to the
7.28 commissioner of natural resources for an
7.29 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in
7.30 cooperation with the United States Fish and
7.31 Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee and
7.32 restore and enhance wetlands and grasslands
7.33 to be designated and managed as waterfowl
7.34 production areas in Minnesota.

7.35 **(e) DNR Accelerated Shallow Lakes and**
7.36 **Wetland Enhancement, Phase 16**

8.1 \$3,809,000 the second year is to the
8.2 commissioner of natural resources to enhance
8.3 and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat
8.4 statewide.

8.5 **(f) Nelson Slough - East Park Wildlife**
8.6 **Management Area**

8.7 \$4,174,000 the second year is to the
8.8 commissioner of natural resources for an
8.9 agreement with the Middle-Snake-Tamarac
8.10 Rivers Watershed District to restore and
8.11 enhance wetland and upland wildlife habitat
8.12 on Nelson Slough and East Park Wildlife
8.13 Management Area in Marshall County,
8.14 Minnesota.

8.15 **(g) Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration**
8.16 **Program, Phase 9**

8.17 \$2,128,000 the second year is to the
8.18 commissioner of natural resources for an
8.19 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
8.20 restore and enhance prairie, wetland, and other
8.21 habitat on permanently protected conservation
8.22 easements in high-priority wetland habitat
8.23 complexes within the prairie, forest/prairie
8.24 transition, and forest ecoregions.

8.25 **(h) Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**
8.26 **Enhancement and Restoration Initiative, Phase**
8.27 **10**

8.28 \$7,867,000 the second year is to the
8.29 commissioner of natural resources for an
8.30 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to restore
8.31 and enhance shallow lakes and wetlands on
8.32 public lands and wetlands under permanent
8.33 conservation easement for wildlife
8.34 management.

8.35 **(i) Lake Alice Enhancement, Fergus Falls**

9.1 \$500,000 the second year is to the
 9.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
 9.3 agreement with the city of Fergus Falls to
 9.4 enhance Lake Alice in Fergus Falls.

9.5 Subd. 5. **Habitats** -0- 89,294,000

9.6 **(a) St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and**
 9.7 **Restoration, Phase 5**

9.8 \$4,711,000 the second year is to the
 9.9 commissioner of natural resources for
 9.10 agreements to acquire land in fee and acquire
 9.11 permanent conservation easements and to
 9.12 restore and enhance natural habitat systems in
 9.13 the St. Croix River watershed as follows:
 9.14 \$1,905,000 to Trust for Public Land; \$110,000
 9.15 to Wild Rivers Conservancy; and \$2,696,000
 9.16 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$224,000 to
 9.17 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a
 9.18 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
 9.19 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
 9.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 9.21 subdivision 17.

9.22 **(b) Pine and Leech Watershed Targeted RIM**
 9.23 **Easement Permanent Land Protection, Phase 3**

9.24 \$2,242,000 the second year is to the Board of
 9.25 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with
 9.26 the Crow Wing County Soil and Water
 9.27 Conservation District, to acquire permanent
 9.28 conservation easements of high-quality forest,
 9.29 wetland, and shoreline habitat. Up to \$120,000
 9.30 of the total amount is for establishing a
 9.31 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
 9.32 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
 9.33 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 9.34 subdivision 17. Subdivision 8, paragraph (b),
 9.35 does not apply to this project. A list of

10.1 permanent conservation easements must be
10.2 provided as part of the final report.

10.3 **(c) Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding**
10.4 **Biological Significance, Phase 3**

10.5 \$3,321,000 the second year is to the
10.6 commissioner of natural resources for
10.7 agreements to acquire land in fee and
10.8 permanent conservation easements and to
10.9 restore and enhance lakes of outstanding
10.10 biological significance in northeast and
10.11 north-central Minnesota. Of this amount,
10.12 \$1,083,000 is to the Northern Waters Land
10.13 Trust and \$2,238,000 is to Minnesota Land
10.14 Trust. Up to \$224,000 to Minnesota Land
10.15 Trust is for establishing a monitoring and
10.16 enforcement fund as approved in the
10.17 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
10.18 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

10.19 **(d) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**
10.20 **Restoration Program, Phase 13**

10.21 \$2,060,000 the second year is to the
10.22 commissioner of natural resources for an
10.23 agreement with the Shell Rock River
10.24 Watershed District to acquire land in fee and
10.25 restore and enhance habitat in the Shell Rock
10.26 River watershed.

10.27 **(e) Cannon River Watershed Habitat**
10.28 **Restoration and Protection Program, Phase 13**

10.29 \$2,555,000 the second year is to the
10.30 commissioner of natural resources for
10.31 agreements to acquire lands in fee and restore
10.32 and enhance wildlife habitat in the Cannon
10.33 River watershed as follows: \$54,000 to Clean
10.34 River Partners; \$888,000 to Great River

11.1 Greening; and \$1,613,000 to Trust for Public
11.2 Land.

11.3 **(f) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor**
11.4 **Project, Phase 8**

11.5 \$2,706,000 the second year is to acquire lands
11.6 in fee and permanent conservation easements
11.7 and to restore wildlife habitat in the
11.8 Mississippi headwaters. Of this amount:

11.9 (1) \$1,706,000 is to the commissioner of
11.10 natural resources for agreements as follows:
11.11 \$57,000 to the Mississippi Headwaters Board
11.12 and \$1,649,000 to Trust for Public Land; and
11.13 (2) \$1,000,000 is to the Board of Water and
11.14 Soil Resources, of which up to \$100,000 is to
11.15 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
11.16 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
11.17 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
11.18 97A.056, subdivision 17.

11.19 **(g) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic**
11.20 **North Central Minnesota Lakes, Phase 10**

11.21 \$2,687,000 the second year is to the
11.22 commissioner of natural resources for
11.23 agreements to acquire land in fee and in
11.24 permanent conservation easements and to
11.25 restore and enhance wildlife habitat to sustain
11.26 healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes in
11.27 Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard
11.28 Counties as follows: \$2,252,000 to Northern
11.29 Waters Land Trust and \$435,000 to Minnesota
11.30 Land Trust. Up to \$56,000 to Minnesota Land
11.31 Trust is to establish a monitoring and
11.32 enforcement fund as approved in the
11.33 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
11.34 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

11.35 **(h) Red River Basin Riparian Habitat Program**

- 12.1 \$5,119,000 the second year is to acquire
 12.2 permanent conservation easements to protect,
 12.3 restore, and enhance stream and riparian
 12.4 habitat throughout the Red River watershed.
 12.5 Of this amount, \$169,000 is to the
 12.6 commissioner of natural resources for an
 12.7 agreement with the Red River Watershed
 12.8 Management Board and \$4,950,000 is to the
 12.9 Board of Water and Soil Resources. Up to
 12.10 \$380,000 of the total amount is for
 12.11 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
 12.12 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
 12.13 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 12.14 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,
 12.15 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.
 12.16 A list of permanent conservation easements
 12.17 must be provided as part of the final report.
- 12.18 **(i) Resilient Habitat for Heritage Brook Trout,**
 12.19 **Phase 2**
- 12.20 \$2,486,000 the second year is to the
 12.21 commissioner of natural resources for
 12.22 agreements to acquire permanent conservation
 12.23 easements and to restore and enhance habitat
 12.24 in targeted watersheds of southeast Minnesota
 12.25 to improve heritage brook trout and coldwater
 12.26 aquatic communities. Of this amount,
 12.27 \$400,000 is to The Nature Conservancy,
 12.28 \$612,000 is to Trout Unlimited, and
 12.29 \$1,474,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to
 12.30 \$168,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to
 12.31 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
 12.32 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
 12.33 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 12.34 97A.056, subdivision 17.
- 12.35 **(j) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**
 12.36 **Restoration, Phase 12**

13.1 \$3,052,000 the second year is to the
13.2 commissioner of natural resources for
13.3 agreements to acquire lands in fee and
13.4 permanent conservation easements and to
13.5 restore and enhance wildlife habitat on public
13.6 lands and permanent conservation easements
13.7 in southeast Minnesota as follows: \$970,000
13.8 to The Nature Conservancy, \$964,000 to Trust
13.9 for Public Land, and \$1,118,000 to Minnesota
13.10 Land Trust. Up to \$112,000 to Minnesota
13.11 Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and
13.12 enforcement fund as approved in the
13.13 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
13.14 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

13.15 **(k) Lower Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat**
13.16 **Restoration, Phase 4**

13.17 \$2,345,000 the second year is to acquire land
13.18 in permanent conservation easement and to
13.19 restore river and related habitat in the Wild
13.20 Rice River corridor. Of this amount, \$30,000
13.21 is to the commissioner of natural resources for
13.22 an agreement with the Wild Rice Watershed
13.23 District and \$2,315,000 is to the Board of
13.24 Water and Soil Resources. The Board of Water
13.25 and Soil Resources may use up to \$60,000 for
13.26 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
13.27 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
13.28 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
13.29 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,
13.30 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.
13.31 A list of permanent conservation easements
13.32 must be provided as part of the final report.

13.33 **(l) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**
13.34 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition, Phase**
13.35 **16**

14.1 \$1,359,000 the second year is to the
14.2 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
14.3 in fee and restore and enhance lands for
14.4 wildlife management purposes under
14.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
14.6 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee for
14.7 scientific and natural area purposes under
14.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
14.9 subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria
14.10 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
14.11 must be given to acquiring lands that are
14.12 eligible for the native prairie bank under
14.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
14.14 adjacent to protected native prairie.

14.15 **(m) Accelerating Habitat Conservation in**
14.16 **Southwest Minnesota, Phase 3**

14.17 \$2,872,000 the second year is to the
14.18 commissioner of natural resources for an
14.19 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
14.20 acquire permanent conservation easements
14.21 and to restore and enhance high-quality
14.22 wildlife habitat in southwest Minnesota. Of
14.23 this amount, up to \$168,000 is to establish a
14.24 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
14.25 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
14.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
14.27 subdivision 17.

14.28 **(n) Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection**
14.29 **and Restoration, Phase 5**

14.30 \$3,965,000 the second year is to the
14.31 commissioner of natural resources for
14.32 agreements to acquire lands in fee and
14.33 permanent conservation easements and restore
14.34 and enhance wildlife habitat in the Sauk River
14.35 watershed as follows: \$375,000 to Great River
14.36 Greening; \$1,199,000 to Sauk River

15.1 Watershed District; \$1,192,000 to Pheasants
 15.2 Forever; and \$1,199,000 to Minnesota Land
 15.3 Trust. Up to \$168,000 to Minnesota Land
 15.4 Trust is to establish a monitoring and
 15.5 enforcement fund as approved in the
 15.6 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
 15.7 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

15.8 **(o) Metro Big Rivers, Phase 14**

15.9 \$8,123,000 the second year is to the
 15.10 commissioner of natural resources for
 15.11 agreements to acquire land in fee and
 15.12 permanent conservation easements and to
 15.13 restore and enhance natural habitat systems
 15.14 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
 15.15 and St. Croix Rivers and their tributaries
 15.16 within the metropolitan area as follows:
 15.17 \$1,250,000 to Minnesota Valley National
 15.18 Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$420,000 to
 15.19 Friends of the Mississippi River; \$803,000 to
 15.20 Great River Greening; \$2,750,000 to Trust for
 15.21 Public Land; and \$2,900,000 to Minnesota
 15.22 Land Trust. Up to \$224,000 to Minnesota
 15.23 Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and
 15.24 enforcement fund as approved in the
 15.25 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
 15.26 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

15.27 **(p) Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation,**
 15.28 **Phase 9**

15.29 \$1,802,000 the second year is to the
 15.30 commissioner of natural resources for
 15.31 agreements to restore and enhance wildlife
 15.32 habitat on public lands and easements in the
 15.33 Anoka Sand Plain ecoregion and intersecting
 15.34 minor watersheds as follows: \$1,508,000 to

16.1 Great River Greening and \$294,000 to
16.2 Sherburne County.

16.3 **(q) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and**
16.4 **Enhancement, Phase 7**

16.5 \$4,206,000 the second year is to the
16.6 commissioner of natural resources to restore
16.7 and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded
16.8 streams and aquatic management areas and to
16.9 facilitate fish passage.

16.10 **(r) Minnesota Statewide Trout Habitat**
16.11 **Enhancement**

16.12 \$2,308,000 the second year is to the
16.13 commissioner of natural resources for an
16.14 agreement with Trout Unlimited to restore and
16.15 enhance habitat for trout and other species in
16.16 and along coldwater rivers, lakes, and streams
16.17 throughout Minnesota.

16.18 **(s) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation, Phase 7**

16.19 \$1,572,000 the second year is to the
16.20 commissioner of natural resources for an
16.21 agreement with the Arrowhead Regional
16.22 Development Commission, in cooperation
16.23 with the Lake Superior Steelhead Association,
16.24 to restore and enhance trout habitat in the
16.25 Knife River watershed.

16.26 **(t) DNR St. Louis River Restoration Initiative,**
16.27 **Phase 11**

16.28 \$2,163,000 the second year is to the
16.29 commissioner of natural resources to restore
16.30 and enhance priority aquatic, riparian, and
16.31 forest habitats in the St. Louis River estuary.
16.32 Of this amount, \$716,000 is for an agreement
16.33 with Minnesota Land Trust.

16.34 **(u) Roseau Lake Rehabilitation, Phase 2**

- 17.1 \$3,054,000 the second year is to the
17.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
17.3 agreement with the Roseau River Watershed
17.4 District to restore and enhance the Roseau
17.5 Lake and Roseau River habitat complex in
17.6 Roseau County, Minnesota.
- 17.7 **(v) Highbanks Ravine Bat Hibernaculum**
- 17.8 \$2,300,000 the second year is to the
17.9 commissioner of natural resources for an
17.10 agreement with the city of St. Cloud to
17.11 enhance the Highbanks Ravine Bat
17.12 Hibernaculum in St. Cloud.
- 17.13 **(w) Owámniyomni Native Landscape and River**
17.14 **Restoration, St. Anthony Falls**
- 17.15 \$1,918,000 the second year is to the
17.16 commissioner of natural resources for an
17.17 agreement with Friends of the Falls to restore
17.18 and enhance wildlife habitat at Upper St.
17.19 Anthony Falls. This appropriation may only
17.20 be spent for site grading, oak savanna, and
17.21 aquatic habitat portions of the project.
- 17.22 **(x) Silver Lake Dam Fish Passage Modification**
- 17.23 \$2,368,000 the second year is to the
17.24 commissioner of natural resources for an
17.25 agreement with the city of Rochester to restore
17.26 and enhance aquatic habitat in Silver Lake and
17.27 the south fork of the Zumbro River by
17.28 modifying the existing low-head dam in
17.29 Rochester.
- 17.30 **(y) Little Devil Track River Restoration**
- 17.31 \$3,000,000 the second year is to the
17.32 commissioner of natural resources for an
17.33 agreement with Cook County to restore and

18.1 enhance stream habitat in the Little Devil
18.2 Track River.

18.3 **(z) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**
18.4 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat, Phase**
18.5 **16**

18.6 \$15,000,000 the first year is to the
18.7 commissioner of natural resources for a
18.8 program to provide competitive matching
18.9 grants of up to \$500,000 to local, regional,
18.10 state, and national organizations for enhancing,
18.11 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,
18.12 prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife
18.13 in Minnesota. Unless there are not enough
18.14 eligible grant applications received, of this
18.15 amount, at least \$4,000,000 is for grants in the
18.16 seven-county metropolitan area and cities with
18.17 a population of 50,000 or more and at least
18.18 \$4,000,000 is for grants to applicants that have
18.19 not previously applied for money from the
18.20 outdoor heritage fund. Grants must not be
18.21 made for activities required to fulfill the duties
18.22 of owners of lands subject to conservation
18.23 easements. Grants must not be made from the
18.24 appropriation in this paragraph for projects
18.25 that have a total project cost exceeding
18.26 \$1,000,000. Of the total appropriation,
18.27 \$600,000 may be spent for personnel costs,
18.28 outreach, and support to first-time applicants
18.29 and other direct and necessary administrative
18.30 costs. Grantees may acquire land or interests
18.31 in land. Easements must be permanent. Grants
18.32 may not be used to establish easement
18.33 stewardship accounts. The program must
18.34 require a match of at least ten percent from
18.35 nonstate sources for all grants. The match may
18.36 be cash or in-kind. For grant applications of

19.1 \$25,000 or less, the commissioner must
 19.2 provide a separate, simplified application
 19.3 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the
 19.4 commissioner of natural resources must, when
 19.5 evaluating projects of equal value, give
 19.6 priority to organizations that have a history of
 19.7 receiving, or a charter to receive, private
 19.8 contributions for local conservation or habitat
 19.9 projects. All restoration or enhancement
 19.10 projects must be on land permanently
 19.11 protected by a permanent covenant ensuring
 19.12 perpetual maintenance and protection of
 19.13 restored and enhanced habitat, by a
 19.14 conservation easement, or by public ownership
 19.15 or in public waters as defined in Minnesota
 19.16 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 15.
 19.17 Priority must be given to restoration and
 19.18 enhancement projects on public lands.
 19.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 19.20 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded
 19.21 under this paragraph. This appropriation is
 19.22 available until June 30, 2027. No less than five
 19.23 percent of the amount of each grant must be
 19.24 held back from reimbursement until the grant
 19.25 recipient completes a grant accomplishment
 19.26 report by the deadline and in the form
 19.27 prescribed by and satisfactory to the
 19.28 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The
 19.29 commissioner must provide notice of the grant
 19.30 program in the summary of game and fish law
 19.31 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section
 19.32 97A.051, subdivision 2.

19.33 Subd. 6. **Administration**

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1,402,000

19.34 (a) **Contract Management**

20.1 \$350,000 the second year is to the
20.2 commissioner of natural resources for contract
20.3 management duties assigned in this section.
20.4 The commissioner must provide an
20.5 accomplishment plan in the form specified by
20.6 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
20.7 on expending this appropriation. The
20.8 accomplishment plan must include a copy of
20.9 the grant contract template and reimbursement
20.10 manual. No money may be expended before
20.11 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
20.12 approves the accomplishment plan. Money
20.13 appropriated in this paragraph is available until
20.14 June 30, 2026.

20.15 **(b) Technical Evaluation Panel**

20.16 \$160,000 the second year is to the
20.17 commissioner of natural resources for a
20.18 technical evaluation panel to conduct up to 25
20.19 restoration and enhancement evaluations under
20.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
20.21 subdivision 10. Money appropriated in this
20.22 paragraph is available until June 30, 2026.

20.23 **(c) Core Functions in Partner-led OHF Land**
20.24 **Acquisitions**

20.25 \$892,000 the second year is to the
20.26 commissioner of natural resources for
20.27 administering the initial development,
20.28 restoration, and enhancement of land acquired
20.29 in fee with money appropriated from the
20.30 outdoor heritage fund. This appropriation may
20.31 be used for land acquisition costs incurred by
20.32 the department in conveying parcels to the
20.33 department and for initial development
20.34 activities on fee title acquisitions. Money

- 21.1 appropriated in this paragraph is available until
21.2 June 30, 2032.
- 21.3 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**
- 21.4 (a) Money appropriated in this section may
21.5 not be spent on activities unless they are
21.6 directly related to and necessary for a specific
21.7 appropriation and are specified in the
21.8 accomplishment plan approved by the
21.9 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
- 21.10 Money appropriated in this section must not
21.11 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional
21.12 overhead charges that are not directly related
21.13 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.
- 21.14 Money appropriated for fee title acquisition
21.15 of land may be used to restore, enhance, and
21.16 provide for public use of the land acquired
21.17 with the appropriation. Public-use facilities
21.18 must have a minimal impact on habitat in
21.19 acquired lands.
- 21.20 (b) Money appropriated in this section is
21.21 available as follows:
- 21.22 (1) money appropriated for acquiring real
21.23 property is available until June 30, 2028;
- 21.24 (2) money appropriated for restoring and
21.25 enhancing land acquired with an appropriation
21.26 in this section is available for four years after
21.27 the acquisition date with a maximum end date
21.28 of June 30, 2032;
- 21.29 (3) money appropriated for restoring or
21.30 enhancing other land is available until June
21.31 30, 2029;
- 21.32 (4) notwithstanding clauses (1) to (3), money
21.33 appropriated for a project that receives at least
21.34 15 percent of its funding from federal funds

22.1 is available until a date sufficient to match the
22.2 availability of federal funding to a maximum
22.3 of six years if the federal funding was
22.4 confirmed and included in the original
22.5 approved draft accomplishment plan; and
22.6 (5) money appropriated for other projects is
22.7 available until the end of the fiscal year in
22.8 which it is appropriated.

22.9 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**
22.10 **Equipment Expenditures**

22.11 (a) All agreements referred to in this section
22.12 must be administered on a reimbursement
22.13 basis unless otherwise provided in this section.
22.14 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
22.15 16A.41, expenditures directly related to each
22.16 appropriation's purpose made on or after July
22.17 1, 2024, or the date of accomplishment plan
22.18 approval, whichever is later, are eligible for
22.19 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in
22.20 this section. For the purposes of administering
22.21 appropriations and legislatively authorized
22.22 agreements paid out of the outdoor heritage
22.23 fund, an expense must be considered
22.24 reimbursable by the administering agency
22.25 when the recipient presents the agency with
22.26 an invoice or binding agreement with a
22.27 landowner and the recipient attests that the
22.28 goods have been received or the landowner
22.29 agreement is binding. Periodic reimbursement
22.30 must be made upon receiving documentation
22.31 that the items articulated in the
22.32 accomplishment plan approved by the
22.33 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council have
22.34 been achieved, including partial achievements
22.35 as evidenced by progress reports approved by

- 23.1 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
- 23.2 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to
- 23.3 projects to accommodate cash-flow needs,
- 23.4 support future management of acquired lands,
- 23.5 or match a federal share. The advances must
- 23.6 be approved as part of the accomplishment
- 23.7 plan. Capital equipment expenditures for
- 23.8 specific items in excess of \$10,000 must be
- 23.9 itemized in and approved as part of the
- 23.10 accomplishment plan.
- 23.11 (b) Unless otherwise provided, no money
- 23.12 appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund
- 23.13 in this act may be used to acquire, restore, or
- 23.14 enhance any real property unless the specific
- 23.15 acquisition, restoration, or enhancement is
- 23.16 approved as part of the accomplishment plan
- 23.17 on the parcel list.
- 23.18 **Subd. 9. Mapping**
- 23.19 Each direct recipient of money appropriated
- 23.20 in this section, as well as each recipient of a
- 23.21 grant awarded pursuant to this section, must
- 23.22 provide geographic information to the
- 23.23 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for
- 23.24 mapping of any lands acquired in fee with
- 23.25 funds appropriated in this section and open to
- 23.26 public taking of fish and game. The
- 23.27 commissioner of natural resources must
- 23.28 include the lands acquired in fee with money
- 23.29 appropriated in this section on maps showing
- 23.30 public recreation opportunities. Maps must
- 23.31 include information on and acknowledgment
- 23.32 of the outdoor heritage fund, including a
- 23.33 notation of any restrictions.

Subd. 10. **Carryforward**

(a) The availability of the following appropriations is extended to June 30, 2025:

(1) Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (f), Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement and Restoration - Phase XI; and

(2) Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (j), Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program - Phase VIII.

(b) The availability of the appropriation in Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (g), Big Rice Lake Wild Rice Enhancement, is extended to June 30, 2026.

ARTICLE 2
CLEAN WATER FUND

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

The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the clean water fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for allowable activities under the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15. The figures "2024" and "2025" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2024. "The second year" is fiscal year 2025. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2024 and 2025. These are onetime appropriations.

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
<u>Available for the Year</u>	
<u>Ending June 30</u>	
<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>

Sec. 2. **CLEAN WATER FUND**

Subdivision 1. <u>Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>25,426,000</u>
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25.1 This appropriation is from the clean water
25.2 fund. The amounts that may be spent for each
25.3 purpose are specified in the following sections.

25.4 **Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation**

25.5 Money appropriated in this article may not be
25.6 spent on activities unless they are directly
25.7 related to and necessary for a specific
25.8 appropriation. Money appropriated in this
25.9 article must be spent in accordance with
25.10 Minnesota Management and Budget MMB
25.11 Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund
25.12 Expenditure. Notwithstanding Minnesota
25.13 Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless otherwise
25.14 specified in this article, fiscal year 2024
25.15 appropriations are available until June 30,
25.16 2025, and fiscal year 2025 appropriations are
25.17 available until June 30, 2026. If a project
25.18 receives federal funds, the period of the
25.19 appropriation is extended to equal the
25.20 availability of federal funding.

25.21 **Subd. 3. Disability Access**

25.22 Where appropriate, grant recipients of clean
25.23 water funds, in consultation with the Council
25.24 on Disability and other appropriate
25.25 governor-appointed disability councils, boards,
25.26 committees, and commissions, should make
25.27 progress toward providing people with
25.28 disabilities greater access to programs, print
25.29 publications, and digital media related to the
25.30 programs the recipient funds using
25.31 appropriations made in this article.

25.32 **Subd. 4. Increasing Diversity in Environmental**
25.33 **Careers**

25.34 Agencies should work to provide opportunities
25.35 that encourage a diversity of students to pursue

26.1 careers in environment and natural resources
26.2 when implementing appropriations in this
26.3 article.

26.4 Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE \$ -0- \$ 4,000,000

26.5 (a) \$1,000,000 the second year is for
26.6 monitoring and evaluating trends in the
26.7 concentration of nitrate in groundwater;
26.8 promoting, developing, and evaluating
26.9 regional and crop-specific nutrient best
26.10 management practices, cover crops, and other
26.11 vegetative cover; assessing adoption of best
26.12 management practices and other recommended
26.13 practices; education and technical support
26.14 from University of Minnesota Extension;
26.15 grants to support agricultural demonstration
26.16 and implementation activities, including
26.17 research activities at the Rosholt Research
26.18 Farm; and other actions to protect groundwater
26.19 from degradation from nitrate. This
26.20 appropriation is added to the appropriation in
26.21 Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 2, section 3,
26.22 paragraph (b), and is available until June 30,
26.23 2028.

26.24 (b) \$3,000,000 the second year is for the
26.25 agriculture best management practices loan
26.26 program for loans for water quality-related
26.27 projects in southeast Minnesota. Any
26.28 unencumbered balance at the end of the second
26.29 year must be added to the corpus of the loan
26.30 fund. This appropriation is added to the
26.31 appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 40, article
26.32 2, section 3, paragraph (c).

26.33 Sec. 4. POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY \$ -0- \$ 4,650,000

- 27.1 (a) \$1,000,000 the second year is for
27.2 enhancing the county-level delivery systems
27.3 for subsurface sewage treatment system
27.4 (SSTS) activities necessary to implement
27.5 Minnesota Statutes, sections 115.55 and
27.6 115.56, for protecting groundwater. This
27.7 appropriation is added to the appropriation in
27.8 Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 2, section 4,
27.9 paragraph (f). Notwithstanding Minnesota
27.10 Statutes, section 16A.28, the appropriations
27.11 in this paragraph are available until June 30,
27.12 2028.
- 27.13 (b) \$1,000,000 the second year is for activities
27.14 and grants that reduce chloride pollution. This
27.15 appropriation is added to the appropriation in
27.16 Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 2, section 4,
27.17 paragraph (g).
- 27.18 (c) \$2,000,000 the second year is to purchase
27.19 and install nitrate sensors to develop a
27.20 continuous nitrate-monitoring network to
27.21 monitor watershed and basin pour points
27.22 where elevated loads of nitrate have been
27.23 measured historically.
- 27.24 (d) \$500,000 the second year is for grants to
27.25 assist local units of government that own and
27.26 operate wastewater treatment facilities to test
27.27 for and monitor perfluoroalkyl and
27.28 polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in influent,
27.29 biosolids, and effluent. The commissioner
27.30 must issue the grants consistent with
27.31 Minnesota's PFAS Blueprint and to further the
27.32 monitoring goals developed in the 2022 PFAS
27.33 Monitoring Plan.
- 27.34 (e) \$150,000 the second year is for a grant to
27.35 the Friends of the Minnesota Valley to

28.1 continue and expand the existing water quality
 28.2 and watershed monitoring river watch
 28.3 activities in schools in the Minnesota River
 28.4 Valley. By February 15, 2027, Friends of the
 28.5 Minnesota Valley must provide a report to the
 28.6 commissioner and to the chairs and ranking
 28.7 minority members of the legislative
 28.8 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
 28.9 over environment and natural resources
 28.10 finance and policy and the clean water fund
 28.11 on the outcomes achieved with the money
 28.12 received under this appropriation.

28.13	<u>Sec. 5. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL</u>			
28.14	<u>RESOURCES</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>\$ 90,000</u>

28.15 \$90,000 the second year is for assessing
 28.16 mercury and other fish contaminants,
 28.17 including PFAS compounds, and monitoring
 28.18 to track the status of impaired waters over
 28.19 time. This appropriation is added to the
 28.20 appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 40, article
 28.21 2, section 5, paragraph (c).

28.22	<u>Sec. 6. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL</u>			
28.23	<u>RESOURCES</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>\$ 9,485,000</u>

28.24 (a) \$2,485,000 the second year is for a
 28.25 working lands floodplain program and to
 28.26 purchase, restore, or preserve riparian land
 28.27 and floodplains adjacent to lakes, rivers,
 28.28 streams, and tributaries, by conservation
 28.29 easements or contracts to keep water on the
 28.30 land, to decrease sediment, pollutant, and
 28.31 nutrient transport; reduce hydrologic impacts
 28.32 to surface waters; and increase protection and
 28.33 recharge for groundwater. Up to \$100,000 is
 28.34 for deposit in a conservation easement
 28.35 stewardship account established according to
 28.36 Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.103. This

29.1 appropriation is added to the appropriation in
29.2 Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 2, section 6,
29.3 paragraph (f).

29.4 (b) \$4,000,000 the second year is to purchase
29.5 permanent conservation easements to protect
29.6 lands adjacent to public waters that have good
29.7 water quality but that are threatened with
29.8 degradation. Up to \$160,000 is for deposit in
29.9 a conservation easement stewardship account
29.10 established according to Minnesota Statutes,
29.11 section 103B.103. This appropriation is added
29.12 to the appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 40,
29.13 article 2, section 6, paragraph (k).

29.14 (c) \$2,000,000 the second year is for
29.15 developing and implementing a water legacy
29.16 grant program to expand partnerships for clean
29.17 water. This appropriation is added to the
29.18 appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 40, article
29.19 2, section 6, paragraph (m).

29.20 (d) \$1,000,000 the second year is to provide
29.21 support to the Soil and Water Conservation
29.22 Districts and other local governments and
29.23 partner organizations in the Lake Superior
29.24 basin to leverage Great Lakes Restoration
29.25 Initiative resources in implementing prioritized
29.26 activities.

29.27 (e) The board must require grantees to specify
29.28 the outcomes that will be achieved by the
29.29 grants.

29.30 (f) The appropriations in this section are
29.31 available until June 30, 2028, except grant or
29.32 easement funds are available for five years
29.33 after the date a grant or other agreement is
29.34 executed. Returned grant funds must be

30.1 regranted consistent with the purposes of this
 30.2 section.

30.3 Sec. 7. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH \$ -0- \$ 1,301,000

30.4 (a) \$384,000 the second year is for developing
 30.5 health risk limits for contaminants found or
 30.6 anticipated to be found in Minnesota drinking
 30.7 water, to certify private laboratories to conduct
 30.8 analyses for these contaminants, and to
 30.9 increase the capacity of the department's
 30.10 laboratory to analyze for these contaminants.

30.11 This appropriation is added to the
 30.12 appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 40, article
 30.13 2, section 7, paragraph (a).

30.14 (b) \$917,000 the second year is for supporting
 30.15 the public health response to nitrates in private
 30.16 wells in southeast Minnesota. Of this amount,
 30.17 \$737,000 is for well inventory and \$180,000
 30.18 is for private well testing.

30.19 (c) Unless otherwise specified, the
 30.20 appropriations in this section are available
 30.21 until June 30, 2027.

30.22 Sec. 8. UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA \$ -0- \$ 5,900,000

30.23 (a)(1) \$5,400,000 the second year is for the
 30.24 University of Minnesota Water Council to
 30.25 engage with partners and develop a 50-year
 30.26 clean water plan, according to the scope of
 30.27 work developed under Laws 2023, chapter 60,
 30.28 article 9, section 12, that:

30.29 (i) provides a literature-based assessment of
 30.30 the current status and trends regarding the
 30.31 quality and quantity of Minnesota waters, both
 30.32 surface and subsurface;

- 31.1 (ii) identifies gaps in data or understanding
31.2 and provides recommended steps to address
31.3 the gaps;
- 31.4 (iii) identifies existing and potential future
31.5 threats to Minnesota's waters; and
- 31.6 (iv) proposes a road map of scenarios and
31.7 policy recommendations designed to
31.8 proactively protect, remediate, and conserve
31.9 clean water for human use and biodiversity
31.10 for the next 50 years.
- 31.11 (2) The Board of Regents of the University of
31.12 Minnesota is requested to submit to the chairs
31.13 and ranking minority members of the house
31.14 of representatives and senate committees and
31.15 divisions with jurisdiction over environment
31.16 and natural resources:
- 31.17 (i) by June 30, 2025, a status report that
31.18 includes:
- 31.19 (A) a directory of existing data, databases, and
31.20 decision support tools; and
- 31.21 (B) an assessment of gaps in data and
31.22 understanding; and
- 31.23 (ii) by June 30, 2026, a status report that
31.24 includes:
- 31.25 (A) a list of steps to take to address gaps in
31.26 data and understanding; and
- 31.27 (B) a set of policy scenarios and forecasting
31.28 inputs.
- 31.29 (b) \$500,000 the second year is for a program
31.30 to evaluate performance and technology
31.31 transfer for stormwater best management
31.32 practices, to evaluate best management
31.33 performance and effectiveness to support

32.1 meeting total maximum daily loads, to develop
32.2 standards and incorporate state-of-the-art
32.3 guidance using minimal impact design
32.4 standards as the model, and to implement a
32.5 system to transfer knowledge and technology
32.6 across local government, industry, and
32.7 regulatory sectors. This appropriation is added
32.8 to the appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 40,
32.9 article 2, section 9, paragraph (b), and is
32.10 available until June 30, 2030.

32.11 **ARTICLE 3**
32.12 **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND**

32.13 Section 1. Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 3, section 2, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

32.14				<u>64,455,000</u>
32.15	Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation	\$	72,155,000	\$ <u>73,563,000</u>

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

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

32.19 Sec. 2. Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 3, section 3, is amended to read:

32.20	Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL			<u>38,931,000</u>
32.21	RESOURCES	\$	43,580,000	\$ <u>44,396,000</u>

32.22 (a) \$28,572,000 the first year and ~~\$25,524,000~~
32.23 \$29,167,000 the second year are for state
32.24 parks, recreation areas, and trails to:
32.25 (1) connect people to the outdoors;
32.26 (2) acquire land and create opportunities;
32.27 (3) maintain existing holdings; and
32.28 (4) improve cooperation by coordinating with
32.29 partners to implement the 25-year long-range
32.30 parks and trails legacy plan.

33.1 (b) The commissioner may spend money
33.2 appropriated under paragraph (a) on I Can!
33.3 programs, including but not limited to
33.4 programs designed to provide underserved
33.5 youth and youth who identify as lesbian, gay,
33.6 bisexual, transgender, and queer the
33.7 opportunity to experience the outdoors with
33.8 similar peers.

33.9 (c) \$14,286,000 the first year and ~~\$12,762,000~~
33.10 \$14,584,000 the second year are for grants for
33.11 parks and trails of regional significance
33.12 outside the seven-county metropolitan area
33.13 under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.535. The
33.14 grants awarded under this paragraph must be
33.15 based on the lists of recommended projects
33.16 submitted to the legislative committees under
33.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536,
33.18 subdivision 10, from the Greater Minnesota
33.19 Regional Parks and Trails Commission
33.20 established under Minnesota Statutes, section
33.21 85.536. Grants funded under this paragraph
33.22 must support parks and trails of regional or
33.23 statewide significance that meet the applicable
33.24 definitions and criteria for regional parks and
33.25 trails contained in the *Greater Minnesota*
33.26 *Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan*
33.27 adopted by the Greater Minnesota Regional
33.28 Parks and Trails Commission on ~~April 22,~~
33.29 2015 March 24, 2021. Grant recipients
33.30 identified under this paragraph must submit a
33.31 grant application to the commissioner of
33.32 natural resources. Up to 2.5 percent of the
33.33 appropriation may be used by the
33.34 commissioner for the actual cost of issuing
33.35 and monitoring the grants for the commission.
33.36 Of the amount appropriated, \$475,000 the first

34.1 year and \$475,000 the second year are for the
34.2 Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
34.3 Commission to carry out its duties under
34.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536, including
34.5 the continued development of a statewide
34.6 system plan for regional parks and trails
34.7 outside the seven-county metropolitan area.

34.8 (d) By January 15, 2024, the Greater
34.9 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
34.10 Commission must submit a list of projects that
34.11 contains the commission's recommendations
34.12 for funding from the parks and trails fund for
34.13 fiscal year 2025 to the chairs and ranking
34.14 minority members of the legislative
34.15 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
34.16 over environment and natural resources and
34.17 the parks and trails fund.

34.18 (e) By January 15, 2024, the Greater
34.19 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
34.20 Commission must submit a report that contains
34.21 the commission's criteria for funding from the
34.22 parks and trails fund, including the criteria
34.23 used to determine if a park or trail is of
34.24 regional significance, to the chairs and ranking
34.25 minority members of the legislative
34.26 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
34.27 over environment and natural resources and
34.28 the parks and trails fund.

34.29 (f) \$722,000 the first year and \$645,000 the
34.30 second year are for coordination and projects
34.31 between the department, the Metropolitan
34.32 Council, and the Greater Minnesota Regional
34.33 Parks and Trails Commission; enhanced
34.34 web-based information for park and trail users;

35.1 and support of activities of the Parks and

35.2 Trails Legacy Advisory Committee.

35.3 (g) The commissioner must contract for

35.4 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota

35.5 for restoration, maintenance, and other

35.6 activities under this section for at least

35.7 \$850,000 the first year and \$850,000 the

35.8 second year.

35.9 (h) Grant recipients of an appropriation under

35.10 this section must give consideration to

35.11 contracting with Conservation Corps

35.12 Minnesota for restoration, maintenance, and

35.13 other activities.

35.14 (i) In addition to the requirements under

35.15 paragraph (g), the commissioner should work

35.16 to provide other opportunities that encourage

35.17 a diversity of students to pursue careers in

35.18 environment and natural resources when

35.19 implementing appropriations in this section.

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

35.21 Sec. 3. Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 3, section 4, is amended to read:

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35.23 Sec. 4. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL \$ 28,572,000 \$ ~~25,524,000~~
29,167,000

35.24 (a) \$28,572,000 the first year and ~~\$25,524,000~~

35.25 \$29,167,000 the second year are for

35.26 distribution according to Minnesota Statutes,

35.27 section 85.53, subdivision 3.

35.28 (b) Money appropriated under this section and

35.29 distributed to implementing agencies must be

35.30 used only to fund the list of projects approved

35.31 by the elected representatives of each of the

35.32 metropolitan parks implementing agencies.

35.33 Projects funded by the money appropriated

36.1 under this section must be substantially
36.2 consistent with the project descriptions and
36.3 dollar amounts approved by each elected body.
36.4 Any money remaining after completing the
36.5 listed projects may be spent by the
36.6 implementing agencies on projects to support
36.7 parks and trails.

36.8 (c) Grant agreements entered into by the
36.9 Metropolitan Council and recipients of money
36.10 appropriated under this section must ensure
36.11 that the money is used to supplement and not
36.12 substitute for traditional sources of funding.

36.13 (d) The implementing agencies receiving
36.14 appropriations under this section must give
36.15 consideration to contracting with Conservation
36.16 Corps Minnesota for restoration, maintenance,
36.17 and other activities.

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

36.19 Sec. 4. **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND APPROPRIATION EXTENSIONS.**

36.20 **Subdivision 1. Bluffs Traverse Trail; city of Winona.** The availability of the grant to
36.21 the city of Winona for the Bluffs Traverse Trail project from the parks and trails fund
36.22 appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3, paragraph
36.23 (b), is extended to June 30, 2026.

36.24 **Subd. 2. Jay C. Hormel Nature Center; city of Austin.** The availability of the grant
36.25 to the city of Austin for the Jay C. Hormel Nature Center project from the parks and trails
36.26 fund appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3,
36.27 paragraph (b), is extended to June 30, 2027.

36.28 **Subd. 3. Hole in the Mountain Park; Lincoln County.** The availability of the grant to
36.29 Lincoln County for the Hole in the Mountain Park project from the parks and trails fund
36.30 appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3, paragraph
36.31 (b), is extended to June 30, 2027.

36.32 **Subd. 4. Alexander Ramsey Park; city of Redwood Falls.** The availability of the grant
36.33 to the city of Redwood Falls for the Alexander Ramsey Park project from the parks and

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

Subd. 5. Coordination among partners. The appropriations from the parks and trails fund under Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3, paragraph (e), are available until June 30, 2026.

ARTICLE 4

ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND

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

The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the entities and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the arts and cultural heritage fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for allowable activities under the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15, except that any unencumbered balance remaining under this article from the first year does not cancel but is available in the second year. The figures "2024" and "2025" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2025, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2024. "The second year" is fiscal year 2025. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2024 and 2025. All appropriations in this article are onetime.

APPROPRIATIONS	
Available for the Year	
Ending June 30	
2024	2025

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

Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation	\$	-0-	\$	12,209,000
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The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following subdivisions.

Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation

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

38.1 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.
 38.2 Money appropriated in this article must be
 38.3 spent in accordance with Minnesota
 38.4 Management and Budget MMB Guidance to
 38.5 Agencies on Legacy Fund Expenditure.
 38.6 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
 38.7 16A.28, and unless otherwise specified in this
 38.8 article, fiscal year 2024 appropriations are
 38.9 available until June 30, 2025, and fiscal year
 38.10 2025 appropriations are available until June
 38.11 30, 2027. Water and energy conservation
 38.12 technology and the use of renewable energy
 38.13 should be priorities for construction and
 38.14 building projects funded through this
 38.15 appropriation. If a project receives federal
 38.16 funds, the period of the appropriation is
 38.17 extended to equal the availability of federal
 38.18 funding.

38.19 **Subd. 3. Minnesota State Arts Board**

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5,738,000

38.20 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are
 38.21 appropriated to the Minnesota State Arts
 38.22 Board for arts, arts education, arts
 38.23 preservation, and arts access. Grant
 38.24 agreements entered into by the Minnesota
 38.25 State Arts Board and other recipients of
 38.26 appropriations in this subdivision must ensure
 38.27 that these funds are used to supplement and
 38.28 not substitute for traditional sources of
 38.29 funding. Each grant program established in
 38.30 this appropriation must be separately
 38.31 administered from other state appropriations
 38.32 for program planning and outcome
 38.33 measurements, but may take into consideration
 38.34 other state resources awarded in the selection
 38.35 of applicants and grant award size.

39.1 **(b) Arts and Arts Access Initiatives**

39.2 \$4,590,000 the second year is to support
39.3 Minnesota artists and arts organizations in
39.4 creating, producing, and presenting
39.5 high-quality arts activities; to preserve,
39.6 maintain, and interpret art forms and works
39.7 of art so that they are accessible to Minnesota
39.8 audiences; to overcome barriers to accessing
39.9 high-quality arts activities; and to instill the
39.10 arts into the community and public life in this
39.11 state. This appropriation is added to the
39.12 appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 40, article
39.13 4, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph (b).

39.14 **(c) Arts Education**

39.15 \$861,000 the second year is for high-quality,
39.16 age-appropriate arts education for Minnesotans
39.17 of all ages to develop knowledge, skills, and
39.18 understanding of the arts. This appropriation
39.19 is added to the appropriation in Laws 2023,
39.20 chapter 40, article 4, section 2, subdivision 3,
39.21 paragraph (c).

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

39.23 \$287,000 the second year is for events and
39.24 activities that represent, preserve, and maintain
39.25 the diverse cultural arts traditions, including
39.26 folk and traditional artists and art
39.27 organizations, represented in this state. This
39.28 appropriation is added to the appropriation in
39.29 Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 4, section 2,
39.30 subdivision 3, paragraph (d).

39.31 **(e) Administrative Costs**

39.32 Up to five percent of the totals in paragraphs
39.33 (b) to (d) each year is for administering grant
39.34 programs, delivering technical services,

40.1 providing fiscal oversight for the statewide
 40.2 system, and ensuring accountability in fiscal
 40.3 year 2025.

40.4 **(f) Regional Arts Councils**

40.5 Thirty percent of the remaining total
 40.6 appropriation to each of the categories listed
 40.7 in paragraphs (b) to (d) is for grants to the
 40.8 regional arts councils. Notwithstanding any
 40.9 other provision of law, regional arts council
 40.10 grants or other arts council grants for touring
 40.11 programs, projects, or exhibits must ensure
 40.12 the programs, projects, or exhibits are able to
 40.13 tour in their own region as well as all other
 40.14 regions of the state.

40.15 **Subd. 4. Department of Administration**

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1,845,000

40.16 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are
 40.17 appropriated to the commissioner of
 40.18 administration for grants to the named
 40.19 organizations for the purposes specified in this
 40.20 subdivision. The commissioner of
 40.21 administration may use a portion of this
 40.22 appropriation for costs that are directly related
 40.23 to and necessary for the administration of
 40.24 grants in this subdivision.

40.25 (b) Grant agreements entered into by the
 40.26 commissioner and recipients of appropriations
 40.27 under this subdivision must ensure that money
 40.28 appropriated in this subdivision is used to
 40.29 supplement and not substitute for traditional
 40.30 sources of funding.

40.31 **(c) Berger Fountain Renovation**

40.32 \$250,000 the second year is for a grant to the
 40.33 Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to

41.1 restore Berger Fountain at Loring Park and
41.2 for improvements to the surrounding plaza.

41.3 **(d) Cannon Falls American Veterans Memorial**
41.4 **Park**

41.5 \$250,000 the second year is for a grant to the
41.6 American Veterans Memorial Park for the
41.7 regional destination veterans memorial park
41.8 outside the city of Cannon Falls for
41.9 celebrating, recognizing, and honoring the
41.10 sacrifices of the diverse allies who supported
41.11 America in wars and conflicts, including but
41.12 not limited to culturally specific events,
41.13 festivals, and gatherings.

41.14 **(e) Indigenous Roots Cultural Arts Center and**
41.15 **Cypher Side**

41.16 \$200,000 the second year is for a grant to
41.17 Indigenous Roots Cultural Arts Center to
41.18 partner with Cypher Side to provide
41.19 integration of dance and other arts into a
41.20 creative economy-style retail and gastronomy
41.21 space in which youth can bring their arts and
41.22 cultural heritage into new spheres of activity.
41.23 This appropriation may not be used to hold
41.24 events.

41.25 **(f) Hrvatski Dom Croatian Hall**

41.26 \$195,000 the second year is for a grant to the
41.27 Hrvatski Dom Croatian Hall in South St. Paul
41.28 for restoring and operating the hall for
41.29 community gatherings and to preserve the
41.30 history and cultural heritage of Croatian
41.31 immigrants in Minnesota.

41.32 **(g) Justus Ramsey Stone House**

41.33 \$300,000 the second year is for a grant to the
41.34 Pullman Company for costs related to

42.1 preserving Minnesota's historic Justus Ramsey
42.2 Stone House and relocating it to the Jackson
42.3 Street Roundhouse property owned and
42.4 operated by the Minnesota Transportation
42.5 Museum.

42.6 **(h) Minnesota Military and Veterans Museum**

42.7 \$275,000 the second year is for a grant to the
42.8 Minnesota Military and Veterans Museum at
42.9 Camp Ripley for the restoration, relocation,
42.10 and interpretation of the USS Ward Number
42.11 Three Gun and World War II display.

42.12 **(i) PROCEED**

42.13 \$150,000 the second year is for a grant to
42.14 PROCEED, Inc., for arts, cultural, and
42.15 environmental preservation work with youth.

42.16 **(j) Art From the Inside**

42.17 \$150,000 the second year is for a grant to Art
42.18 From the Inside to use the arts, including but
42.19 not limited to visual art, poetry, literature,
42.20 theater, dance, and music, to address the
42.21 supportive, therapeutic, and rehabilitative
42.22 needs of incarcerated persons and persons on
42.23 supervised release and promote a safer
42.24 correctional facility and community
42.25 environment.

42.26 **(k) Twin Cities Jazz Festival**

42.27 \$75,000 the second year is for arts and arts
42.28 access at the Twin Cities Jazz Festival.

42.29 **Subd. 5. Minnesota Humanities Center**

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3,776,000

42.30 **(a) The amounts in this subdivision are**
42.31 appropriated to the Board of Directors of the
42.32 Minnesota Humanities Center for the purposes
42.33 specified in this subdivision. The Minnesota

43.1 Humanities Center may use up to 5.5 percent
43.2 of the appropriations for the administration of
43.3 these funds and to cover the cost of
43.4 administering, planning, evaluating, and
43.5 reporting these grants. The Minnesota
43.6 Humanities Center must develop a written
43.7 plan to issue the grants under this subdivision
43.8 and must submit the plan for review and
43.9 approval by the commissioner of
43.10 administration. The written plan must require
43.11 the Minnesota Humanities Center to create
43.12 and adhere to grant policies that are similar to
43.13 those established according to Minnesota
43.14 Statutes, section 16B.97, subdivision 4,
43.15 paragraph (a), clause (1).

43.16 No grants awarded under this subdivision may
43.17 be used for travel outside the state of
43.18 Minnesota. The grant agreement must specify
43.19 the repercussions for failing to comply with
43.20 the grant agreement.

43.21 **(b) Community Identity and Heritage Grant**
43.22 **Program; Administration and Capacity-Building**
43.23 **Grants**

43.24 \$2,700,000 the second year is for a
43.25 competitive grant program to provide grants
43.26 to organizations or individuals working to
43.27 create, celebrate, and teach the art, culture,
43.28 and heritage of diverse Minnesota
43.29 communities, including but not limited to
43.30 Asian and Pacific Island communities, the
43.31 Somali diaspora and other African immigrant
43.32 communities, Indigenous communities with
43.33 a focus on the 11 Tribes in Minnesota, the
43.34 African American community, the Latinx
43.35 community, the LGBTQIA+ community, and
43.36 other underrepresented cultural groups,

44.1 including communities of Black, Indigenous,
44.2 and people of color, to celebrate the cultural
44.3 diversity of Minnesota. Nothing in this
44.4 paragraph shall be construed to prevent a
44.5 named recipient of a grant under this article
44.6 or under Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 4, from
44.7 applying to receive additional grant money
44.8 under this paragraph. An individual or
44.9 organization that receives a grant under this
44.10 paragraph must do at least one of the
44.11 following:

44.12 (1) preserve and honor the cultural heritage of
44.13 Minnesota;

44.14 (2) provide education and student outreach on
44.15 cultural diversity;

44.16 (3) support the development of culturally
44.17 diverse humanities programming, including
44.18 arts programming, by individuals and
44.19 organizations; or

44.20 (4) empower communities in building identity
44.21 and culture, including preserving and honoring
44.22 communities whose Indigenous cultures are
44.23 endangered or disappearing.

44.24 **(c) Emergency Grants**

44.25 \$76,000 the second year is for emergency
44.26 grants to respond to urgent community needs
44.27 to organizations otherwise qualified to receive
44.28 grants under paragraph (b). Grants under this
44.29 paragraph should be designed to be awarded
44.30 on a rolling basis based on emerging needs to
44.31 assist communities responding to major events
44.32 and to facilitate the process of grieving,
44.33 encourage healing, create memorials, or assist
44.34 in recovery of the community.

45.1 **(d) Underrepresented Groups Cultural Studies**
45.2 **Materials**

45.3 \$1,000,000 the second year is for competitive
45.4 grants to develop high-quality academic
45.5 cultural and ethnic studies materials for
45.6 communities that do not have adequate
45.7 cultural and ethnic studies materials or who
45.8 are underrepresented in those materials,
45.9 including but not limited to the Hmong, Karen,
45.10 Somali, and Oromo cultures, and cultures
45.11 without a formal writing system that are
45.12 largely oral-based. In developing these
45.13 materials, a recipient of a grant under this
45.14 paragraph must work with school districts that
45.15 intend to use the materials.

45.16 **Subd. 6. Minnesota Historical Society**

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850,000

45.17 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are
45.18 appropriated to the governing board of the
45.19 Minnesota Historical Society to preserve and
45.20 enhance access to Minnesota's history and its
45.21 cultural and historical resources. Grant
45.22 agreements entered into by the Minnesota
45.23 Historical Society and other recipients of
45.24 appropriations in this subdivision must ensure
45.25 that these funds are used to supplement and
45.26 not substitute for traditional sources of
45.27 funding. Funds directly appropriated to the
45.28 Minnesota Historical Society must be used to
45.29 supplement and not substitute for traditional
45.30 sources of funding. The appropriations in this
45.31 subdivision are onetime.

45.32 **(b) Grants**

45.33 (1) \$200,000 the second year is to facilitate
45.34 negotiations for the purchase by the state of
45.35 the Wizard of Oz ruby slippers through a

46.1 combination of available state funds and
46.2 nonstate sources of funding;
46.3 (2) \$250,000 the second year is for
46.4 competitive grants to Lao, Cambodian,
46.5 Vietnamese, and Hmong cultural community
46.6 organizations for activities to commemorate
46.7 50 years of Southeast Asians in Minnesota;
46.8 (3) \$150,000 the second year is for activities
46.9 to prepare and coordinate community
46.10 commemoration programs celebrating 50 years
46.11 of Hmong Americans in Minnesota. The
46.12 Minnesota Historical Society must form an
46.13 advisory task force consisting of members of
46.14 the Hmong community to advise the society
46.15 on the design and implementation of these
46.16 activities and programs; and
46.17 (4) \$250,000 the second year is for planning
46.18 and outreach, in collaboration with the
46.19 Minnesota Humanities Center, for Minnesota's
46.20 commemoration of the 250th anniversary of
46.21 the signing of the Declaration of
46.22 Independence. The Minnesota Historical
46.23 Society and Minnesota Humanities Center
46.24 must enter into an agreement between the
46.25 organizations on how best to maximize the
46.26 impact of this grant and of collaboration with
46.27 statewide partners.