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A bill for an act

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

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

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extending prior appropriations; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes

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2024, section 97A.056, by adding a subdivision; Laws 2023, chapter 40, article

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4, section 2, subdivisions 3, as amended, 5; Laws 2024, chapter 106, article 4,

1.7

section 2, subdivision 6.

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

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ARTICLE 1

1.10

OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

1.11

Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

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

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

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fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The figures "2026" and "2027" used in

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this article mean that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year

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ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2026.

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"The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and 2027. The

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appropriations in this article are onetime appropriations.

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<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>			
<u>Available for the Year</u>			
<u>Ending June 30</u>			
<u>2026</u>		<u>2027</u>	

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Sec. 2. OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

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Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation

\$

162,111,000

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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**

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

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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

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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**
- 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

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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

place conditions on land use that require the continued use of the land for conservation purposes. Placement of conditions on land use under these programs does not require prior review and approval of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council or its successor under subdivision 15, paragraph (b).

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 "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and 2027. These are onetime appropriations.

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
<u>Available for the Year</u>	
<u>Ending June 30</u>	
<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>

Sec. 2. CLEAN WATER FUND

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

Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation

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

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. Of this amount, \$170,000 the
 30.10 first year and \$170,000 the second year are
 30.11 for grants to the Red River Watershed
 30.12 Management Board to enhance and expand
 30.13 the existing water quality and watershed
 30.14 monitoring river watch activities in schools in
 30.15 the Red River of the North Watershed. By
 30.16 February 15, 2028, the Red River Watershed
 30.17 Management Board must provide a report to
 30.18 the commissioner and the legislative
 30.19 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
 30.20 over environment and natural resources
 30.21 finance and policy and the clean water fund
 30.22 on the expenditure of this appropriation.

30.23 (b) \$7,250,000 the first year and \$7,250,000
 30.24 the second year are to support public
 30.25 participation in the watershed approach and
 30.26 to update watershed restoration and protection
 30.27 strategies, which include total maximum daily
 30.28 load (TMDL) and other supporting studies
 30.29 according to Minnesota Statutes, chapter
 30.30 114D, for waters on the impaired waters list
 30.31 approved by the United States Environmental
 30.32 Protection Agency.

30.33 (c) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
 30.34 the second year are for groundwater
 30.35 assessment, including enhancing the ambient

31.1 monitoring network, modeling, and evaluating
31.2 trends.

31.3 (d) \$1,600,000 the first year and \$1,600,000
31.4 the second year are for national pollutant
31.5 discharge elimination system wastewater and
31.6 stormwater TMDL implementation efforts.

31.7 (e) \$3,340,000 the first year and \$3,541,000
31.8 the second year are for enhancing the
31.9 county-level delivery systems for subsurface
31.10 sewage treatment system (SSTS) activities
31.11 necessary to implement Minnesota Statutes,
31.12 sections 115.55 and 115.56, for protecting
31.13 groundwater. This appropriation includes base
31.14 grants for all counties with SSTS programs.
31.15 Counties that receive base grants must report
31.16 the number of properties with noncompliant
31.17 systems upgraded through an SSTS
31.18 replacement, connection to a centralized sewer
31.19 system, or other means, including property
31.20 abandonment or buyout. Counties also must
31.21 report the number of existing SSTS
31.22 compliance inspections conducted in areas
31.23 under county jurisdiction. The required reports
31.24 must be part of the established annual
31.25 reporting for SSTS programs. Of this amount,
31.26 at least \$900,000 each year is available to
31.27 counties for grants to low-income landowners
31.28 to address systems that pose an imminent
31.29 threat to public health or safety or fail to
31.30 protect groundwater. A county receiving a
31.31 grant under this paragraph must submit a
31.32 report to the agency listing the projects funded,
31.33 including an account of the expenditures.

32.1 (f) \$650,000 the first year and \$650,000 the
32.2 second year are for activities and grants that
32.3 reduce chloride pollution.

32.4 (g) \$461,000 the first year and \$461,000 the
32.5 second year are to support activities of the
32.6 Clean Water Council according to Minnesota
32.7 Statutes, section 114D.30, subdivision 1.

32.8 (h) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
32.9 second year are for a grant program for
32.10 sanitary sewer projects that are included in the
32.11 draft or any updated Voyageurs National Park
32.12 Clean Water Project Comprehensive Plan to
32.13 restore the water quality of waters in
32.14 Voyageurs National Park. Grants must be
32.15 awarded to local government units for projects
32.16 approved by the Voyageurs National Park
32.17 Clean Water Joint Powers Board and must be
32.18 matched by at least 25 percent from sources
32.19 other than the clean water fund.

32.20 (i) Any unencumbered grant balances in the
32.21 first year do not cancel but are available for
32.22 grants in the second year. Notwithstanding
32.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the
32.24 appropriations in this section are available
32.25 until June 30, 2030.

32.26 **Sec. 5. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**
32.27 **RESOURCES**

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

32.28 (a) \$2,825,000 the first year and \$2,825,000
32.29 the second year are for stream flow
32.30 monitoring.

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

- 33.1 (c) \$550,000 the first year and \$550,000 the
33.2 second year are for assessing mercury and
33.3 other fish contaminants, including PFAS
33.4 compounds, and monitoring to track the status
33.5 of impaired waters over time.
- 33.6 (d) \$2,250,000 the first year and \$2,500,000
33.7 the second year are for developing targeted,
33.8 science-based watershed restoration and
33.9 protection strategies and for technical
33.10 assistance for local governments.
- 33.11 (e) \$2,350,000 the first year and \$2,350,000
33.12 the second year are for water-supply planning,
33.13 aquifer protection, and monitoring activities
33.14 and analysis.
- 33.15 (f) \$2,100,000 the first year and \$2,250,000
33.16 the second year are for technical assistance to
33.17 support local implementation of nonpoint
33.18 source restoration and protection activities and
33.19 targeted forest stewardship for water quality.
- 33.20 (g) \$700,000 the first year and \$700,000 the
33.21 second year are for tool development and
33.22 evaluation, including maintaining and updating
33.23 spatial data for watershed boundaries, streams,
33.24 and water bodies and integrating
33.25 high-resolution digital elevation data and for
33.26 assessing the effectiveness of forestry best
33.27 management practices for water quality.
- 33.28 (h) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
33.29 second year are for accelerating completion
33.30 of or updates to county geologic atlases and
33.31 supplementing water chemistry or chemical
33.32 movement studies.
- 33.33 (i) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
33.34 second year are for increasing native

34.1 freshwater mussel production capacity and
 34.2 restoring and monitoring freshwater mussel
 34.3 restoration efforts.

34.4 (j) \$1,400,000 the first year and \$1,500,000
 34.5 the second year are for providing technical
 34.6 and financial assistance for county and local
 34.7 governments to replace failing or ineffective
 34.8 culverts using modern designs that restore
 34.9 floodplain connectivity, biological
 34.10 connectivity, and channel stability. This
 34.11 appropriation is available for up to two
 34.12 additional years.

34.13 **Sec. 6. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL**
 34.14 **RESOURCES**

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

34.15 (a) \$39,962,000 the first year and \$48,138,000
 34.16 the second year are for agreements to
 34.17 implement state-approved watershed-based
 34.18 plans. The agreements may be used to
 34.19 implement projects or programs that protect,
 34.20 enhance, and restore surface water quality in
 34.21 lakes, rivers, and streams; protect groundwater
 34.22 from degradation; and protect drinking water
 34.23 sources. Activities must be identified in a
 34.24 comprehensive watershed plan developed
 34.25 under the One Watershed, One Plan program
 34.26 and seven-county metropolitan groundwater
 34.27 or surface water management frameworks as
 34.28 provided for in Minnesota Statutes, chapters
 34.29 103B, 103C, 103D, and 114D. Other legacy
 34.30 funds may be used to supplement projects
 34.31 funded under this paragraph. This
 34.32 appropriation may be used for:
 34.33 (1) implementing state-approved plans,
 34.34 including within the following watershed
 34.35 planning areas: Big Fork River, Blue Earth

- 35.1 River, Bois de Sioux - Mustinka, Buffalo-Red
- 35.2 River, Cannon River, Cedar - Wapsipinicon,
- 35.3 Chippewa River, Clearwater River,
- 35.4 Cottonwood-Middle Minnesota, Crow Wing
- 35.5 River, Des Moines River, Greater Zumbro
- 35.6 River, Hawk Creek - Middle Minnesota, Kettle
- 35.7 and Upper St. Croix, Lac qui Parle-Yellow
- 35.8 Bank, Lake of the Woods, Lake Superior
- 35.9 North, Le Sueur River, Leech Lake River,
- 35.10 Little Fork River, Long Prairie River, Lower
- 35.11 Minnesota River East, Lower Minnesota River
- 35.12 West, Lower St. Croix River,
- 35.13 Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers, Minnesota
- 35.14 River-Mankato, Mississippi River Brainerd,
- 35.15 Mississippi River Headwaters, Mississippi
- 35.16 River St. Cloud, Mississippi River-Sartell,
- 35.17 Mississippi River Winona/La Crescent,
- 35.18 Missouri River Basin, Nemadji River, North
- 35.19 Fork Crow River, Otter Tail, Pine River,
- 35.20 Pomme de Terre River, Rainy-Rapid River,
- 35.21 Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion, Rainy
- 35.22 River-Rainy Lake, Red Lake River, Redeye
- 35.23 River, Redwood River, Root River, Roseau
- 35.24 River, Rum River, Sand Hill River, Sauk
- 35.25 River, Shell Rock and Winnebago River,
- 35.26 Snake River, South Fork of the Crow River,
- 35.27 St. Louis River, Thief River, Two Rivers Plus,
- 35.28 Upper and Lower Red Lake, Upper Minnesota
- 35.29 River, Upper Mississippi - Grand Rapids,
- 35.30 Watonwan River, Wild Rice - Marsh, and
- 35.31 Yellow Medicine River;
- 35.32 (2) implementing seven-county metropolitan
- 35.33 groundwater or surface water management
- 35.34 frameworks; and

36.1 (3) implementing other comprehensive
36.2 watershed management plan planning areas
36.3 that have a board-approved and
36.4 local-government-adopted plan as authorized
36.5 in Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.801.

36.6 The board must establish eligibility criteria
36.7 and determine whether a planning area is ready
36.8 to proceed.

36.9 (b) \$2,935,000 the first year and \$3,065,000
36.10 the second year are for agreements with local
36.11 government units to protect and restore surface
36.12 water and drinking water; to keep water on
36.13 the land; to protect, enhance, and restore water
36.14 quality in lakes, rivers, and streams; and to
36.15 protect groundwater and drinking water,
36.16 including feedlot water quality and subsurface
36.17 sewage treatment system projects and stream
36.18 bank, stream channel, shoreline restoration,
36.19 and ravine stabilization projects. The projects
36.20 must use practices demonstrated to be
36.21 effective, be of long-lasting public benefit,
36.22 include a match, and be consistent with total
36.23 maximum daily load (TMDL) implementation
36.24 plans, watershed restoration and protection
36.25 strategies (WRAPS), groundwater restoration
36.26 and protection strategies (GRAPS), or local
36.27 water management plans or their equivalents.
36.28 Up to 50 percent of this appropriation is
36.29 available for land-treatment projects and
36.30 practices that benefit drinking water.

36.31 (c) \$4,350,000 the first year and \$4,350,000
36.32 the second year are for accelerated
36.33 implementation, local resource protection,
36.34 statewide analytical targeting or technology
36.35 tools that fill an identified gap, program

37.1 enhancements for technical assistance, citizen
37.2 and community outreach, compliance, and
37.3 training and certification.

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

37.6 (1) to provide state oversight and
37.7 accountability, evaluate and communicate
37.8 results, provide implementation tools, and
37.9 measure the value of conservation program
37.10 implementation by local governments; and

37.11 (2) to submit to the legislature by December
37.12 15 each even-numbered year a biennial report
37.13 detailing the recipients and projects funded
37.14 and the results accomplished under this
37.15 section.

37.16 (e) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
37.17 the second year are to provide assistance,
37.18 oversight, and support for local governments
37.19 in implementing and complying with riparian
37.20 protection and excessive soil loss
37.21 requirements.

37.22 (f) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
37.23 the second year are for a working lands
37.24 floodplain program and to purchase, restore,
37.25 or preserve riparian land and floodplains
37.26 adjacent to lakes, wetlands, rivers, streams,
37.27 and tributaries, by conservation easements or
37.28 other agreements to keep water on the land,
37.29 to decrease sediment, pollutant, and nutrient
37.30 transport; reduce hydrologic impacts to surface
37.31 waters; and increase protection and recharge
37.32 for groundwater. Up to \$60,000 is for deposit
37.33 in a conservation easement stewardship

38.1 account established according to Minnesota
38.2 Statutes, section 103B.103.

38.3 (g) \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000
38.4 the second year are for conservation easements
38.5 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.501
38.6 to 103F.535, or for agreements with local units
38.7 of government or Tribal governments for
38.8 long-term protection of groundwater supply
38.9 sources. Priority must be placed on drinking
38.10 water supply management areas where the
38.11 vulnerability of the drinking water supply is
38.12 designated as high or very high by the
38.13 commissioner of health, that are mitigation
38.14 level 1 or 2 under the groundwater protection
38.15 rule, where drinking water protection plans
38.16 developed by Tribal governments have
38.17 identified high vulnerability, or where drinking
38.18 water protection plans have identified specific
38.19 activities that will achieve long-term
38.20 protection. Up to \$200,000 is for deposit in a
38.21 conservation easement stewardship account
38.22 established according to Minnesota Statutes,
38.23 section 103B.103.

38.24 (h) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
38.25 second year are for a technical evaluation
38.26 panel to conduct restoration evaluations under
38.27 Minnesota Statutes, section 114D.50,
38.28 subdivision 6.

38.29 (i) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
38.30 second year are for assistance to, oversight of,
38.31 and agreements with local governments to
38.32 enhance and update comprehensive watershed
38.33 management plans developed under Minnesota
38.34 Statutes, section 103B.801.

- 39.1 (j) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
39.2 the second year are for technical and financial
39.3 assistance for the conservation drainage
39.4 program, in consultation with the Drainage
39.5 Work Group, coordinated under Minnesota
39.6 Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision 13,
39.7 and including projects to improve
39.8 multipurpose water management under
39.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 103E.015.
- 39.10 (k) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
39.11 second year are to purchase permanent
39.12 conservation easements to protect lands
39.13 adjacent to public waters that have good water
39.14 quality but that are threatened with
39.15 degradation. Up to \$60,000 is for deposit in a
39.16 conservation easement stewardship account
39.17 established according to Minnesota Statutes,
39.18 section 103B.103.
- 39.19 (l) \$425,000 the first year and \$425,000 the
39.20 second year are to systematically collect data
39.21 and produce county, watershed, and statewide
39.22 estimates of soil erosion caused by water and
39.23 wind, and track adoption of conservation
39.24 measures, including cover crops, to address
39.25 erosion. This appropriation may be used for
39.26 agreements with the University of Minnesota
39.27 to complete this work.
- 39.28 (m) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
39.29 second year are for implementing a water
39.30 legacy program to expand partnerships for
39.31 clean water.
- 39.32 (n) \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000
39.33 the second year are for permanent
39.34 conservation easements to protect and restore
39.35 wetlands and associated uplands. Up to

40.1 \$100,000 is for deposit in a conservation
40.2 easement stewardship account established
40.3 according to Minnesota Statutes, section
40.4 103B.103.

40.5 (o) \$3,560,000 the first year and \$5,926,000
40.6 the second year are for financial and technical
40.7 assistance to enhance adoption of cover crops
40.8 and other soil health practices to achieve water
40.9 quality or drinking water benefits. The board
40.10 may use agreements with local governments,
40.11 the United States Department of Agriculture,
40.12 AgCentric at Minnesota State Center for
40.13 Excellence, and other practitioners and
40.14 partners to accomplish this work. Up to
40.15 \$450,000 is for an agreement with the
40.16 University of Minnesota Office for Soil Health
40.17 for applied research and education on
40.18 Minnesota's agroecosystems and soil health
40.19 management systems. This appropriation may
40.20 be extended to leverage available federal
40.21 funds.

40.22 (p) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
40.23 second year are to contract for delivery of
40.24 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota
40.25 and Iowa for restoration, maintenance,
40.26 training, and other activities consistent with
40.27 this section.

40.28 (q) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
40.29 second year are to provide support to soil and
40.30 water conservation districts and other local
40.31 governments and partner organizations in the
40.32 Lake Superior basin to leverage Great Lakes
40.33 Restoration Initiative or other federal funding
40.34 to implement prioritized activities.

41.1 (r) The board may shift funds in this section
 41.2 and may adjust the technical and
 41.3 administrative assistance portion of the funds
 41.4 to leverage federal or other nonstate funds, to
 41.5 facilitate oversight responsibilities, or to
 41.6 address high-priority activities identified by
 41.7 the board consistent with local water
 41.8 management plans.

41.9 (s) The board must require grantees to specify
 41.10 the outcomes that will be achieved by the
 41.11 grants.

41.12 (t) The appropriations in this section are
 41.13 available until June 30, 2030, except grant or
 41.14 easement funds are available for five years
 41.15 after the date a grant or other agreement is
 41.16 executed. Returned funds must be repurposed
 41.17 consistent with the purposes of this section.

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

41.19 (a) \$5,925,000 the first year and \$5,925,000
 41.20 the second year are to develop health risk
 41.21 limits and other health-based guidance and
 41.22 conduct outreach activities for contaminants
 41.23 found or anticipated to be found in Minnesota
 41.24 drinking water; to accredit private laboratories
 41.25 to conduct analyses for these contaminants;
 41.26 and to increase the capacity of the
 41.27 department's laboratory to analyze for these
 41.28 contaminants.

41.29 (b) \$2,300,000 the first year and \$3,700,000
 41.30 the second year are for ensuring safe drinking
 41.31 water for private well users in southeast
 41.32 Minnesota and statewide by designing and
 41.33 implementing voluntary interventions to
 41.34 reduce health risks to private well users,

- 42.1 including identifying private well locations,
42.2 studying the occurrence and magnitude of
42.3 contaminants in private wells, developing
42.4 guidance and conducting outreach and
42.5 education about well testing and mitigation,
42.6 awarding grants to local governments, and
42.7 offering well testing.
- 42.8 (c) \$3,770,000 the first year and \$3,920,000
42.9 the second year are for protecting sources of
42.10 drinking water, including planning,
42.11 implementation, and monitoring activities and
42.12 grants to local governments and public water
42.13 systems.
- 42.14 (d) \$1,750,000 the first year and \$1,750,000
42.15 the second year are to develop and deliver
42.16 groundwater restoration and protection
42.17 strategies on a watershed scale for use in local
42.18 comprehensive water planning efforts, to
42.19 provide resources to local governments for
42.20 activities that sustain groundwater and protect
42.21 sources of drinking water, and to enhance
42.22 approaches that improve the capacity of local
42.23 governmental units to protect and restore
42.24 groundwater resources.
- 42.25 (e) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
42.26 second year are to develop public health
42.27 policies and approaches to address threats to
42.28 safe drinking water, including implementation
42.29 of a statewide action plan for protecting
42.30 drinking water.
- 42.31 (f) \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
42.32 second year are for optimizing the statewide
42.33 recreational water portal that includes an
42.34 inventory of public beaches and information
42.35 about local monitoring results and closures

43.1 and that provides information about preventing
43.2 illness and recreational water stewardship.

43.3 (g) Unless otherwise specified, the
43.4 appropriations in this section are available
43.5 until June 30, 2029.

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

43.7 (a) \$1,375,000 the first year and \$1,375,000
43.8 the second year are to support communities
43.9 implementing projects that address emerging
43.10 drinking water supply threats and overall water
43.11 sustainability, provide cost-effective regional
43.12 solutions, leverage interjurisdictional
43.13 coordination, support local implementation of
43.14 wellhead protection plans, and prevent
43.15 degradation of groundwater and surface water
43.16 resources. These activities will provide
43.17 communities with:

43.18 (1) potential solutions to better connect land
43.19 use impacts on water supply and overall water
43.20 sustainability;

43.21 (2) ways to balance regional water use by
43.22 using surface water, stormwater, wastewater,
43.23 and groundwater;

43.24 (3) an analysis of infrastructure requirements
43.25 needed to maintain and strengthen the
43.26 reliability of water systems;

43.27 (4) development of planning-level cost
43.28 estimates, including capital costs and operating
43.29 costs;

43.30 (5) funding mechanisms and an equitable
43.31 cost-sharing structure for regionally beneficial
43.32 water supply development projects;

44.1 (6) information and tools to use to address
 44.2 climate change impacts on overall water
 44.3 supply systems and overall water
 44.4 sustainability; and

44.5 (7) ways to reduce impacts on the groundwater
 44.6 system through stormwater reuse grants to
 44.7 assist communities in reducing water use.

44.8 (b) \$650,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
 44.9 second year are for grants that implement
 44.10 water demand reduction measures. The grants
 44.11 are to assist municipalities in the metropolitan
 44.12 area with implementing water demand
 44.13 reduction measures to ensure the reliability
 44.14 and protection of drinking water supplies.

44.15 **Sec. 9. UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA** **\$** **1,000,000** **\$** **1,400,000**

44.16 (a) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the
 44.17 second year are for developing Part A of
 44.18 county geologic atlases. This appropriation is
 44.19 available until June 30, 2030.

44.20 (b) \$600,000 the first year and \$1,000,000 the
 44.21 second year are for a program to evaluate
 44.22 performance and technology transfer for
 44.23 stormwater best management practices, to
 44.24 evaluate best management performance and
 44.25 effectiveness to support meeting total
 44.26 maximum daily loads, to develop standards
 44.27 and incorporate state-of-the-art guidance using
 44.28 minimal impact design standards as the model,
 44.29 and to implement a system to transfer
 44.30 knowledge and technology across the local
 44.31 government, industry, and regulatory sectors.
 44.32 This appropriation is available until June 30,
 44.33 2032.

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

45.1 \$7,000 the first year is for the Legislative
 45.2 Coordinating Commission for the website
 45.3 required under Minnesota Statutes, section
 45.4 3.303, subdivision 10.

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

45.6 (a) \$8,190,000 the first year and \$8,250,000
 45.7 the second year are for the point source
 45.8 implementation grants program under
 45.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.073. This
 45.10 appropriation is available until June 30, 2032.

45.11 (b) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
 45.12 second year are for small community
 45.13 wastewater treatment grants and loans under
 45.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.075. This
 45.15 appropriation is available until June 30, 2032.

45.16 (c) If there is any uncommitted money at the
 45.17 end of each fiscal year under paragraph (a) or
 45.18 (b), the Public Facilities Authority may
 45.19 transfer the remaining funds to eligible
 45.20 projects under any of the programs listed in
 45.21 this section according to a project's priority
 45.22 rank on the Pollution Control Agency's project
 45.23 priority list.

45.24 Sec. 12. **ASH RIVER SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT**
 45.25 **SYSTEM APPROPRIATION EXTENSION.**

45.26 The portion of the appropriation in Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 2, article
 45.27 2, section 5, paragraph (h), as amended by Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1,
 45.28 article 2, section 18, for the Ash River Sanitary Sewer Collection and Treatment System is
 45.29 available until June 30, 2026.

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

45.31 **ARTICLE 3**

45.32 **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND**

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

The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the parks and trails fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and 2027. These are onetime appropriations.

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>			
<u>Available for the Year</u>			
<u>Ending June 30</u>			
	<u>2026</u>		<u>2027</u>

Sec. 2. PARKS AND TRAILS FUND

<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>61,435,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>68,733,000</u>
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The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following sections.

Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation

Money appropriated in this article may not be spent on activities unless they are directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation. Money appropriated in this article must be spent in accordance with Minnesota Management and Budget MMB Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund Expenditure. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless otherwise specified in this article, fiscal year 2026 appropriations are available until June 30, 2028, and fiscal year 2027 appropriations are available until June 30, 2029. If a project receives federal funds, the period of the appropriation is extended to equal the availability of federal funding.

Subd. 3. Disability Access

47.1

Where appropriate, grant recipients of parks

47.2

and trails funds, in consultation with the

47.3

Council on Disability and other appropriate

47.4

governor-appointed disability councils, boards,

47.5

committees, and commissions, should make

47.6

progress toward providing people with

47.7

disabilities greater access to programs, print

47.8

publications, and digital media related to the

47.9

programs the recipient funds using

47.10

appropriations made in this article.

47.11

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

47.12

Grant recipients of parks and trails funds

47.13

should prioritize water and energy

47.14

conservation technology and the use of

47.15

renewable energy for construction and

47.16

building projects funded with an appropriation

47.17

made in this article.

47.18

Sec. 3. **DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**

47.19

RESOURCES

\$

37,095,000

\$

41,511,000

47.20

(a) \$24,295,000 the first year and \$27,222,000

47.21

the second year are for state parks, recreation

47.22

areas, and trails to:

- 47.23
- (1) connect people to the outdoors;
- 47.24
- (2) acquire land and create opportunities;
- 47.25
- (3) maintain existing holdings; and
- 47.26
- (4) improve cooperation by coordinating with
- 47.27
- partners to implement the 25-year long-range
- 47.28
- parks and trails legacy plan.

47.29

(b) The commissioner may spend money

47.30

appropriated under paragraph (a) on I Can!

47.31

programs, including but not limited to

47.32

programs designed to provide underserved

47.33

youth and youth who identify as lesbian, gay,

47.34

bisexual, transgender, and queer the

48.1 opportunity to experience the outdoors with
48.2 similar peers.

48.3 (c) \$12,148,000 the first year and \$13,610,000
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. Of the
48.26 amount appropriated, up to \$140,000 each
48.27 year may be used by the commissioner for the
48.28 actual cost of issuing and monitoring the
48.29 grants for the commission. Of the amount
48.30 appropriated, \$500,000 the first year and
48.31 \$500,000 the second year are for the Greater
48.32 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
48.33 Commission to carry out its duties under
48.34 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536, including
48.35 the continued development of a statewide

- 49.1 system plan for regional parks and trails
49.2 outside the seven-county metropolitan area.
- 49.3 (d) By January 15, 2026, the Greater
49.4 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
49.5 Commission must submit a list of projects that
49.6 contains the commission's recommendations
49.7 for funding from the parks and trails fund for
49.8 fiscal year 2027 to the chairs and ranking
49.9 minority members of the legislative
49.10 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
49.11 over environment and natural resources and
49.12 the parks and trails fund.
- 49.13 (e) By January 15, 2026, the Greater
49.14 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
49.15 Commission must submit a report that contains
49.16 the commission's criteria for funding from the
49.17 parks and trails fund, including the criteria
49.18 used to determine if a park or trail is of
49.19 regional significance, to the chairs and ranking
49.20 minority members of the legislative
49.21 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
49.22 over environment and natural resources and
49.23 the parks and trails fund.
- 49.24 (f) \$652,000 the first year and \$679,000 the
49.25 second year are for coordination and projects
49.26 between the department, the Metropolitan
49.27 Council, and the Greater Minnesota Regional
49.28 Parks and Trails Commission; enhanced
49.29 web-based information for park and trail users;
49.30 and support of activities of the Parks and
49.31 Trails Legacy Advisory Committee.
- 49.32 (g) The commissioner must contract for
49.33 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota
49.34 and Iowa for restoration, maintenance, and
49.35 other activities under this section for at least

50.1 \$850,000 the first year and \$850,000 the
 50.2 second year.

50.3 (h) Grant recipients of an appropriation under
 50.4 this section must give consideration to
 50.5 contracting with Conservation Corps
 50.6 Minnesota and Iowa for restoration,
 50.7 maintenance, and other activities.

50.8 (i) In addition to the requirements under
 50.9 paragraph (g), the commissioner should work
 50.10 to provide other opportunities that encourage
 50.11 a diversity of students to pursue careers in
 50.12 environment and natural resources when
 50.13 implementing appropriations in this section.

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

50.15 (a) \$24,295,000 the first year and \$27,222,000
 50.16 the second year are for distribution according
 50.17 to Minnesota Statutes, section 85.53,
 50.18 subdivision 3.

50.19 (b) Money appropriated under this section and
 50.20 distributed to implementing agencies must be
 50.21 used only to fund the list of projects approved
 50.22 by the elected representatives of each of the
 50.23 metropolitan parks implementing agencies.
 50.24 Projects funded by the money appropriated
 50.25 under this section must be substantially
 50.26 consistent with the project descriptions and
 50.27 dollar amounts approved by each elected body.
 50.28 Any money remaining after completing the
 50.29 listed projects may be spent by the
 50.30 implementing agencies on projects to support
 50.31 parks and trails.

50.32 (c) Grant agreements entered into by the
 50.33 Metropolitan Council and recipients of money
 50.34 appropriated under this section must ensure

51.1 that the money is used to supplement and not
 51.2 substitute for traditional sources of funding.

51.3 (d) The implementing agencies receiving
 51.4 appropriations under this section must give
 51.5 consideration to contracting with Conservation
 51.6 Corps Minnesota for restoration, maintenance,
 51.7 and other activities.

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

51.9 \$4,000 the first year is for the Legislative
 51.10 Coordinating Commission for the website
 51.11 required under Minnesota Statutes, section
 51.12 3.303, subdivision 10.

51.13 **Sec. 6. ADDITIONAL FISCAL YEAR 2026**
 51.14 **APPROPRIATION FOR GREATER**
 51.15 **MINNESOTA PARKS AND TRAILS.**

51.16 \$41,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated
 51.17 from the parks and trails fund to the
 51.18 commissioner of natural resources for grants
 51.19 for parks and trails of regional significance
 51.20 outside the seven-county metropolitan area.
 51.21 This appropriation is available June 30, 2028.

51.22 **Sec. 7. PARKS AND TRAILS FUND**
 51.23 **APPROPRIATION EXTENSIONS.**

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

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

52.1 The availability of the grant to the city of
52.2 Winona for the Bluffs Traverse Trail project
52.3 from the 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 Austin for the Jay C. Hormel Nature Center
52.9 project from the parks and trails fund fiscal
52.10 year 2024 appropriation under Laws 2023,
52.11 chapter 40, article 3, section 3, paragraph (c),
52.12 is extended to June 30, 2027.

52.13 The availability of the grant to the city of
52.14 Duluth for the Spirit Mountain Recreation
52.15 Area project from the parks and trails fund
52.16 fiscal year 2023 appropriation under Laws
52.17 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article
52.18 3, section 3, paragraph (b), is extended to June
52.19 30, 2027.

52.20 The availability of the grant to the city of
52.21 Duluth for the Waabizheshikana/Marten Trail
52.22 project from the parks and trails fund fiscal
52.23 year 2024 appropriation under Laws 2023,
52.24 chapter 40, article 3, section 3, paragraph (c),
52.25 is extended to June 30, 2027.

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

52.27 Sec. 8. **CANCELLATIONS.**

52.28 (a) The unobligated balance from the parks
52.29 and trails fund appropriation under Laws 2019,
52.30 First Special Session, chapter 2, article 3,
52.31 section 3, paragraph (b), for grants estimated
52.32 to be \$10,000 is canceled to the parks and
52.33 trails fund no later than June 30, 2025.

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

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 "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and June 30, 2027, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and 2027. All appropriations in this article are onetime.

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>			
<u>Available for the Year</u>			
<u>Ending June 30</u>			
	<u>2026</u>		<u>2027</u>

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

<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>85,293,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>94,618,000</u>
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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

54.1 overhead charges that are not directly related
54.2 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.
54.3 Money appropriated in this article must be
54.4 spent in accordance with Minnesota
54.5 Management and Budget MMB Guidance to
54.6 Agencies on Legacy Fund Expenditure.
54.7 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
54.8 16A.28, and unless otherwise specified in this
54.9 article, fiscal year 2026 appropriations are
54.10 available until June 30, 2027, and fiscal year
54.11 2027 appropriations are available until June
54.12 30, 2028. Water and energy conservation
54.13 technology and the use of renewable energy
54.14 should be priorities for construction and
54.15 building projects funded through this
54.16 appropriation. If a project receives federal
54.17 funds, the period of the appropriation is
54.18 extended to equal the availability of federal
54.19 funding.

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

54.21	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>40,088,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>44,470,000</u>
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54.22 The amounts that may be spent for each
54.23 purpose are specified in the following
54.24 subdivisions.

54.25 Subd. 2. **Grant Agreements**

54.26 The amounts in this section are appropriated
54.27 to the Minnesota State Arts Board for arts, arts
54.28 education, arts preservation, and arts access.
54.29 Grant agreements entered into by the
54.30 Minnesota State Arts Board and other
54.31 recipients of appropriations in this section
54.32 must ensure that the money is used to
54.33 supplement and not substitute for traditional
54.34 sources of funding. Each grant program
54.35 established in this appropriation must be

55.1 separately administered from other state
 55.2 appropriations for program planning and
 55.3 outcome measurements, but may take into
 55.4 consideration other state resources awarded
 55.5 in the selection of applicants and grant award
 55.6 size.

55.7 **Subd. 3. Arts and Arts Access Initiatives** 32,071,000 35,576,000

55.8 \$32,071,000 the first year and \$35,576,000
 55.9 the second year are to support Minnesota
 55.10 artists and arts organizations in creating,
 55.11 producing, and presenting high-quality arts
 55.12 activities; to preserve, maintain, and interpret
 55.13 art forms and works of art so that they are
 55.14 accessible to Minnesota audiences; to
 55.15 overcome barriers to accessing high-quality
 55.16 arts activities; and to instill the arts into the
 55.17 community and public life in this state. Grants
 55.18 provided under this subdivision must prioritize
 55.19 artists and arts organizations that plan to
 55.20 present art from communities that have been
 55.21 historically underrepresented in the arts or that
 55.22 improve access to the programs and projects
 55.23 for groups, including youth and historically
 55.24 underserved communities, that have struggled
 55.25 to access arts programming in the past.

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

55.27 \$6,013,000 the first year and \$6,670,000 the
 55.28 second year are for high-quality,
 55.29 age-appropriate arts education for Minnesotans
 55.30 of all ages to develop knowledge, skills, and
 55.31 understanding of the arts. Priority in the award
 55.32 of grants under this subdivision must be given
 55.33 to providing educational opportunities to
 55.34 underserved communities with grants for
 55.35 organizations or entities providing

56.1 opportunities to K-12 students throughout the
 56.2 state for arts education, including access to
 56.3 arts instruction, arts programming, museums,
 56.4 and arts presentations.

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

56.6 \$2,004,000 the first year and \$2,224,000 the
 56.7 second year are for events and activities that
 56.8 represent, preserve, and maintain the diverse
 56.9 cultural arts traditions, including folk and
 56.10 traditional artists and art organizations,
 56.11 represented in this state.

56.12 **Subd. 6. Administrative Costs**

56.13 Up to five percent of the totals in subdivisions
 56.14 3 to 5 each year is for administering grant
 56.15 programs, delivering technical services,
 56.16 providing fiscal oversight for the statewide
 56.17 system, and ensuring accountability in fiscal
 56.18 years 2026 and 2027.

56.19 **Subd. 7. Regional Arts Councils**

56.20 Thirty percent of the remaining total
 56.21 appropriation to each of the categories listed
 56.22 in subdivisions 3 to 5 is for grants to the
 56.23 regional arts councils. Notwithstanding any
 56.24 other provision of law, regional arts council
 56.25 grants or other arts council grants for touring
 56.26 programs, projects, or exhibits must ensure
 56.27 the programs, projects, or exhibits are able to
 56.28 tour in their own region as well as all other
 56.29 regions of the state.

56.30 **Sec. 4. MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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

57.1 The amounts that may be spent for each
57.2 purpose are specified in the following
57.3 subdivisions.

57.4 **Subd. 2. Grant Agreements**

57.5 (a) The amounts in this section are
57.6 appropriated to the governing board of the
57.7 Minnesota Historical Society to preserve and
57.8 enhance access to Minnesota's history and its
57.9 cultural and historical resources. Grant
57.10 agreements entered into by the Minnesota
57.11 Historical Society and other recipients of
57.12 appropriations in this section must ensure that
57.13 the money is used to supplement and not
57.14 substitute for traditional sources of funding.
57.15 Money directly appropriated to the Minnesota
57.16 Historical Society must be used to supplement
57.17 and not substitute for traditional sources of
57.18 funding. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
57.19 section 16A.28, for historic preservation
57.20 projects that improve historic structures, the
57.21 amounts are available until June 30, 2029. The
57.22 Minnesota Historical Society or grant
57.23 recipients of the Minnesota Historical Society
57.24 using money from the arts and cultural
57.25 heritage fund under this section must give
57.26 consideration to Conservation Corps
57.27 Minnesota and Iowa and Northern Bedrock
57.28 Historic Preservation Corps, or an organization
57.29 carrying out similar work, for projects with
57.30 the potential to need historic preservation
57.31 services.

57.32 (b) Up to five percent of the totals in
57.33 subdivisions 3 and 4 each year is for
57.34 administering grants and grant programs,
57.35 delivering technical services, providing fiscal

58.1 oversight, and ensuring accountability in fiscal
58.2 years 2026 and 2027.

58.3 Subd. 3. **Historical Grants and Programs** 12,634,000 18,875,000

58.4 (a) **Statewide Historic and Cultural Grants**

58.5 \$4,822,000 the first year and \$7,640,000 the
58.6 second year are for statewide historic and
58.7 cultural grants to local, county, regional, or
58.8 other historical or cultural organizations or for
58.9 activities to preserve significant historic and
58.10 cultural resources. Money must be distributed
58.11 through a competitive grant process. The
58.12 Minnesota Historical Society must administer
58.13 the money using established grant mechanisms
58.14 with assistance from the advisory committee
58.15 created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article
58.16 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), item
58.17 (ii).

58.18 (b) **Statewide History Programs**

58.19 \$5,140,000 the first year and \$7,640,000 the
58.20 second year are for historic and cultural
58.21 programs and purposes related to the heritage
58.22 of the state.

58.23 (c) **History Partnerships**

58.24 \$1,812,000 the first year and \$2,935,000 the
58.25 second year are for history partnerships
58.26 involving multiple organizations, which may
58.27 include the Minnesota Historical Society, to
58.28 preserve and enhance access to Minnesota's
58.29 history and cultural heritage in all regions of
58.30 the state.

58.31 (d) **Statewide Survey of Historical and**
58.32 **Archaeological Sites**

58.33 \$330,000 the first year and \$330,000 the
58.34 second year are for one or more contracts to

59.1 be competitively awarded to conduct statewide
59.2 surveys or investigations of Minnesota's sites
59.3 of historical, archeological, and cultural
59.4 significance. Results of the surveys or
59.5 investigations must be published in a
59.6 searchable form and available to the public
59.7 cost free. The Minnesota Historical Society,
59.8 the Office of the State Archeologist, the Indian
59.9 Affairs Council, and the State Historic
59.10 Preservation Office must each appoint a
59.11 representative to an oversight board to select
59.12 contractors and direct the conduct of the
59.13 surveys or investigations. The oversight board
59.14 must consult with the Departments of
59.15 Transportation and Natural Resources.

59.16 **(e) Digital Library**

59.17 \$330,000 the first year and \$330,000 the
59.18 second year are for a digital library project to
59.19 preserve, digitize, and share Minnesota
59.20 images, documents, and historical materials.
59.21 The Minnesota Historical Society must
59.22 cooperate with the Minitex interlibrary loan
59.23 system and must jointly share this
59.24 appropriation for these purposes.

59.25 **(f) 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of**
59.26 **Independence**

59.27 \$200,000 the first year is for Minnesota's
59.28 commemoration of the 250th anniversary of
59.29 the Declaration of Independence. The
59.30 Minnesota Historical Society, the Minnesota
59.31 America 250 Committee, and the Minnesota
59.32 Humanities Center must work collaboratively
59.33 to create public programs and activities and
59.34 to support local efforts to commemorate this
59.35 anniversary. A portion of this money may be

60.1 used to support the work of the Minnesota
 60.2 America 250 Committee.

60.3 Subd. 4. **Grants** 1,443,000 125,000

60.4 (a) \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to the
 60.5 Minnesota Transportation Museum for
 60.6 exhibits, the purchase and restoration of
 60.7 historic train cars, and updates to the museum
 60.8 that allow persons of all ages and abilities to
 60.9 access the museum safely.

60.10 (b) \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to
 60.11 Olmsted County Historical Society to
 60.12 rehabilitate the historic George Stoppel stone
 60.13 house and barn and to construct an accessible
 60.14 pathway to the farmstead. All work must
 60.15 follow the standards outlined in the United
 60.16 States Secretary of the Interior's Treatment of
 60.17 Historic Properties.

60.18 (c) \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
 60.19 second year are for a grant to Special Guerrilla
 60.20 Units Veterans and Families of USA, Inc. to
 60.21 collect, document, archive, and preserve the
 60.22 oral histories of Hmong veterans of the United
 60.23 States-sponsored Secret War in Laos and to
 60.24 create programming and educational resources
 60.25 to teach the public and future generations
 60.26 about the history, legacy, and cultural heritage
 60.27 of the Hmong in Minnesota.

60.28 (d) \$318,000 the first year is for a grant to the
 60.29 Dakota County Historical Society to design
 60.30 and build the Heroes and Heritage Interpretive
 60.31 Trail Loop along existing paved trails in South
 60.32 St. Paul, West St. Paul, and Inver Grove
 60.33 Heights.

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

61.1 \$1,923,000 the first year and \$2,923,000 the
 61.2 second year are appropriated to the
 61.3 commissioner of education for grants to the
 61.4 12 Minnesota regional library systems to
 61.5 provide educational opportunities in the arts,
 61.6 history, literary arts, and cultural heritage of
 61.7 Minnesota. When possible, funding under this
 61.8 section should be used to promote and share
 61.9 the work of Minnesota authors, including
 61.10 authors from diverse backgrounds. This money
 61.11 must be allocated using the formulas in
 61.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 134.355,
 61.13 subdivisions 3 to 5, with the remaining 25
 61.14 percent to be distributed to all qualifying
 61.15 systems in an amount proportionate to the
 61.16 number of qualifying system entities in each
 61.17 system. For purposes of this section,
 61.18 "qualifying system entity" means a public
 61.19 library, a regional library system, a regional
 61.20 library system headquarters, a county, or an
 61.21 outreach service program. This money may
 61.22 be used to sponsor programs provided by
 61.23 regional libraries or to provide grants to local
 61.24 arts and cultural heritage programs for
 61.25 programs in partnership with regional libraries.
 61.26 This money must be distributed in ten equal
 61.27 payments per year. Notwithstanding
 61.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the
 61.29 appropriations encumbered on or before June
 61.30 30, 2027, as grants or contracts in this section
 61.31 are available until June 30, 2029. Up to two
 61.32 percent of the amount in this section is for
 61.33 administering the grants in this section.

61.34 **Sec. 6. DEPARTMENT OF**
 61.35 **ADMINISTRATION**

61.36 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** **\$** **16,991,000** **\$** **12,269,000**

62.1 The amounts that may be spent for each
 62.2 purpose are specified in the following
 62.3 subdivisions.

62.4 **Subd. 2. Grant Agreements**

62.5 (a) The amounts in this section are
 62.6 appropriated to the commissioner of
 62.7 administration for grants to the named
 62.8 organizations for the purposes specified in this
 62.9 section.

62.10 (b) Grant agreements entered into by the
 62.11 commissioner and recipients of appropriations
 62.12 under this section must ensure that money
 62.13 appropriated in this section is used to
 62.14 supplement and not substitute for traditional
 62.15 sources of funding.

62.16 (c) Up to five percent of the amounts in
 62.17 subdivision 3 are for administering the grants,
 62.18 providing fiscal oversight, and ensuring
 62.19 accountability in fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

62.20 **Subd. 3. Grants**

16,991,000

12,269,000

62.21 **(a) Minnesota Public Radio**

62.22 \$1,557,000 the first year and \$2,057,000 the
 62.23 second year are for Minnesota Public Radio
 62.24 to create programming and expand news
 62.25 service on Minnesota's cultural heritage and
 62.26 history.

62.27 **(b) Association of Minnesota Public Educational**
 62.28 **Radio Stations**

62.29 \$1,557,000 the first year and \$2,057,000 the
 62.30 second year are to the Association of
 62.31 Minnesota Public Educational Radio Stations
 62.32 for production and acquisition grants in
 62.33 accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section
 62.34 129D.19.

63.1 **(c) Public Television**

63.2 \$3,686,000 the first year and \$4,686,000 the
63.3 second year are to the Minnesota Public
63.4 Television Association for production and
63.5 acquisition grants according to Minnesota
63.6 Statutes, section 129D.18.

63.7 **(d) Wilderness Inquiry**

63.8 \$485,000 the first year and \$485,000 the
63.9 second year are to Wilderness Inquiry to
63.10 preserve Minnesota's outdoor history, culture,
63.11 and heritage by connecting Minnesota youth
63.12 and families to natural resources.

63.13 **(e) Como Park Zoo**

63.14 \$1,520,000 the first year and \$1,520,000 the
63.15 second year are to the Como Park Zoo and
63.16 Conservatory for program development that
63.17 features educational programs and habitat
63.18 enhancement, special exhibits, music
63.19 appreciation programs, and historical garden
63.20 access and preservation.

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

63.22 \$450,000 the first year and \$450,000 the
63.23 second year are to the Science Museum of
63.24 Minnesota for arts, arts education, and arts
63.25 access and to preserve Minnesota's history and
63.26 cultural heritage, including student and teacher
63.27 outreach, statewide educational initiatives, and
63.28 community-based exhibits that preserve
63.29 Minnesota's history and cultural heritage.

63.30 **(g) Lake Superior Zoo**

63.31 \$132,000 the first year and \$132,000 the
63.32 second year are to the Lake Superior Zoo to
63.33 develop educational exhibits and programs.

64.1 **(h) State Band**

64.2 \$50,000 the first year is to the Minnesota state
64.3 band to provide free concerts throughout the
64.4 state.

64.5 **(i) Governor's Council on Developmental**
64.6 **Disabilities**

64.7 \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the second
64.8 year are to the Minnesota Governor's Council
64.9 on Developmental Disabilities to continue to
64.10 preserve and raise awareness of the history of
64.11 Minnesotans with developmental disabilities.

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

64.13 \$275,000 the first year is to the Forest Lake
64.14 Veterans Memorial Committee to construct a
64.15 memorial to veterans of the United States
64.16 armed forces at Lakeside Memorial Park in
64.17 the city of Forest Lake.

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

64.19 \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
64.20 second year are to Comunidades Latinas
64.21 Unidas En Servicio (CLUES) to expand arts
64.22 programming to celebrate Latino cultural
64.23 heritage; support local artists; and provide
64.24 professional development, networking, and
64.25 presentation opportunities.

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

64.27 \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
64.28 second year are to the Somali Museum of
64.29 Minnesota to preserve and celebrate Somali
64.30 culture through classes, exhibits, and outreach.

64.31 **(m) The Bakken Museum**

64.32 \$132,000 the first year and \$132,000 the
64.33 second year are to The Bakken Museum for

65.1 interactive exhibits and outreach programs on
65.2 arts and cultural heritage.

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

65.4 \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
65.5 second year are to the Neighborhood
65.6 Development Center to preserve the cultural
65.7 heritage of Black farmers in Minnesota by
65.8 fostering a new generation of culturally aware
65.9 farmers who enhance understanding of
65.10 sustainable farm practices and to create
65.11 community hubs for cultural and educational
65.12 programming.

65.13 **(o) History Theatre**

65.14 \$100,000 the first year is to History Theatre
65.15 to perform a play celebrating Hmong arts and
65.16 culture.

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

65.18 \$300,000 the first year is to Walker West
65.19 Music Academy for a series of 12 free
65.20 concerts, youth and adult music education,
65.21 professional development for music educators,
65.22 and community choir programs.

65.23 **(q) Minnesota Fishing Museum and Hall of**
65.24 **Fame**

65.25 \$100,000 the first year is to the Minnesota
65.26 Fishing Museum and Hall of Fame in Little
65.27 Falls for programming and educational
65.28 opportunities celebrating Minnesota's outdoor
65.29 culture and heritage.

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

65.31 \$700,000 the first year is to the city of St. Paul
65.32 for ice sculptures at Lake Phalen that celebrate

66.1 the city's diverse communities of Minnesotans
66.2 as part of the city's Winter Carnival.

66.3 **(s) Minnesota Asian American Film and Music**
66.4 **Festivals**

66.5 \$250,000 the first year is to Asian Economic
66.6 Development Association (AEDA) to plan
66.7 and produce a Minnesota Asian American film
66.8 festival and a music festival.

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

66.10 \$200,000 the first year is to the Phyllis
66.11 Wheatley Community Center for programming
66.12 in arts and cultural expansion support for the
66.13 Mary T. Wellcome Child Development Center,
66.14 artistic and cultural digital programming for
66.15 marginalized youth, and services including
66.16 arts and cultural heritage for adults and youth
66.17 in the center's trauma and restorative
66.18 programming.

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

66.20 \$200,000 the first year is to Sweet Potato
66.21 Comfort Pie for programming that celebrates
66.22 traditional food and uses culinary arts,
66.23 storytelling, and other creative forms of
66.24 culture-sharing to celebrate and educate
66.25 communities on culture and history.

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

66.27 \$200,000 the first year is to the Lundstrum
66.28 Center for the Performing Arts for after-school
66.29 educational programming that includes
66.30 instruction in dance, voice, and drama.

66.31 **(w) Thoroughbred Racing Culture**

66.32 \$200,000 this first year is to a class A
66.33 racetrack that primarily conducts thoroughbred

67.1 and quarter horse racing and is licensed by the
67.2 Minnesota Racing Commission under
67.3 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 240, to support
67.4 Minnesota's cultural heritage of thoroughbred
67.5 racing by expanding opportunities at the
67.6 racetrack for Minnesota racehorses.

67.7 **(x) Taste of Minnesota**

67.8 \$1,847,000 the first year is to the Minneapolis
67.9 Downtown Council to support the Taste of
67.10 Minnesota event. This appropriation is for
67.11 infrastructure and associated costs, including
67.12 but not limited to event build-out, permits,
67.13 waste management, staffing, security,
67.14 equipment rentals, signs, and insurance.

67.15 **(y) Siengkane Lao**

67.16 \$275,000 the first year and \$75,000 the second
67.17 year are to Siengkane Lao. Of this amount:

67.18 (1) \$200,000 the first year is for a Southeast
67.19 Asian music festival on the east side of St.
67.20 Paul; and

67.21 (2) \$75,000 each year is to create cultural arts
67.22 projects and to preserve traditional dance
67.23 performances.

67.24 **(z) United Hmong Family**

67.25 \$350,000 the first year is to the United Hmong
67.26 Family to provide dance and other arts and
67.27 cultural programming.

67.28 **(aa) Tou Ger Xiong Mural**

67.29 \$300,000 the first year is to the city of St. Paul
67.30 to design and construct a mural and statue
67.31 honoring Tou Ger Xiong at Lake Phalen's Tou
67.32 Ger Xiong Island in St. Paul.

67.33 **(bb) AEDA Youth Outdoor Programs**

68.1 \$250,000 the first year is to the Asian
68.2 Economic Development Association (AEDA)
68.3 for outdoor programs for youth.

68.4 **(cc) Capri Theater**

68.5 \$250,000 the first year is to PCYC for the
68.6 Capri Theater to enrich and expand the Capri's
68.7 youth and adult arts programming and to
68.8 support the theater's position as a community
68.9 builder and primary catalyst for economic
68.10 development in North Minneapolis through
68.11 powerful, effective arts and educational
68.12 offerings for youth, families, emerging and
68.13 accomplished artists, community and civic
68.14 organizations, and the over 20,000 patrons
68.15 who visit this Northside venue yearly.

68.16 **(dd) Boxing for Youth**

68.17 \$100,000 the first year is to SIR Boxing to
68.18 preserve Minnesota's boxing culture through
68.19 youth boxing programs.

68.20 **(ee) Hmong Zej Zog**

68.21 \$200,000 the first year is to MN Hmong Zej
68.22 Zog for Hmong language and culture
68.23 preservation.

68.24 **(ff) City of Delano Sesquicentennial**

68.25 \$150,000 the first year is to the city of Delano
68.26 for the Delano Sesquicentennial to celebrate
68.27 the city's 150th anniversary in 2026 and to
68.28 provide art, music, and cultural heritage
68.29 programming.

68.30 **(gg) Stairstep Foundation**

68.31 \$500,000 the first year is to the Stairstep
68.32 Foundation for African American cultural
68.33 festivals and events.

69.1 **(hh) 2026 Special Olympics USA Games**

69.2 \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to the
 69.3 2026 Special Olympics USA Games to
 69.4 celebrate the arts and cultural heritage of
 69.5 Minnesota during Special Olympics events,
 69.6 including through design and construction of
 69.7 the Special Olympics Cauldron.

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

69.9 The amounts in this section are appropriated
 69.10 to the Minnesota Zoological Board for
 69.11 programs at and development of the Minnesota
 69.12 Zoological Garden and to provide access and
 69.13 education related to programs on the cultural
 69.14 heritage of Minnesota.

69.15 Sec. 8. **MINNESOTA HUMANITIES CENTER**

69.16 Subdivision 1. **Total Appropriation** \$ 8,087,000 \$ 11,174,000

69.17 The amounts that may be spent for each
 69.18 purpose are specified in the following
 69.19 subdivisions.

69.20 Subd. 2. **Grant Agreements**

69.21 (a) The amounts in this section are
 69.22 appropriated to the Board of Directors of the
 69.23 Minnesota Humanities Center for the purposes
 69.24 specified in this section. The Minnesota
 69.25 Humanities Center may use up to 5.5 percent
 69.26 of the appropriations for the administration of
 69.27 these funds and to cover the cost of
 69.28 administering, planning, evaluating, and
 69.29 reporting these grants. The Minnesota
 69.30 Humanities Center must develop a written
 69.31 plan to issue the grants under this section and
 69.32 must submit the plan for review and approval
 69.33 by the commissioner of administration. The
 69.34 written plan must require the Minnesota

70.1 Humanities Center to create and adhere to
 70.2 grant policies that are similar to those
 70.3 established according to Minnesota Statutes,
 70.4 section 16B.97, subdivision 4, paragraph (a),
 70.5 clause (1).

70.6 (b) No grants awarded under this section may
 70.7 be used for travel outside the state of
 70.8 Minnesota. The grant agreement must specify
 70.9 the repercussions for failing to comply with
 70.10 the grant agreement.

70.11 Subd. 3. **Programs** 1,762,000 1,762,000

70.12 \$1,762,000 the first year and \$1,762,000 the
 70.13 second year are for statewide humanities
 70.14 programs and to support and expand outreach,
 70.15 partnerships, and humanities programming
 70.16 with organizations and individuals throughout
 70.17 the state, including but not limited to
 70.18 programming related to veterans and the
 70.19 military experience; professional development
 70.20 opportunities for educators; and programming
 70.21 celebrating, representing, and reflecting upon
 70.22 the heritage of diverse Minnesota communities
 70.23 that have been historically underserved.

70.24 Subd. 4. **Children's Museum Grants** 2,025,000 2,025,000

70.25 \$2,025,000 the first year and \$2,025,000 the
 70.26 second year are for arts and cultural heritage
 70.27 grants to children's museums for arts and
 70.28 cultural exhibits and related educational
 70.29 outreach programs. Of this amount:

70.30 (1) \$500,000 each year is for the Minnesota
 70.31 Children's Museum, St. Paul;

70.32 (2) \$175,000 each year is for The Works,
 70.33 Bloomington;

- 71.1 (3) \$125,000 each year is for the WonderTrek
 71.2 Children's Museum, Brainerd-Baxter;
- 71.3 (4) \$100,000 each year is for the Children's
 71.4 Discovery Center, Breckenridge;
- 71.5 (5) \$125,000 each year is for the Duluth
 71.6 Children's Museum, Duluth;
- 71.7 (6) \$100,000 each year is for the Otter Cove
 71.8 Children's Museum, Fergus Falls;
- 71.9 (7) \$100,000 each year is for the Children's
 71.10 Discovery Museum, Grand Rapids;
- 71.11 (8) \$100,000 each year is for the Wheel and
 71.12 Cog Children's Museum, Hutchinson;
- 71.13 (9) \$175,000 each year is for the Children's
 71.14 Museum of Southern Minnesota, Mankato;
- 71.15 (10) \$175,000 each year is for the Great River
 71.16 Children's Museum, St. Cloud;
- 71.17 (11) \$100,000 each year is for The Village
 71.18 Children's Museum, Willmar;
- 71.19 (12) \$100,000 each year is for the Mini Sota
 71.20 Ag Museum, Benson; and
- 71.21 (13) \$150,000 each year is for the SPARK
 71.22 Children's Museum, Rochester.
- 71.23 **Subd. 5. Community Identity and Heritage**
 71.24 **Grant Program**
- 71.25 \$2,858,000 the first year and \$6,945,000 the
 71.26 second year are for a competitive grant
 71.27 program to provide grants to organizations or
 71.28 individuals working to create, celebrate, and
 71.29 teach the art, culture, and heritage of diverse
 71.30 Minnesota communities, including but not
 71.31 limited to Asian and Pacific Island
 71.32 communities, the Somali diaspora and other

2,858,0006,945,000

72.1 African immigrant communities, Indigenous
72.2 communities with a focus on the 11 Tribes in
72.3 Minnesota, the African American community,
72.4 the Latinx community, the LGBTQIA+
72.5 community, and other underrepresented
72.6 cultural groups, including communities of
72.7 Black, Indigenous, and people of color, to
72.8 celebrate the cultural diversity of Minnesota.
72.9 At least \$250,000 each year must be for grants
72.10 to provide funding to ethnic media
72.11 organizations creating video content in a
72.12 language other than English. At least \$200,000
72.13 each year must be used to award emergency
72.14 grants to organizations otherwise qualified to
72.15 receive grants under this subdivision and must
72.16 be awarded on a rolling basis based on
72.17 emerging needs to assist communities
72.18 responding to major events and to facilitate
72.19 the process of grieving, encourage healing,
72.20 create memorials, or assist in recovery of the
72.21 community. Any amount described in the
72.22 preceding sentence that is not expended by
72.23 October 15 of the second year may be used
72.24 for general programming costs or grants under
72.25 this subdivision. An individual or organization
72.26 that receives a grant under this subdivision
72.27 must do at least one of the following:
72.28 (1) preserve and honor the cultural heritage of
72.29 Minnesota;
72.30 (2) provide education and student outreach on
72.31 cultural diversity;
72.32 (3) support the development of culturally
72.33 diverse humanities programming, including
72.34 arts programming, by individuals and
72.35 organizations; or

73.1 (4) empower communities in building identity
 73.2 and culture, including preserving and honoring
 73.3 communities whose Indigenous cultures are
 73.4 endangered or disappearing.

73.5 **Subd. 6. Underrepresented Groups Cultural**
 73.6 **Studies Materials**

500,000

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73.7 \$500,000 the first year is for competitive
 73.8 grants to develop high-quality academic,
 73.9 cultural, and ethnic studies materials for
 73.10 communities that do not have adequate
 73.11 cultural and ethnic studies materials or who
 73.12 are underrepresented in those materials,
 73.13 including but not limited to the Hmong, Karen,
 73.14 Somali, and Oromo cultures and cultures
 73.15 without a formal writing system that are
 73.16 largely oral-based. In developing these
 73.17 materials, a recipient of a grant under this
 73.18 subdivision must work with school districts
 73.19 that intend to use the materials.

73.20 **Subd. 7. Gordon Parks Commemoration**

500,000

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73.21 \$500,000 the first year is to work in
 73.22 collaboration with Soul Touch Productions to
 73.23 create an art installation and programming to
 73.24 celebrate the incredible life and rich legacy of
 73.25 Gordon Parks.

73.26 **Subd. 8. Grants**

442,000

442,000

73.27 **(a) Urban Debate League**

73.28 \$160,000 the first year and \$160,000 the
 73.29 second year are for a grant to the Minnesota
 73.30 Urban Debate League to offer improved
 73.31 professional development programming and
 73.32 expand services to youth in more geographic
 73.33 areas.

73.34 **(b) Art from the Inside**

74.1 \$132,000 the first year and \$132,000 the
 74.2 second year are for a grant to Art from the
 74.3 Inside to use the arts, including but not limited
 74.4 to visual art, poetry, literature, theater, dance,
 74.5 and music, to address the supportive,
 74.6 therapeutic, and rehabilitative needs of
 74.7 incarcerated persons and persons on
 74.8 supervised release and promote a safer
 74.9 correctional facility and community
 74.10 environment.

74.11 **(c) Hmong Cultural Center**

74.12 \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
 74.13 second year are for a grant to the Hmong
 74.14 Cultural Center of Minnesota for
 74.15 museum-related programming, a library, and
 74.16 classes and educational outreach activities to
 74.17 teach the public about the historical, cultural,
 74.18 and folk arts heritage of Hmong Minnesotans.

74.19	Sec. 9. <u>INDIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL</u>	<u>2,030,000</u>	<u>2,030,000</u>
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74.20 (a) \$750,000 each year is to provide grants to
 74.21 Minnesota Tribal Nations to preserve Dakota
 74.22 and Ojibwe Indian language and to foster
 74.23 education programs and services for Dakota
 74.24 and Ojibwe language.

74.25 (b) \$575,000 each year is for grants to Dakota
 74.26 and Ojibwe language-immersion educational
 74.27 institutions.

74.28 (c) \$525,000 each year is to provide grants to
 74.29 preserve the Dakota and Ojibwe Indian
 74.30 language through support of projects and
 74.31 services and to support educational programs
 74.32 and immersion efforts in Dakota and Ojibwe
 74.33 language.

75.1 (d) \$50,000 each year is for a Dakota and
75.2 Ojibwe Indian language working group
75.3 coordinated by the Indian Affairs Council.

75.4 (e) \$130,000 each year is for the Indian Affairs
75.5 Council to carry out responsibilities under
75.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 307.08, to comply
75.7 with Public Law 101-601, the Native
75.8 American Graves Protection and Repatriation
75.9 Act.

75.10 **Sec. 10. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

75.11	Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation	\$	602,000	\$	602,000
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75.12 The amounts that may be spent for each
75.13 purpose are specified in the following
75.14 subdivisions.

75.15	<u>Subd. 2. County Fair Grants</u>	<u>352,000</u>	<u>352,000</u>
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\$352,000 the first year and \$352,000 the
second year are for grants to county
agricultural societies to enhance arts access
and education and to preserve and promote
Minnesota's history and cultural heritage as
embodied in its county fairs. The grants may
be distributed in equal amounts to each of the
county fairs that submitted an application. The
grants are in addition to the aid distribution to
county agricultural societies under Minnesota
Statutes, section 38.02. The commissioner of
agriculture must develop grant-making criteria
and guidance for expending money under this
subdivision to provide funding for projects
and events that provide access to the arts or
the state's agricultural, historical, and cultural
heritage. The commissioner must seek input
from all interested parties. The commissioner
may use up to two percent of the amounts in

76.1 this subdivision for the administration and
 76.2 distribution of the grants. Money not used in
 76.3 the first year may be used in the second year.

76.4 Subd. 3. **Minnesota FFA** 250,000 250,000

76.5 (a) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
 76.6 second year are for grants to the Minnesota
 76.7 FFA to provide new and expanded access for
 76.8 Minnesota FFA members involved in art- and
 76.9 history-related FFA activities. Of this amount:

76.10 (1) up to \$100,000 each year may be used to
 76.11 document and commemorate 100 years of
 76.12 fostering leadership, agricultural education,
 76.13 and community service across the state by
 76.14 creating a history book, video storytelling
 76.15 series, and an in-person arts-focused event;
 76.16 and

76.17 (2) any amount not spent for the purposes
 76.18 described in clause (1) may be used for other
 76.19 activities that provide new and expanded
 76.20 access for Minnesota FFA members involved
 76.21 in art- and history-related FFA activities,
 76.22 including activities related to national and state
 76.23 FFA band and choir, state and national FFA
 76.24 talent competitions, FFA floriculture, and FFA
 76.25 state fair landscape booths.

76.26 (b) The commissioner of agriculture must
 76.27 develop grant-making criteria and guidance
 76.28 for grants under this subdivision to provide
 76.29 funding for projects and events and must seek
 76.30 input from the Minnesota FFA and Minnesota
 76.31 FFA Foundation. The commissioner may use
 76.32 up to five percent of the amounts in this
 76.33 subdivision to cover the costs of administering,

77.1 planning, evaluating, and reporting these
77.2 grants.

77.3	Sec. 11. <u>LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING</u>			
77.4	<u>COMMISSION</u>	\$	<u>5,000</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>

77.5 The amount in this section is appropriated to
77.6 the Legislative Coordinating Commission to
77.7 maintain the website required under Minnesota
77.8 Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision 10.

77.9 Sec. 12. Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 4, section 2, subdivision 3, as amended by Laws
77.10 2024, chapter 106, article 4, section 3, is amended to read:

77.11	Subd. 3. Minnesota State Arts Board	47,421,000	44,796,000
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77.12 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are
77.13 appropriated to the Minnesota State Arts
77.14 Board for arts, arts education, arts
77.15 preservation, and arts access. Grant
77.16 agreements entered into by the Minnesota
77.17 State Arts Board and other recipients of
77.18 appropriations in this subdivision must ensure
77.19 that these funds are used to supplement and
77.20 not substitute for traditional sources of
77.21 funding. Each grant program established in
77.22 this appropriation must be separately
77.23 administered from other state appropriations
77.24 for program planning and outcome
77.25 measurements, but may take into consideration
77.26 other state resources awarded in the selection
77.27 of applicants and grant award size.

77.28 (b) **Arts and Arts Access Initiatives**
77.29 \$35,737,000 the first year and \$36,437,000
77.30 the second year are to support Minnesota
77.31 artists and arts organizations in creating,
77.32 producing, and presenting high-quality arts
77.33 activities; to preserve, maintain, and interpret
77.34 art forms and works of art so that they are

78.1 accessible to Minnesota audiences; to
78.2 overcome barriers to accessing high-quality
78.3 arts activities; and to instill the arts into the
78.4 community and public life in this state. Grants
78.5 provided under this paragraph must prioritize
78.6 artists and arts organizations that plan to
78.7 present art from communities that have been
78.8 historically underrepresented in the arts or that
78.9 improve access to the programs and projects
78.10 for groups, including youth and historically
78.11 underserved communities, that have struggled
78.12 to access arts programming in the past.

78.13 **(c) Arts Education**

78.14 \$7,263,000 the first year and \$6,269,000 the
78.15 second year are for high-quality,
78.16 age-appropriate arts education for Minnesotans
78.17 of all ages to develop knowledge, skills, and
78.18 understanding of the arts. Priority in the award
78.19 of grants under this paragraph must be given
78.20 to providing educational opportunities to
78.21 underserved communities with grants for
78.22 organizations or entities providing
78.23 opportunities to K-12 students throughout the
78.24 state for arts education, including access to
78.25 arts instruction, arts programming, museums,
78.26 and arts presentations.

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

78.28 \$2,421,000 the first year and \$2,090,000 the
78.29 second year are for events and activities that
78.30 represent, preserve, and maintain the diverse
78.31 cultural arts traditions, including folk and
78.32 traditional artists and art organizations,
78.33 represented in this state.

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

79.1 \$2,000,000 the first year is for a grant to the
79.2 Minnesota United Foundation for the design,
79.3 land development, land transfer fees, and
79.4 production costs of a public art project in St.
79.5 Paul ~~at the United Village site~~ celebrating
79.6 Minnesota arts and cultural heritage and
79.7 providing a unique public art experience
79.8 through sculpture and design. The project
79.9 funded by this paragraph must have a
79.10 matching contribution from nonpublic funds
79.11 and must include a public-private partnership
79.12 agreement providing an agreement for the
79.13 future ownership, maintenance, taxes, and
79.14 associated costs for the art project and project
79.15 site. The project funded by this paragraph must
79.16 have a permanent sign indicating the project
79.17 was funded through the arts and cultural
79.18 heritage fund. The project funded by this
79.19 paragraph must be located in St. Paul at the
79.20 Conway Recreation Center or, if that site is
79.21 not practicable, at Lake Phalen at the platform
79.22 containing the bust of Sunisa Lee. This
79.23 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028.
79.24 2029. Nonpublic contributions made after
79.25 January 1, 2024, are eligible matching
79.26 expenditures for the purposes of this grant.

79.27 **(f) Administrative Costs**

79.28 Up to five percent of the totals in paragraphs
79.29 (b) to (e) each year is for administering grant
79.30 programs, delivering technical services,
79.31 providing fiscal oversight for the statewide
79.32 system, and ensuring accountability for fiscal
79.33 year 2024 and fiscal year 2025 appropriations.

79.34 **(g) Regional Arts Councils**

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Thirty percent of the remaining total

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appropriation to each of the categories listed

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in paragraphs (b) to (d) is for grants to the

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regional arts councils. Notwithstanding any

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other provision of law, regional arts council

80.6

grants or other arts council grants for touring

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programs, projects, or exhibits must ensure

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the programs, projects, or exhibits are able to

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tour in their own region as well as all other

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regions of the state.

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(h) Any unencumbered balance remaining

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under this subdivision the first year does not

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cancel but is available the second year.

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

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Subd. 5. **Department of Education**

3,000,000

2,750,000

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(a) \$2,750,000 each year is appropriated to

80.17

the commissioner of education for grants to

80.18

the 12 Minnesota regional library systems to

80.19

provide educational opportunities in the arts,

80.20

history, literary arts, and cultural heritage of

80.21

Minnesota. When possible, funding under this

80.22

subdivision should be used to promote and

80.23

share the work of Minnesota authors,

80.24

including authors from diverse backgrounds.

80.25

This money must be allocated using the

80.26

formulas in Minnesota Statutes, section

80.27

134.355, subdivisions 3 to 5, with the

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remaining 25 percent to be distributed to all

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qualifying systems in an amount proportionate

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to the number of qualifying system entities in

80.31

each system. For purposes of this subdivision,

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"qualifying system entity" means a public

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library, a regional library system, a regional

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library system headquarters, a county, or an

81.1 outreach service program. This money may
81.2 be used to sponsor programs provided by
81.3 regional libraries or to provide grants to local
81.4 arts and cultural heritage programs for
81.5 programs in partnership with regional libraries.
81.6 This money must be distributed in ten equal
81.7 payments per year. Notwithstanding
81.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the
81.9 appropriations encumbered on or before June
81.10 30, ~~2025~~ 2026, as grants or contracts in this
81.11 subdivision are available until June 30, ~~2026~~
81.12 2027.

81.13 (b) \$250,000 the first year is appropriated to
81.14 the commissioner of education for a water
81.15 safety grant program. The commissioner of
81.16 education must allocate grants to eligible
81.17 applicants. Eligible applicants include
81.18 nonprofit organizations and city and county
81.19 parks and recreation programs providing
81.20 swimming lessons to youth. Eligible applicants
81.21 are not required to partner with other entities.
81.22 Grant funds must primarily be used to provide
81.23 scholarships to low-income and at-risk
81.24 children for swimming lessons. Up to 15
81.25 percent of the grant funds may also be used
81.26 to hire water safety instructors or lifeguards
81.27 or train water safety instructors or lifeguards
81.28 in nationally recognized water safety practices
81.29 and instruction.

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

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

81.32	Subd. 6. Minnesota Historical Society	-0-	1,201,000
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81.33 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are
81.34 appropriated to the governing board of the

82.1 Minnesota Historical Society to preserve and
82.2 enhance access to Minnesota's history and its
82.3 cultural and historical resources. Grant
82.4 agreements entered into by the Minnesota
82.5 Historical Society and other recipients of
82.6 appropriations in this subdivision must ensure
82.7 that these funds are used to supplement and
82.8 not substitute for traditional sources of
82.9 funding. Funds directly appropriated to the
82.10 Minnesota Historical Society must be used to
82.11 supplement and not substitute for traditional
82.12 sources of funding. The appropriations in this
82.13 subdivision are onetime.

82.14 **(b) Grants**

82.15 (1) \$100,000 the second year is to facilitate
82.16 negotiations for the purchase by the state of
82.17 the Wizard of Oz ruby slippers through a
82.18 combination of available state funds and
82.19 nonstate sources of funding. Any remaining
82.20 amount not used to facilitate the purchase of
82.21 the slippers by the state may be used as a grant
82.22 to the Judy Garland Children's Discovery
82.23 Museum to create an exhibit highlighting the
82.24 history and cultural relevance of the slippers;

82.25 (2) \$400,000 the second year is for statewide
82.26 historic and cultural grants to cultural
82.27 community organizations, historical
82.28 organizations, and veterans organizations for
82.29 activities to commemorate 50 years of
82.30 Southeast Asians in Minnesota. Money under
82.31 this paragraph must be distributed through a
82.32 competitive grant process. The Minnesota
82.33 Historical Society must administer the grants
82.34 using established grant mechanisms with
82.35 assistance from the advisory committee

83.1 created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article
83.2 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), item
83.3 (ii).

83.4 (3) \$200,000 the second year is for activities
83.5 to prepare and coordinate community
83.6 commemoration programs celebrating 50 years
83.7 of Hmong Americans in Minnesota. The
83.8 Minnesota Historical Society must form an
83.9 advisory task force consisting of members of
83.10 the Hmong community to advise the society
83.11 on the design and implementation of these
83.12 activities and programs;

83.13 (4) \$200,000 the second year is for planning
83.14 and outreach, in collaboration with the
83.15 Minnesota Humanities Center, for Minnesota's
83.16 commemoration of the 250th anniversary of
83.17 the signing of the Declaration of
83.18 Independence. The Minnesota Historical
83.19 Society and Minnesota Humanities Center
83.20 must enter into an agreement between the
83.21 organizations on how best to maximize the
83.22 impact of this grant and of collaboration with
83.23 statewide partners;

83.24 (5) \$50,000 the second year is for a grant to
83.25 the Greater Litchfield Opera House
83.26 Association to repair and update the Litchfield
83.27 Opera House; and

83.28 (6) \$251,000 the second year is for a grant to
83.29 the Dakota County Historical Society to design
83.30 and build exhibits at the Lawshe Memorial
83.31 Museum.

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

84.1 Sec. 15. **CARRYFORWARD.**

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

84.4 Sec. 16. **EFFECT OF DIRECT APPROPRIATION ON ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE**
84.5 **COMPETITIVE GRANT.**

84.6 An entity that administers a competitive grant program established in this article must
84.7 not prohibit a named recipient of an appropriation in this article from applying for a grant
84.8 under a competitive grant program established in this article.

APPENDIX
Article locations for S2865-1

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