

1.1 A bill for an act

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

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

1.4 extending prior appropriations; ensuring grantee accountability; amending

1.5 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97A.056, subdivision 22; Laws 2019, First Special

1.6 Session chapter 2, article 2, section 8, as amended; Laws 2020, chapter 104, article

1.7 1, section 2, subdivision 5, as amended.

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

1.9 **ARTICLE 1**

1.10 **OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND**

1.11 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

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

1.14 fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The "first year" is fiscal year 2024. The

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

1.16 appropriations in this article are onetime appropriations.

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

1.21 Sec. 2. **OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND**

1.22 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** **\$ 171,135,000 \$ 655,000**

1.23 This appropriation is from the outdoor heritage

1.24 fund. The amounts that may be spent for each

2.1 purpose are specified in the following
2.2 subdivisions.

2.3 Subd. 2. **Prairies** 31,917,000 -0-

2.4 **(a) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Program, Phase**
2.5 **XIII**

2.6 \$3,856,000 the first year is to the
2.7 commissioner of natural resources for an
2.8 agreement with The Nature Conservancy to
2.9 acquire land in fee and restore and enhance
2.10 native prairie, grasslands, wetlands, and
2.11 savanna. Subject to the evaluation criteria in
2.12 Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
2.13 must be given to acquiring lands that are
2.14 eligible for the native prairie bank under
2.15 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
2.16 adjacent to protected native prairie. Annual
2.17 income statements and balance sheets for
2.18 income and expenses from land acquired with
2.19 this appropriation must be submitted to the
2.20 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council no
2.21 later than 180 days after the close of The
2.22 Nature Conservancy's fiscal year. A list of
2.23 proposed land acquisitions, restorations, and
2.24 enhancements must be provided as part of the
2.25 required accomplishment plan and must be
2.26 consistent with the priorities identified in the
2.27 *Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.*

2.28 **(b) Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition,**
2.29 **Phase VII**

2.30 \$2,137,000 the first year is to the
2.31 commissioner of natural resources for
2.32 agreements to acquire land in fee and restore
2.33 and enhance strategic prairie grassland,
2.34 wetland, and other wildlife habitat in Martin
2.35 and Watonwan Counties for wildlife

3.1 management area purposes under Minnesota
3.2 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8, as
3.3 follows: \$1,670,000 to Fox Lake Conservation
3.4 League Inc.; \$421,000 to Ducks Unlimited;
3.5 and \$46,000 to The Conservation Fund. A list
3.6 of proposed acquisitions must be provided as
3.7 part of the required accomplishment plan.

3.8 **(c) RIM Grasslands Reserve, Phase V**

3.9 \$2,747,000 the first year is to the Board of
3.10 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
3.11 permanent conservation easements and to
3.12 restore and enhance grassland habitat under
3.13 Minnesota Statutes, sections 103F.501 to
3.14 103F.531. Of this amount, up to \$46,000 is
3.15 for establishing a monitoring and enforcement
3.16 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
3.17 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
3.18 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
3.19 conservation easements must be provided as
3.20 part of the final report.

3.21 **(d) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the**
3.22 **Southern Red River Valley, Phase IX**

3.23 \$4,400,000 the first year is to the
3.24 commissioner of natural resources for an
3.25 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in
3.26 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie
3.27 Chicken Society, to acquire land in fee and
3.28 restore and enhance lands in the southern Red
3.29 River Valley for wildlife management
3.30 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
3.31 86A.05, subdivision 8, or to be designated and
3.32 managed as waterfowl production areas in
3.33 Minnesota, in cooperation with the United
3.34 States Fish and Wildlife Service. Subject to
3.35 the evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules,

4.1 part 6136.0900, priority must be given to
4.2 acquiring lands that are eligible for the native
4.3 prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section
4.4 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native
4.5 prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions
4.6 must be provided as part of the required
4.7 accomplishment plan.

4.8 **(e) Working Lands for Habitat**

4.9 \$2,709,000 the first year is to the Board of
4.10 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
4.11 permanent conservation easements that allow
4.12 long-term grazing while also protecting
4.13 wildlife habitat and water quality under
4.14 Minnesota Statutes, sections 103F.501 to
4.15 103F.531. Grazing plans must be developed
4.16 before grazing is allowed. Of this amount, up
4.17 to \$46,000 is for establishing a monitoring and
4.18 enforcement fund as approved in the
4.19 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
4.20 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A
4.21 list of permanent conservation easements must
4.22 be provided as part of the final report.

4.23 **(f) Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area**
4.24 **Program, Phase XV**

4.25 \$5,216,000 the first year is to the
4.26 commissioner of natural resources for an
4.27 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire
4.28 in fee and restore and enhance lands for
4.29 wildlife management area purposes under
4.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
4.31 subdivision 8. Subject to the evaluation criteria
4.32 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
4.33 must be given to acquiring lands that are
4.34 eligible for the native prairie bank under
4.35 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands

5.1 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
5.2 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
5.3 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

5.4 **(g) Accelerating the USFWS Habitat**
5.5 **Conservation Easement Program, Phase IV**

5.6 \$5,077,000 the first year is to the
5.7 commissioner of natural resources for
5.8 agreements to restore and enhance wetland
5.9 and prairie habitat on habitat easements of the
5.10 United States Fish and Wildlife Service as
5.11 follows: \$3,391,000 to Ducks Unlimited and
5.12 \$1,686,000 to Pheasants Forever. A list of
5.13 proposed land restorations and enhancements
5.14 must be provided as part of the required
5.15 accomplishment plan.

5.16 **(h) DNR Grassland Enhancement, Phase XV**

5.17 \$3,003,000 the first year is to the
5.18 commissioner of natural resources to
5.19 accelerate the restoration and enhancement of
5.20 prairies, grasslands, and savannas in wildlife
5.21 management areas, in scientific and natural
5.22 areas, in aquatic management areas, on lands
5.23 in the native prairie bank, in bluff prairies on
5.24 state forest land in southeastern Minnesota,
5.25 and in waterfowl production areas and refuge
5.26 lands of the United States Fish and Wildlife
5.27 Service. A list of proposed land restorations
5.28 and enhancements must be provided as part
5.29 of the required accomplishment plan.

5.30 **(i) Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands, Phase**
5.31 **VI**

5.32 \$2,772,000 the first year is to the
5.33 commissioner of natural resources for an
5.34 agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance
5.35 and restore grassland and wetland habitat on

6.1 public lands. A list of proposed land
6.2 restorations and enhancements must be
6.3 provided as part of the required
6.4 accomplishment plan.

6.5 **Subd. 3. Forests** 6,569,000 -0-

6.6 **(a) Hardwood Hills Habitat Conservation**
6.7 **Program**

6.8 \$1,894,000 the first year is to the
6.9 commissioner of natural resources for
6.10 agreements to acquire permanent conservation
6.11 easements and restore and enhance forest
6.12 habitats in the hardwood hills ecological
6.13 section of west-central Minnesota as follows:
6.14 \$175,000 to St. John's University and
6.15 \$1,719,000 to Minnesota Land Trust.
6.16 \$168,000 of the amount to Minnesota Land
6.17 Trust is to establish a monitoring and
6.18 enforcement fund as approved in the
6.19 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
6.20 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A
6.21 list of proposed permanent conservation
6.22 easements, restorations, and enhancements
6.23 must be provided as part of the required
6.24 accomplishment plan.

6.25 **(b) Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape Protection**
6.26 **Program ACUB, Phase XI**

6.27 \$2,133,000 the first year is to the Board of
6.28 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with
6.29 the Morrison County Soil and Water
6.30 Conservation District, to acquire permanent
6.31 conservation easements and restore and
6.32 enhance forest wildlife habitat within the
6.33 boundaries of the Minnesota National Guard
6.34 Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape and Army
6.35 Compatible Use Buffer. Up to \$111,000 to the

7.1 Board of Water and Soil Resources is to
7.2 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
7.3 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
7.4 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
7.5 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
7.6 conservation easements must be provided as
7.7 part of the final report.

7.8 **(c) Protecting and Enhancing Public Land**
7.9 **Forest Habitats by Strategically Acquiring**
7.10 **Private Land Inholdings**

7.11 \$1,046,000 the first year is to the
7.12 commissioner of natural resources for an
7.13 agreement with the Ruffed Grouse Society to
7.14 protect and enhance forest habitats by
7.15 strategically acquiring private forest land
7.16 inholdings to provide better public forest
7.17 management, reduce fragmentation, and
7.18 provide public access. A list of proposed
7.19 acquisitions and enhancements must be
7.20 provided as part of the required
7.21 accomplishment plan.

7.22 **(d) DNR Forest Habitat Enhancement, Phase**
7.23 **III**

7.24 \$1,496,000 the first year is to the
7.25 commissioner of natural resources to restore
7.26 and enhance forest wildlife habitats on public
7.27 lands throughout Minnesota. A list of
7.28 proposed land restorations and enhancements
7.29 must be provided as part of the required
7.30 accomplishment plan.

7.31 **Subd. 4. Wetlands**

33,469,000

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7.32 **(a) RIM Wetlands - Restoring the Most**
7.33 **Productive Habitat in Minnesota, Phase XII**

7.34 \$4,122,000 the first year is to the Board of
7.35 Water and Soil Resources to acquire

8.1 permanent conservation easements and to
8.2 restore wetlands and native grassland habitat
8.3 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515.

8.4 Of this amount, up to \$72,000 is for
8.5 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
8.6 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
8.7 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
8.8 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
8.9 conservation easements must be provided as
8.10 part of the final report.

8.11 **(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection and**
8.12 **Restoration Program, Phase XII**

8.13 \$7,061,000 the first year is to the
8.14 commissioner of natural resources for an
8.15 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire
8.16 land in fee for wildlife management purposes
8.17 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
8.18 subdivision 8, and to restore and enhance
8.19 prairie lands, wetlands, and land that buffers
8.20 shallow lakes. A list of proposed acquisitions
8.21 must be provided as part of the required
8.22 accomplishment plan.

8.23 **(c) Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration**
8.24 **Program, Phase VIII**

8.25 \$3,012,000 the first year is to the
8.26 commissioner of natural resources for an
8.27 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
8.28 acquire permanent conservation easements
8.29 and restore and enhance prairie, wetland, and
8.30 other habitat on permanently protected
8.31 conservation easements in high-priority
8.32 wetland habitat complexes in the prairie,
8.33 forest/prairie transition, and forest regions. Of
8.34 this amount, up to \$168,000 is to establish a
8.35 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
8.36 in the accomplishment plan and subject to

9.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
9.2 subdivision 17. A list of proposed
9.3 conservation easement acquisitions and
9.4 restorations and enhancements must be
9.5 provided as part of the required
9.6 accomplishment plan.

9.7 **(d) Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area**
9.8 **Acquisition Program, Phase XIV**

9.9 \$5,231,000 the first year is to the
9.10 commissioner of natural resources for an
9.11 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in
9.12 cooperation with the United States Fish and
9.13 Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee and
9.14 restore and enhance wetlands and grasslands
9.15 to be designated and managed as waterfowl
9.16 production areas in Minnesota. A list of
9.17 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
9.18 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

9.19 **(e) Wetland Enhancement in the Big Woods**

9.20 \$619,000 the first year is to the commissioner
9.21 of natural resources for an agreement with
9.22 Scott-Le Sueur Waterfowlers to restore and
9.23 enhance wetlands in Scott and Rice Counties.
9.24 A list of proposed restorations and
9.25 enhancements must be provided as part of the
9.26 required accomplishment plan.

9.27 **(f) Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**
9.28 **Enhancement and Restoration Initiative, Phase**
9.29 **IX**

9.30 \$6,634,000 the first year is to the
9.31 commissioner of natural resources for an
9.32 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to restore
9.33 and enhance shallow lakes, wetlands, and
9.34 grasslands on public lands and wetlands and
9.35 grasslands under permanent conservation

10.1 easement for wildlife management. A list of
10.2 proposed shallow-lake enhancements and
10.3 wetland restorations must be provided as part
10.4 of the required accomplishment plan.

10.5 **(g) Voyageurs National Park Wetland**
10.6 **Restoration Project, Phase III**

10.7 \$1,153,000 the first year is to the
10.8 commissioner of natural resources for an
10.9 agreement with the National Park Service to
10.10 restore and enhance wetland and lacustrine
10.11 habitat in Voyageurs National Park. A list of
10.12 proposed restorations and enhancements must
10.13 be provided as part of the required
10.14 accomplishment plan.

10.15 **(h) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland**
10.16 **Enhancement, Phase XV**

10.17 \$3,695,000 the first year is to the
10.18 commissioner of natural resources to enhance
10.19 and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat
10.20 statewide. A list of proposed shallow lake and
10.21 wetland restorations and enhancements must
10.22 be provided as part of the required
10.23 accomplishment plan.

10.24 **(i) Bone Lake South Wetland Acquisition**

10.25 \$1,942,000 the first year is to the
10.26 commissioner of natural resources for an
10.27 agreement with the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake
10.28 Watershed District to acquire in fee and restore
10.29 and enhance lands for wildlife and water
10.30 quality purposes in the Bone Lake watershed.
10.31 A list of proposed acquisitions must be
10.32 provided as part of the required
10.33 accomplishment plan.

11.1	<u>Subd. 5. Habitats</u>	<u>97,349,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
11.2	<u>(a) Hennepin County Habitat Conservation</u>		
11.3	<u>Program, Phase III</u>		
11.4	<u>\$4,649,000 the first year is to the</u>		
11.5	<u>commissioner of natural resources for</u>		
11.6	<u>agreements to acquire permanent conservation</u>		
11.7	<u>easements and to restore and enhance wildlife</u>		
11.8	<u>habitat in Hennepin County as follows:</u>		
11.9	<u>\$1,687,000 to Hennepin County and</u>		
11.10	<u>\$2,962,000 to Minnesota Land Trust.</u>		
11.11	<u>\$216,000 of the amount to Minnesota Land</u>		
11.12	<u>Trust is to establish a monitoring and</u>		
11.13	<u>enforcement fund as approved in the</u>		
11.14	<u>accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota</u>		
11.15	<u>Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A</u>		
11.16	<u>list of proposed permanent conservation</u>		
11.17	<u>easements, restorations, and enhancements</u>		
11.18	<u>must be provided as part of the required</u>		
11.19	<u>accomplishment plan.</u>		
11.20	<u>(b) Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation,</u>		
11.21	<u>Phase VIII</u>		
11.22	<u>\$3,269,000 the first year is to the</u>		
11.23	<u>commissioner of natural resources for</u>		
11.24	<u>agreements to acquire permanent conservation</u>		
11.25	<u>easements and to restore and enhance wildlife</u>		
11.26	<u>habitat on public lands and easements in the</u>		
11.27	<u>Anoka Sand Plain ecoregion and intersecting</u>		
11.28	<u>minor watersheds as follows: \$802,000 to the</u>		
11.29	<u>Anoka Conservation District; \$839,000 to</u>		
11.30	<u>Great River Greening; \$175,000 to the</u>		
11.31	<u>National Wild Turkey Federation; \$280,000</u>		
11.32	<u>to Sherburne County; and \$1,173,000 to</u>		
11.33	<u>Minnesota Land Trust. \$144,000 of the</u>		
11.34	<u>amount to Minnesota Land Trust is to establish</u>		
11.35	<u>a monitoring and enforcement fund as</u>		
11.36	<u>approved in the accomplishment plan and</u>		

- 12.1 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
12.2 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
12.3 permanent conservation easements,
12.4 restorations, and enhancements must be
12.5 provided as part of the required
12.6 accomplishment plan.
- 12.7 **(c) Accelerating Habitat Conservation in**
12.8 **Southwest Minnesota, Phase II**
- 12.9 \$3,071,000 the first year is to the
12.10 commissioner of natural resources for an
12.11 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
12.12 acquire permanent conservation easements
12.13 and to restore and enhance high-quality
12.14 wildlife habitat in southwest Minnesota. Of
12.15 this amount, up to \$168,000 is to establish a
12.16 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
12.17 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
12.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
12.19 subdivision 17. A list of proposed
12.20 conservation easement acquisitions,
12.21 restorations, and enhancements must be
12.22 provided as part of the required
12.23 accomplishment plan.
- 12.24 **(d) Buffalo-Red River Watershed District**
12.25 **Stream Habitat Program, Phase III**
- 12.26 \$3,748,000 the first year is to acquire
12.27 permanent conservation easements and restore
12.28 and enhance aquatic and upland habitat
12.29 associated with the Red River and Buffalo
12.30 River watersheds. Of this amount, \$2,250,000
12.31 is to the commissioner of natural resources for
12.32 an agreement with the Buffalo-Red River
12.33 Watershed District and \$1,498,000 is to the
12.34 Board of Water and Soil Resources. \$102,000
12.35 of the amount to the Board of Water and Soil
12.36 Resources 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. A
13.4 list of proposed acquisitions and restorations
13.5 must be included as part of the required
13.6 accomplishment plan.

13.7 **(e) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**
13.8 **Restoration, Phase XI**

13.9 \$3,675,000 the first year is to the
13.10 commissioner of natural resources for
13.11 agreements to acquire lands in fee and
13.12 permanent conservation easements and to
13.13 restore and enhance wildlife habitat on public
13.14 lands and permanent conservation easements
13.15 in southeast Minnesota as follows: \$1,311,000
13.16 to The Nature Conservancy; \$942,000 to Trust
13.17 for Public Land; and \$1,422,000 to Minnesota
13.18 Land Trust. \$168,000 of the amount to
13.19 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a
13.20 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
13.21 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
13.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
13.23 subdivision 17. A list of proposed land
13.24 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements
13.25 must be provided as part of the required
13.26 accomplishment plan.

13.27 **(f) Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding**
13.28 **Biological Significance, Phase II**

13.29 \$3,648,000 the first year is to the
13.30 commissioner of natural resources for
13.31 agreements to acquire land in fee and
13.32 permanent conservation easements and to
13.33 restore and enhance lakes of outstanding
13.34 biological significance in northeast and
13.35 north-central Minnesota. Of this amount,
13.36 \$1,507,000 is to Northern Waters Land Trust

14.1 and \$2,141,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust.
14.2 \$192,000 of the amount to Minnesota Land
14.3 Trust is for establishing a monitoring and
14.4 enforcement fund as approved in the
14.5 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
14.6 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A
14.7 list of proposed acquisitions must be included
14.8 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

14.9 **(g) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic**
14.10 **North-Central Minnesota Lakes, Phase IX**

14.11 \$3,719,000 the first year is to the
14.12 commissioner of natural resources for
14.13 agreements to acquire land in fee and in
14.14 permanent conservation easements and to
14.15 restore and enhance wildlife habitat to sustain
14.16 healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes in
14.17 Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard
14.18 Counties as follows: \$1,777,000 to Northern
14.19 Waters Land Trust and \$1,942,000 to
14.20 Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$168,000 to
14.21 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a
14.22 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
14.23 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
14.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
14.25 subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions must be
14.26 provided as part of the required
14.27 accomplishment plan.

14.28 **(h) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**
14.29 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition, Phase**
14.30 **XV**

14.31 \$2,340,000 the first year is to the
14.32 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
14.33 in fee and restore and enhance lands for
14.34 wildlife management purposes under
14.35 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
14.36 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee for

15.1 scientific and natural area purposes under
15.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
15.3 subdivision 5. Subject to the evaluation criteria
15.4 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
15.5 must be given to acquiring lands that are
15.6 eligible for the native prairie bank under
15.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
15.8 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
15.9 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
15.10 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

15.11 **(i) DNR Trout Stream Conservation Easements,**
15.12 **Phase III**

15.13 \$1,043,000 the first year is to the
15.14 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
15.15 land in permanent conservation easements to
15.16 protect trout-stream aquatic habitat. Of this
15.17 amount, up to \$120,000 is for establishing a
15.18 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
15.19 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
15.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
15.21 subdivision 17. A list of permanent
15.22 conservation easements must be provided as
15.23 part of the required accomplishment plan.

15.24 **(j) Metro Big Rivers, Phase XIII**

15.25 \$15,339,000 the first year is to the
15.26 commissioner of natural resources for
15.27 agreements to acquire land in fee and
15.28 permanent conservation easements and to
15.29 restore and enhance natural habitat systems
15.30 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
15.31 and St. Croix Rivers and their tributaries in
15.32 the metropolitan area as follows: \$700,000 to
15.33 Minnesota Valley Trust; \$540,000 to Friends
15.34 of the Mississippi River; \$928,000 to Great
15.35 River Greening; \$11,171,000 to Trust for

16.1 Public Land; and \$2,000,000 to Minnesota
16.2 Land Trust. Up to \$192,000 to Minnesota
16.3 Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and
16.4 enforcement fund as approved in the
16.5 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
16.6 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A
16.7 list of proposed land acquisitions and
16.8 permanent conservation easements must be
16.9 provided as part of the required
16.10 accomplishment plan.

16.11 **(k) St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and**
16.12 **Restoration, Phase IV**

16.13 \$13,306,000 the first year is to the
16.14 commissioner of natural resources for
16.15 agreements to acquire land in fee and
16.16 permanent conservation easements and to
16.17 restore and enhance natural habitat systems in
16.18 the St. Croix River watershed as follows:
16.19 \$11,171,000 to Trust for Public Land;
16.20 \$105,000 to Wild Rivers Conservancy; and
16.21 \$2,030,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to
16.22 \$168,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to
16.23 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
16.24 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
16.25 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
16.26 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
16.27 land acquisitions and permanent conservation
16.28 easements must be provided as part of the
16.29 required accomplishment plan.

16.30 **(l) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**
16.31 **Restoration Program, Phase XII**

16.32 \$2,198,000 the first year is to the
16.33 commissioner of natural resources for an
16.34 agreement with the Shell Rock River
16.35 Watershed District to acquire land in fee and
16.36 to restore and enhance habitat in the Shell

17.1 Rock River watershed. A list of proposed
17.2 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements
17.3 must be provided as part of the required
17.4 accomplishment plan.

17.5 **(m) Integrating Habitat and Clean Water, Phase**
17.6 **II**

17.7 \$3,269,000 the first year is to the Board of
17.8 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
17.9 permanent conservation easements and restore
17.10 and enhance wildlife habitat identified in One
17.11 Watershed, One Plan for stacked benefit to
17.12 wildlife and clean water. Up to \$85,000 of the
17.13 amount is for establishing a monitoring and
17.14 enforcement fund as approved in the
17.15 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
17.16 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A
17.17 list of permanent conservation easements must
17.18 be provided as part of the final report.

17.19 **(n) Cannon River Watershed Habitat**
17.20 **Restoration and Protection Program, Phase XII**

17.21 \$2,981,000 the first year is to the
17.22 commissioner of natural resources for
17.23 agreements to acquire lands in fee and restore
17.24 and enhance wildlife habitat in the Cannon
17.25 River watershed as follows: \$119,000 to Clean
17.26 River Partners; \$994,000 to Great River
17.27 Greening; and \$1,868,000 to Trust for Public
17.28 Land. A list of proposed land acquisitions,
17.29 restorations, and enhancements must be
17.30 provided as part of the required
17.31 accomplishment plan.

17.32 **(o) Enhance Metro and Southeast Minnesota**
17.33 **Trout Stream Habitats, Phase II**

17.34 \$1,690,000 the first year is to the
17.35 commissioner of natural resources for an

18.1 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited
18.2 to restore and enhance habitat for trout and
18.3 other species in and along coldwater rivers,
18.4 lakes, and streams in the metro and southeast
18.5 regions of Minnesota. A list of proposed
18.6 restorations and enhancements must be
18.7 provided as part of the required
18.8 accomplishment plan.

18.9 **(p) Lake Nokomis Shoreline Enhancements for**
18.10 **Turtles and Pollinators, Phase II**

18.11 \$755,000 the first year is to the commissioner
18.12 of natural resources for an agreement with the
18.13 Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to
18.14 enhance shoreline and upland habitat on Lake
18.15 Nokomis. A list of proposed enhancements
18.16 must be provided as part of the required
18.17 accomplishment plan.

18.18 **(q) Upper Sioux Community Habitat**
18.19 **Restoration**

18.20 \$966,000 the first year is to the commissioner
18.21 of natural resources for an agreement with the
18.22 Upper Sioux Community to restore and
18.23 enhance oak savanna, forest, prairie, and other
18.24 wildlife habitats on Tribal lands. A list of
18.25 proposed restorations and enhancements must
18.26 be provided as part of the required
18.27 accomplishment plan.

18.28 **(r) Rum River Corridor Fish and Wildlife**
18.29 **Habitat Enhancement, Phase II**

18.30 \$1,699,000 the first year is to the
18.31 commissioner of natural resources for an
18.32 agreement with the Anoka County Soil and
18.33 Water Conservation District to restore and
18.34 enhance upland and riverine habitat in the
18.35 Rum River corridor. A list of proposed

19.1 enhancements and restorations must be
19.2 provided as part of the required
19.3 accomplishment plan.

19.4 **(s) Restoring and Enhancing Minnesota's**
19.5 **Important Bird Areas in the St. Croix River**
19.6 **Valley**

19.7 \$1,034,000 the first year is to the
19.8 commissioner of natural resources for an
19.9 agreement with Audubon Minnesota to restore
19.10 and enhance wildlife habitat in important bird
19.11 areas and other priority wildlife areas in the
19.12 St. Croix River Valley. A list of proposed
19.13 restorations and enhancements must be
19.14 provided as part of the required
19.15 accomplishment plan.

19.16 **(t) DNR St. Louis River Restoration Initiative,**
19.17 **Phase X**

19.18 \$2,596,000 the first year is to the
19.19 commissioner of natural resources to restore
19.20 and enhance priority aquatic, riparian, and
19.21 forest habitats in the St. Louis River estuary.
19.22 Of this amount, up to \$140,000 is for an
19.23 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust. A list
19.24 of proposed restorations and enhancements
19.25 must be provided as part of the required
19.26 accomplishment plan.

19.27 **(u) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and**
19.28 **Enhancement, Phase XI**

19.29 \$4,122,000 the first year is to the
19.30 commissioner of natural resources to restore
19.31 and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded
19.32 streams and aquatic management areas and to
19.33 facilitate fish passage. A list of proposed land
19.34 restorations and enhancements must be
19.35 provided as part of the required
19.36 accomplishment plan.

20.1 **(v) DNR Roving Crew, Phase II**
20.2 \$8,732,000 the first year is to the
20.3 commissioner of natural resources to restore
20.4 and enhance fish and wildlife habitat on
20.5 permanently protected lands throughout
20.6 Minnesota using the roving crew program of
20.7 the Department of Natural Resources. A list
20.8 of restoration and enhancement projects must
20.9 be provided as part of the required
20.10 accomplishment plan.

20.11 **(w) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**
20.12 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat, Phase**
20.13 **XV**

20.14 \$9,500,000 the first year is to the
20.15 commissioner of natural resources for a
20.16 program to provide competitive matching
20.17 grants of up to \$500,000 to local, regional,
20.18 state, and national organizations for enhancing,
20.19 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,
20.20 prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife
20.21 in Minnesota. Of this amount, at least
20.22 \$2,500,000 is for grants in the seven-county
20.23 metropolitan area and cities with a population
20.24 of 50,000 or greater. Grants must not be made
20.25 for activities required to fulfill the duties of
20.26 owners of lands subject to conservation
20.27 easements. Grants must not be made from the
20.28 appropriation in this paragraph for projects
20.29 that have a total project cost exceeding
20.30 \$1,000,000. Of the total appropriation,
20.31 \$450,000 may be spent for personnel costs
20.32 and other direct and necessary administrative
20.33 costs. Grantees may acquire land or interests
20.34 in land. Easements must be permanent. Grants
20.35 may not be used to establish easement
20.36 stewardship accounts. Land acquired in fee

21.1 must be open to hunting and fishing during
21.2 the open season unless otherwise provided by
21.3 law. The program must require a match of at
21.4 least ten percent from nonstate sources for all
21.5 grants. The match may be cash or in-kind
21.6 resources. For grant applications of \$25,000
21.7 or less, the commissioner must provide a
21.8 separate, simplified application process.
21.9 Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the
21.10 commissioner of natural resources must, when
21.11 evaluating projects of equal value, give
21.12 priority to organizations that have a history of
21.13 receiving, or a charter to receive, private
21.14 contributions for local conservation or habitat
21.15 projects. For grant requests to acquire land in
21.16 fee or a conservation easement, the
21.17 commissioner must give priority to projects
21.18 associated with or within one mile of existing
21.19 wildlife management areas under Minnesota
21.20 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8;
21.21 scientific and natural areas under Minnesota
21.22 Statutes, sections 84.033 and 86A.05,
21.23 subdivision 5; or aquatic management areas
21.24 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05,
21.25 subdivision 14, and 97C.02. All restoration or
21.26 enhancement projects must be on land
21.27 permanently protected by a permanent
21.28 covenant ensuring perpetual maintenance and
21.29 protection of restored and enhanced habitat,
21.30 by a conservation easement, or by public
21.31 ownership or in public waters as defined in
21.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005,
21.33 subdivision 15. Priority must be given to
21.34 restoration and enhancement projects on public
21.35 lands. Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
21.36 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded

22.1 under this paragraph. This appropriation is
22.2 available until June 30, 2026. No less than five
22.3 percent of the amount of each grant must be
22.4 held back from reimbursement until the grant
22.5 recipient has completed a grant
22.6 accomplishment report by the deadline and in
22.7 the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the
22.8 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The
22.9 commissioner must provide notice of the grant
22.10 program in the summary of game and fish law
22.11 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section
22.12 97A.051, subdivision 2.

22.13 **Subd. 6. Administration**

1,831,000

655,000

22.14 **(a) Contract Management**

22.15 \$336,000 the first year is to the commissioner
22.16 of natural resources for contract management
22.17 duties assigned in this section. The
22.18 commissioner must provide an
22.19 accomplishment plan in the form specified by
22.20 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
22.21 on expending this appropriation. The
22.22 accomplishment plan must include a copy of
22.23 the grant contract template and reimbursement
22.24 manual. No money may be expended before
22.25 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
22.26 approves the accomplishment plan. Money
22.27 appropriated in this paragraph is available until
22.28 June 30, 2025.

22.29 **(b) Legislative Coordinating Commission**

22.30 \$634,000 the first year and \$651,000 the
22.31 second year are to the Legislative
22.32 Coordinating Commission for administrative
22.33 expenses of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
22.34 Heritage Council and for compensating and
22.35 reimbursing expenses of council members.

23.1 This appropriation is available until June 30,
23.2 2025. Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.281,
23.3 applies to this appropriation.

23.4 **(c) Technical Evaluation Panel**

23.5 \$190,000 the first year is to the commissioner
23.6 of natural resources for a technical evaluation
23.7 panel to conduct up to 25 restoration and
23.8 enhancement evaluations under Minnesota
23.9 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 10. This
23.10 appropriation is available until June 30, 2025.

23.11 **(d) Core Functions in Partner-Led OHF Land**
23.12 **Acquisitions**

23.13 \$668,000 the first year is to the commissioner
23.14 of natural resources to administer the initial
23.15 development, restoration, and enhancement
23.16 of fee title acquisitions funded through the
23.17 outdoor heritage fund. Money may be used
23.18 for land acquisition costs incurred by the
23.19 department as part of conveying parcels to the
23.20 Department of Natural Resources and for
23.21 initial development activities on fee title
23.22 acquisitions. This appropriation is available
23.23 until June 30, 2026.

23.24 **(e) Legacy Website**

23.25 \$3,000 the first year and \$4,000 the second
23.26 year are to the Legislative Coordinating
23.27 Commission for the website required under
23.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision
23.29 10.

23.30 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**

23.31 (a) Money appropriated in this section may
23.32 not be spent on activities unless they are
23.33 directly related to and necessary for a specific
23.34 appropriation and are specified in the

- 24.1 accomplishment plan approved by the
24.2 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
24.3 Money appropriated in this section must not
24.4 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional
24.5 overhead charges that are not directly related
24.6 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.
24.7 Money appropriated to acquire land in fee title
24.8 may be used to restore, enhance, and provide
24.9 for public use of the land acquired with the
24.10 appropriation. Public-use facilities must have
24.11 a minimal impact on habitat in acquired lands.
- 24.12 (b) Money appropriated in this section is
24.13 available as follows:
- 24.14 (1) money appropriated to acquire real
24.15 property is available until June 30, 2027;
- 24.16 (2) money appropriated to restore and enhance
24.17 land acquired with an appropriation in this act
24.18 is available for four years after the acquisition
24.19 date with a maximum end date of June 30,
24.20 2031;
- 24.21 (3) money appropriated to restore and enhance
24.22 other land is available until June 30, 2028;
- 24.23 (4) notwithstanding clauses (1) to (3), money
24.24 appropriated for a project that receives at least
24.25 15 percent of its funding from federal funds
24.26 is available until a date sufficient to match the
24.27 availability of federal funding to a maximum
24.28 of six years if the federal funding was
24.29 confirmed and included in the original
24.30 approved draft accomplishment plan; and
- 24.31 (5) money appropriated for other projects is
24.32 available until the end of the fiscal year in
24.33 which it is appropriated.

25.1 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**
25.2 **Equipment Expenditures**

25.3 All agreements referred to in this section must
25.4 be administered on a reimbursement basis
25.5 unless otherwise provided in this section.

25.6 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
25.7 16A.41, expenditures directly related to each
25.8 appropriation's purpose made on or after July
25.9 1, 2023, or the date of accomplishment plan
25.10 approval, whichever is later, are eligible for
25.11 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in
25.12 this section. For purposes of administering
25.13 appropriations and legislatively authorized
25.14 agreements paid out of the outdoor heritage
25.15 fund, an expense must be considered
25.16 reimbursable by the administering agency
25.17 when the recipient presents the agency with
25.18 an invoice or binding agreement with the
25.19 landowner and the recipient attests that the
25.20 goods have been received or the landowner
25.21 agreement is binding. Periodic reimbursement
25.22 must be made upon receiving documentation
25.23 that the items articulated in the
25.24 accomplishment plan approved by the
25.25 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council have
25.26 been achieved, including partial achievements
25.27 as evidenced by progress reports approved by
25.28 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

25.29 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to
25.30 projects to accommodate cash-flow needs,
25.31 support future management of acquired lands,
25.32 or match a federal share. The advances must
25.33 be approved as part of the accomplishment
25.34 plan. Capital equipment expenditures for
25.35 specific items over \$10,000 must be itemized

26.1 in and approved as part of the accomplishment
26.2 plan.

26.3 **Subd. 9. Mapping**

26.4 Each direct recipient of money appropriated
26.5 in this section, as well as each recipient of a
26.6 grant awarded under this section, must provide
26.7 geographic information to the Lessard-Sams
26.8 Outdoor Heritage Council to map any lands
26.9 that are acquired in fee with money
26.10 appropriated in this section and open to public
26.11 taking of fish and game. The commissioner
26.12 of natural resources must include the lands
26.13 acquired in fee with money appropriated in
26.14 this section on maps showing public recreation
26.15 opportunities. Maps must include information
26.16 on and acknowledgment of the outdoor
26.17 heritage fund, including a notation of any
26.18 restrictions.

26.19 **Subd. 10. Carryforward**

26.20 (a) The availability of the appropriation under
26.21 Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section 2,
26.22 subdivision 5, paragraph (j), Roseau Lake
26.23 Rehabilitation, is extended to June 30, 2024.

26.24 (b) The availability of the appropriation under
26.25 Laws 2017, chapter 91, article 1, section 2,
26.26 subdivision 2, paragraph (g), Reinvest in
26.27 Minnesota (RIM) Buffers for Wildlife and
26.28 Water - Phase VII, is extended to June 30,
26.29 2025.

26.30 (c) The availability of the appropriation under
26.31 Laws 2018, chapter 208, article 1, section 2,
26.32 subdivision 5, paragraph (i), Lower
26.33 Mississippi River Habitat Partnership - Phase
26.34 IV, is extended to June 30, 2027.

27.1 (d) The availability of the appropriation under
27.2 Laws 2018, chapter 208, section 2, subdivision
27.3 5, paragraph (n), Buffalo River Watershed
27.4 Stream Habitat Program, is extended to June
27.5 30, 2025.

27.6 (e) The availability of the appropriation for
27.7 Laws 2020, chapter 104, article 1, section 2,
27.8 subdivision 5, paragraph (a), Protecting
27.9 Coldwater Fisheries on Minnesota's North
27.10 Shore, is extended to June 30, 2025.

27.11 (f) The availability of the appropriation for
27.12 Laws 2020, chapter 104, article 1, section 2,
27.13 subdivision 5, paragraph (h), Hennepin County
27.14 Habitat Conservation Program - Phase II, is
27.15 extended to June 30, 2025.

27.16 (g) The availability of the appropriation under
27.17 Laws 2022, chapter 77, article 1, section 2,
27.18 subdivision 6, paragraph (a), Contract
27.19 Management, is extended to June 30, 2024.

27.20 (h) The availability of the appropriation under
27.21 Laws 2022, chapter 77, article 1, section 2,
27.22 subdivision 6, paragraph (b), Technical
27.23 Evaluation Panel, is extended to June 30,
27.24 2024.

27.25 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97A.056, subdivision 22, is amended to read:

27.26 Subd. 22. **Revenues.** (a) A recipient must disclose to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage
27.27 Council and the commissioner all revenues that are received by the recipient before the
27.28 availability of the appropriation ends and that are generated from activities on land acquired
27.29 in fee title or easement, restored, or enhanced with money from the outdoor heritage fund.
27.30 The revenues must be disclosed to the council and commissioner no later than ~~60~~ 90 days
27.31 after the availability of the appropriation ends.

27.32 (b) For all revenues disclosed under paragraph (a), a recipient must:

28.1 (1) use the revenues to protect, restore, or enhance wetlands, prairies, forests, or habitat
28.2 for fish, game, or wildlife according to the appropriation purposes and the approved
28.3 accomplishment plan;

28.4 (2) use the revenues for other purposes as approved in the accomplishment plan by the
28.5 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council; or

28.6 (3) transfer the revenues to the outdoor heritage fund no later than ~~60~~ 90 days after the
28.7 availability of the appropriation ends, unless otherwise approved by the council.

28.8 (c) Paragraph (b), clause (3), does not apply to the state and its departments and agencies.

28.9 Sec. 4. Laws 2020, chapter 104, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, as amended by Laws
28.10 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article 1, section 4, is amended to read:

28.11 Subd. 5. **Habitats** -0- 55,429,000

28.12 **(a) Protecting Coldwater Fisheries on**
28.13 **Minnesota's North Shore**

28.14 \$1,809,000 the second year is to the
28.15 commissioner of natural resources for an
28.16 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
28.17 acquire permanent conservation easements
28.18 and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat in
28.19 priority coldwater tributaries to Lake Superior.

28.20 Of this amount, up to ~~\$144,000~~ \$240,000 is
28.21 to establish a monitoring and enforcement
28.22 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
28.23 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
28.24 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
28.25 conservation easement acquisitions,
28.26 restorations, and enhancements must be
28.27 provided as part of the required
28.28 accomplishment plan.

28.29 **(b) Metro Big Rivers - Phase X**

28.30 \$6,473,000 the second year is to the
28.31 commissioner of natural resources for
28.32 agreements to acquire lands in fee and
28.33 permanent conservation easements and to

29.1 restore and enhance natural habitat systems
29.2 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
29.3 and St. Croix Rivers and their tributaries in
29.4 the metropolitan area. Of this amount,
29.5 \$801,000 is to Minnesota Valley National
29.6 Wildlife Refuge Trust Inc., \$300,000 is to
29.7 Friends of the Mississippi River, \$366,000 is
29.8 to Great River Greening, \$3,406,000 is to The
29.9 Trust for Public Land, and \$1,600,000 is to
29.10 Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$144,000 to
29.11 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a
29.12 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
29.13 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
29.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
29.15 subdivision 17. A list of proposed land
29.16 acquisitions and permanent conservation
29.17 easements must be provided as part of the
29.18 required accomplishment plan.

29.19 **(c) Resilient Habitat for Heritage Brook Trout**

29.20 \$2,266,000 the second year is to the
29.21 commissioner of natural resources for
29.22 agreements to acquire land in fee and
29.23 permanent conservation easements and to
29.24 restore and enhance habitat in targeted
29.25 watersheds of southeast Minnesota to improve
29.26 heritage brook trout and coldwater
29.27 communities. Of this amount, \$350,000 is to
29.28 The Nature Conservancy, \$258,000 is to Trout
29.29 Unlimited, \$857,000 is to The Trust for Public
29.30 Land, and \$801,000 is to Minnesota Land
29.31 Trust. Up to \$96,000 to Minnesota Land Trust
29.32 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement
29.33 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
29.34 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
29.35 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed

30.1 land acquisitions and permanent conservation
30.2 easements must be provided as part of the
30.3 required accomplishment plan.

30.4 **(d) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic**
30.5 **North Central Minnesota Lakes - Phase VI**

30.6 \$2,814,000 the second year is to the
30.7 commissioner of natural resources for
30.8 agreements to acquire lands in fee and
30.9 permanent conservation easements and to
30.10 restore and enhance wildlife habitat to sustain
30.11 healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes in
30.12 Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard
30.13 Counties. Of this amount, \$883,000 is to
30.14 Northern Waters Land Trust and \$1,931,000
30.15 is to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$192,000
30.16 to Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a
30.17 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
30.18 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
30.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
30.20 subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions must be
30.21 provided as part of the required
30.22 accomplishment plan.

30.23 **(e) Accelerating Habitat Conservation in**
30.24 **Southwest Minnesota**

30.25 \$3,044,000 the second year is to the
30.26 commissioner of natural resources for an
30.27 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
30.28 acquire permanent conservation easements
30.29 and to restore and enhance high-quality
30.30 wildlife habitat in southwest Minnesota. Of
30.31 this amount, up to \$144,000 is to establish a
30.32 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
30.33 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
30.34 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
30.35 subdivision 17. A list of proposed
30.36 conservation easement acquisitions,

31.1 restorations, and enhancements must be
31.2 provided as part of the required
31.3 accomplishment plan.

31.4 **(f) Targeted RIM Easement Program to**
31.5 **Individual Parcel: Pine and Leech Watersheds**
31.6 **- Phase I**

31.7 \$2,458,000 the second year is to the Board of
31.8 Water and Soil Resources to acquire and
31.9 restore permanent conservation easements of
31.10 high-quality forest, wetland, and shoreline
31.11 habitat. Of this amount, \$164,000 is for an
31.12 agreement with the Crow Wing County Soil
31.13 and Water Conservation District. Up to
31.14 \$97,000 of the total amount is for establishing
31.15 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
31.16 approved in the accomplishment plan and
31.17 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
31.18 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
31.19 acquisitions must be included as part of the
31.20 required accomplishment plan.

31.21 **(g) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor**
31.22 **Project - Phase V**

31.23 \$3,695,000 the second year is to acquire lands
31.24 in fee and conservation easement and restore
31.25 wildlife habitat in the Mississippi headwaters
31.26 as follows:

31.27 (1) \$2,177,000 is to the commissioner of
31.28 natural resources for agreements as follows:
31.29 \$69,000 to the Mississippi Headwaters Board
31.30 and \$2,108,000 to The Trust for Public Land;
31.31 and

31.32 (2) \$1,518,000 is to the Board of Water and
31.33 Soil Resources, of which up to \$175,000 is
31.34 for establishing a monitoring and enforcement
31.35 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan

32.1 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
32.2 97A.056, subdivision 17.

32.3 A list of proposed acquisitions must be
32.4 included as part of the required
32.5 accomplishment plan.

32.6 **(h) Hennepin County Habitat Conservation**
32.7 **Program - Phase II**

32.8 \$3,155,000 the second year is to the
32.9 commissioner of natural resources for
32.10 agreements with Hennepin County, in
32.11 cooperation with Minnesota Land Trust, to
32.12 acquire permanent conservation easements
32.13 and to restore and enhance habitats in
32.14 Hennepin County as follows: \$446,000 to
32.15 Hennepin County and \$2,709,000 to
32.16 Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$264,000 to
32.17 Minnesota Land Trust is for establishing a
32.18 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
32.19 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
32.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
32.21 subdivision 17. A list of proposed permanent
32.22 conservation easements, restorations, and
32.23 enhancements must be provided as part of the
32.24 required accomplishment plan.

32.25 **(i) Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat**
32.26 **Enhancement and Restoration - Phase XII**

32.27 \$1,474,000 the second year is to the
32.28 commissioner of natural resources for an
32.29 agreement with Trout Unlimited to restore and
32.30 enhance habitat for trout and other species in
32.31 and along coldwater rivers, lakes, and streams
32.32 in Minnesota. A list of proposed land
32.33 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements
32.34 must be provided as part of the required
32.35 accomplishment plan.

33.1 **(j) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and**
33.2 **Enhancement - Phase III**

33.3 \$3,790,000 the second year is to the
33.4 commissioner of natural resources to restore
33.5 and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded
33.6 streams and aquatic management areas and to
33.7 facilitate fish passage. A list of proposed land
33.8 restorations and enhancements must be
33.9 provided as part of the required
33.10 accomplishment plan.

33.11 **(k) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative - Phase**
33.12 **VII**

33.13 \$2,280,000 the second year is to the
33.14 commissioner of natural resources to restore
33.15 priority aquatic and riparian habitats in the St.
33.16 Louis River estuary. A list of proposed
33.17 restorations must be provided as part of the
33.18 required accomplishment plan.

33.19 **(l) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation - Phase**
33.20 **V**

33.21 \$700,000 the second year is to the
33.22 commissioner of natural resources for an
33.23 agreement with Zeitgeist, a nonprofit
33.24 corporation, in cooperation with the Lake
33.25 Superior Steelhead Association, to restore and
33.26 enhance trout habitat in the Knife River
33.27 watershed. A list of proposed enhancements
33.28 must be provided as part of the required
33.29 accomplishment plan.

33.30 **(m) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**
33.31 **Restoration Program - Phase IX**

33.32 \$1,918,000 the second year is to the
33.33 commissioner of natural resources for an
33.34 agreement with the Shell Rock River
33.35 Watershed District to acquire lands in fee and

34.1 to restore and enhance aquatic habitat in the
34.2 Shell Rock River watershed. A list of proposed
34.3 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements
34.4 must be provided as part of the required
34.5 accomplishment plan.

34.6 **(n) Rum River Wildlife and Fish Habitat**
34.7 **Enhancement Using Bioengineered Bank**
34.8 **Stabilization**

34.9 \$816,000 the second year is to the
34.10 commissioner of natural resources for an
34.11 agreement with the Anoka County Soil and
34.12 Water Conservation District to restore and
34.13 enhance riverine habitat in the Rum River
34.14 using eco-sensitive, habitat-building, and
34.15 bioengineering approaches. A list of proposed
34.16 enhancements must be provided as part of the
34.17 required accomplishment plan.

34.18 **(o) Roseau River Habitat Restoration**

34.19 \$3,036,000 the second year is to the
34.20 commissioner of natural resources for an
34.21 agreement with the Roseau River Watershed
34.22 District to restore and enhance riverine habitat
34.23 in the Roseau River and the Roseau River
34.24 Wildlife Management Area.

34.25 **(p) Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection**
34.26 **and Restoration - Phase II**

34.27 \$3,926,000 the second year is to the
34.28 commissioner of natural resources for
34.29 agreements to acquire lands in fee and
34.30 permanent conservation easements and to
34.31 restore and enhance wildlife habitat in the
34.32 Sauk River watershed as follows: \$430,000
34.33 to the Sauk River Watershed District,
34.34 \$2,073,000 to Pheasants Forever, and
34.35 \$1,423,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to

35.1 \$168,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to
35.2 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
35.3 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
35.4 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
35.5 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions
35.6 must be provided as part of the required
35.7 accomplishment plan.

35.8 **(q) Southeast Wetland Restoration**

35.9 \$1,351,000 the second year is to the
35.10 commissioner of natural resources for an
35.11 agreement with the city of Mankato to acquire
35.12 land in fee in the city of Mankato for wetland
35.13 and grassland restoration. A list of acquisitions
35.14 must be provided as part of the required
35.15 accomplishment plan.

35.16 **(r) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**
35.17 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat - Phase**
35.18 **XII**

35.19 \$10,424,000 the second year is to the
35.20 commissioner of natural resources for a
35.21 program to provide competitive matching
35.22 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
35.23 state, and national organizations for enhancing,
35.24 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,
35.25 prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife
35.26 in Minnesota. Of this amount, at least
35.27 \$3,250,000 is for grants in the seven-county
35.28 metropolitan area and cities with a population
35.29 of 50,000 or more. Grants must not be made
35.30 for activities required to fulfill the duties of
35.31 owners of lands subject to conservation
35.32 easements. Grants must not be made from the
35.33 appropriation in this paragraph for projects
35.34 that have a total project cost exceeding
35.35 \$575,000. Of the total appropriation, \$475,000
35.36 may be spent for personnel costs and other

36.1 direct and necessary administrative costs.

36.2 Grantees may acquire land or interests in land.

36.3 Easements must be permanent. Grants may

36.4 not be used to establish easement stewardship

36.5 accounts. Land acquired in fee must be open

36.6 to hunting and fishing during the open season

36.7 unless otherwise provided by law. The

36.8 program must require a match of at least ten

36.9 percent from nonstate sources for all grants.

36.10 The match may be cash or in-kind resources.

36.11 For grant applications of \$25,000 or less, the

36.12 commissioner must provide a separate,

36.13 simplified application process. Subject to

36.14 Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner of

36.15 natural resources must, when evaluating

36.16 projects of equal value, give priority to

36.17 organizations that have a history of receiving,

36.18 or a charter to receive, private contributions

36.19 for local conservation or habitat projects. For

36.20 grant requests to acquire land in fee or a

36.21 conservation easement, the commissioner must

36.22 give priority to projects associated with or

36.23 within one mile of existing wildlife

36.24 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,

36.25 section 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and

36.26 natural areas under Minnesota Statutes,

36.27 sections 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or

36.28 aquatic management areas under Minnesota

36.29 Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and

36.30 97C.02. All restoration or enhancement

36.31 projects must be on land permanently

36.32 protected by a permanent covenant ensuring

36.33 perpetual maintenance and protection of

36.34 restored and enhanced habitat, by a

36.35 conservation easement or public ownership or

36.36 in public waters as defined in Minnesota

37.1 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 15.
 37.2 Priority must be given to restoration and
 37.3 enhancement projects on public lands.
 37.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 37.5 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded
 37.6 under this paragraph. This appropriation is
 37.7 available until June 30, 2024. No less than five
 37.8 percent of the amount of each grant must be
 37.9 held back from reimbursement until the grant
 37.10 recipient has completed a grant
 37.11 accomplishment report by the deadline and in
 37.12 the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the
 37.13 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The
 37.14 commissioner must provide notice of the grant
 37.15 program in the summary of game and fish law
 37.16 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section
 37.17 97A.051, subdivision 2.

37.18 **ARTICLE 2**

37.19 **CLEAN WATER FUND**

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

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

37.29 **APPROPRIATIONS**

37.30 **Available for the Year**

37.31 **Ending June 30**

37.32 **2024**

2025

37.33 Sec. 2. **CLEAN WATER FUND**

37.34	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>158,897,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>159,499,000</u>
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38.1 This appropriation is from the clean water
38.2 fund. The amounts that may be spent for each
38.3 purpose are specified in the following sections.

38.4 **Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation**

38.5 Money appropriated in this article may not be
38.6 spent on activities unless they are directly
38.7 related to and necessary for a specific
38.8 appropriation. Money appropriated in this
38.9 article must be spent in accordance with
38.10 Minnesota Management and Budget *MMB*
38.11 *Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund*
38.12 *Expenditure*. Notwithstanding Minnesota
38.13 Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless otherwise
38.14 specified in this article, fiscal year 2024
38.15 appropriations are available until June 30,
38.16 2025, and fiscal year 2025 appropriations are
38.17 available until June 30, 2026. If a project
38.18 receives federal funds, the period of the
38.19 appropriation is extended to equal the
38.20 availability of federal funding.

38.21 **Subd. 3. Disability Access**

38.22 Where appropriate, grant recipients of clean
38.23 water funds, in consultation with the Council
38.24 on Disability and other appropriate
38.25 governor-appointed disability councils, boards,
38.26 committees, and commissions, should make
38.27 progress toward providing people with
38.28 disabilities greater access to programs, print
38.29 publications, and digital media related to the
38.30 programs the recipient funds using
38.31 appropriations made in this article.

38.32 **Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE** \$ **20,839,000** \$ **20,839,000**

38.33 (a) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
38.34 second year are to increase monitoring for

39.1 pesticides and pesticide degradates in surface
39.2 water and groundwater and to use data
39.3 collected to assess pesticide use practices. This
39.4 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028.

39.5 (b) \$3,000,000 the first year and \$3,000,000
39.6 the second year are for monitoring and
39.7 evaluating trends in the concentration of
39.8 nitrate in groundwater; promoting, developing,
39.9 and evaluating regional and crop-specific
39.10 nutrient best management practices, cover
39.11 crops, and other vegetative cover; assessing
39.12 adoption of best management practices and
39.13 other recommended practices; education and
39.14 technical support from University of
39.15 Minnesota Extension; grants to support
39.16 agricultural demonstration and implementation
39.17 activities, including research activities at the
39.18 Rosholt Research Farm; and other actions to
39.19 protect groundwater from degradation from
39.20 nitrate. This appropriation is available until
39.21 June 30, 2028.

39.22 (c) \$4,799,000 the first year and \$4,799,000
39.23 the second year are for the agriculture best
39.24 management practices loan program. Any
39.25 unencumbered balance at the end of the second
39.26 year must be added to the corpus of the loan
39.27 fund.

39.28 (d) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000
39.29 the second year are for technical assistance;
39.30 research, demonstration, and promotion
39.31 projects on properly implementing best
39.32 management practices and vegetative cover;
39.33 and more-precise information on nonpoint
39.34 contributions to impaired waters and for grants
39.35 to support on-farm demonstration of

40.1 agricultural practices. This appropriation is
40.2 available until June 30, 2028.

40.3 (e) \$40,000 the first year and \$40,000 the
40.4 second year are for maintenance of the
40.5 Minnesota Water Research Digital Library.
40.6 Costs for information technology development
40.7 or support for the digital library may be paid
40.8 to the Office of MN.IT Services. This
40.9 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028.

40.10 (f) \$3,500,000 the first year and \$3,500,000
40.11 the second year are to implement the
40.12 Minnesota agricultural water quality
40.13 certification program statewide. This
40.14 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028.

40.15 (g) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
40.16 second year are for a regional irrigation water
40.17 quality specialist through University of
40.18 Minnesota Extension. This appropriation is
40.19 available until June 30, 2028.

40.20 (h) \$3,000,000 the first year and \$3,000,000
40.21 the second year are for grants to the Board of
40.22 Regents of the University of Minnesota to
40.23 fund the Forever Green agriculture initiative
40.24 and to protect the state's natural resources
40.25 while increasing the efficiency, profitability,
40.26 and productivity of Minnesota farmers by
40.27 incorporating perennial and winter-annual
40.28 crops into existing agricultural practices. This
40.29 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028.

40.30 (i) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
40.31 second year are for testing drinking-water
40.32 wells for pesticides and establishing a
40.33 mitigation program for water treatment of

41.1 contaminated wells. This appropriation is
41.2 available until June 30, 2028.

41.3 (j) \$1,750,000 the first year and \$1,750,000
41.4 the second year are for conservation
41.5 equipment assistance grants to purchase
41.6 equipment or items to retrofit existing
41.7 equipment that has climate and water quality
41.8 benefits. This appropriation is available until
41.9 June 30, 2028.

41.10 (k) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000
41.11 the second year are for expanding the existing
41.12 state weather station and soil temperature
41.13 network to provide accurate and timely
41.14 weather data to optimize the timing of
41.15 irrigation, fertilizer, pesticide, and manure
41.16 applications and support land management
41.17 decisions. This appropriation is available until
41.18 June 30, 2028.

41.19 (l) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
41.20 second year are for grants for research and
41.21 demonstration sites and projects to evaluate,
41.22 develop, demonstrate, and promote regional
41.23 and animal-specific recommendations for
41.24 manure crediting and to develop or revise
41.25 manure best management practices through
41.26 University of Minnesota Extension. This
41.27 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028.

41.28 **Sec. 4. POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY \$ 24,187,000 \$ 24,188,000**

41.29 (a) \$9,050,000 the first year and \$9,050,000
41.30 the second year are for completing needed
41.31 statewide assessments of surface water quality
41.32 and trends according to Minnesota Statutes,
41.33 chapter 114D. Of this amount, \$163,000 the
41.34 first year and \$163,000 the second year are

- 42.1 for grants to the Red River Watershed
- 42.2 Management Board to enhance and expand
- 42.3 the existing water quality and watershed
- 42.4 monitoring river watch activities in schools in
- 42.5 the Red River of the North watershed. By
- 42.6 February 15, 2025, the Red River Watershed
- 42.7 Management Board must provide a report to
- 42.8 the commissioner and to the chairs and ranking
- 42.9 minority members of the legislative
- 42.10 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
- 42.11 over environment and natural resources
- 42.12 finance and policy and the clean water fund
- 42.13 on the expenditure of this appropriation.
- 42.14 (b) \$6,350,000 the first year and \$6,350,000
- 42.15 the second year are to update watershed
- 42.16 restoration and protection strategies, which
- 42.17 include total maximum daily load (TMDL)
- 42.18 studies and TMDL implementation plans
- 42.19 according to Minnesota Statutes, chapter
- 42.20 114D, for waters on the impaired waters list
- 42.21 approved by the United States Environmental
- 42.22 Protection Agency.
- 42.23 (c) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
- 42.24 the second year are for groundwater
- 42.25 assessment, including enhancing the ambient
- 42.26 monitoring network, modeling, evaluating
- 42.27 trends.
- 42.28 (d) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
- 42.29 second year are for implementing the St. Louis
- 42.30 River System Area of Concern remedial action
- 42.31 plan.
- 42.32 (e) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000
- 42.33 the second year are for national pollutant
- 42.34 discharge elimination system wastewater and
- 42.35 stormwater TMDL implementation efforts.

- 43.1 (f) \$3,550,000 the first year and \$3,550,000
43.2 the second year are for enhancing the
43.3 county-level delivery systems for subsurface
43.4 sewage treatment system (SSTS) activities
43.5 necessary to implement Minnesota Statutes,
43.6 sections 115.55 and 115.56, for protecting
43.7 groundwater. This appropriation includes base
43.8 grants for all counties with SSTS programs.
43.9 Counties that receive base grants must report
43.10 the number of properties with noncompliant
43.11 systems upgraded through an SSTS
43.12 replacement, connection to a centralized sewer
43.13 system, or other means, including property
43.14 abandonment or buyout. Counties also must
43.15 report the number of existing SSTS
43.16 compliance inspections conducted in areas
43.17 under county jurisdiction. The required reports
43.18 must be part of the established annual
43.19 reporting for SSTS programs. Of this amount,
43.20 at least \$900,000 each year is available to
43.21 counties for grants to low-income landowners
43.22 to address systems that pose an imminent
43.23 threat to public health or safety or fail to
43.24 protect groundwater. A county receiving a
43.25 grant under this paragraph must submit a
43.26 report to the agency listing the projects funded,
43.27 including an account of the expenditures.
43.28 (g) \$650,000 the first year and \$650,000 the
43.29 second year are for activities and grants that
43.30 reduce chloride pollution.
43.31 (h) \$337,000 the first year and \$338,000 the
43.32 second year are to support activities of the
43.33 Clean Water Council according to Minnesota
43.34 Statutes, section 114D.30, subdivision 1.

44.1 (i) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
 44.2 the second year are for a grant program for
 44.3 sanitary sewer projects that are included in the
 44.4 draft or any updated *Voyageurs National Park*
 44.5 *Clean Water Project Comprehensive Plan* to
 44.6 restore the water quality of waters in
 44.7 *Voyageurs National Park*. Grants must be
 44.8 awarded to local government units for projects
 44.9 approved by the *Voyageurs National Park*
 44.10 *Clean Water Joint Powers Board* and must be
 44.11 matched by at least 25 percent from sources
 44.12 other than the clean water fund.

44.13 (j) Any unencumbered grant balances in the
 44.14 first year do not cancel but are available for
 44.15 grants in the second year. Notwithstanding
 44.16 *Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the*
 44.17 appropriations in this section are available
 44.18 until June 30, 2028.

44.19 **Sec. 5. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**
 44.20 **RESOURCES**

\$ 12,780,000 \$ 12,780,000

44.21 (a) \$2,550,000 the first year and \$2,550,000
 44.22 the second year are for streamflow monitoring.

44.23 (b) \$1,450,000 the first year and \$1,450,000
 44.24 the second year are for lake Index of
 44.25 Biological Integrity (IBI) assessments.

44.26 (c) \$455,000 the first year and \$455,000 the
 44.27 second year are for assessing mercury and
 44.28 other fish contaminants, including PFAS
 44.29 compounds, and monitoring to track the status
 44.30 of impaired waters over time.

44.31 (d) \$2,150,000 the first year and \$2,150,000
 44.32 the second year are for developing targeted,
 44.33 science-based watershed restoration and

- 45.1 protection strategies and for technical
45.2 assistance for local governments.
- 45.3 (e) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
45.4 the second year are for water-supply planning,
45.5 aquifer protection, and monitoring activities
45.6 and analysis.
- 45.7 (f) \$1,600,000 the first year and \$1,600,000
45.8 the second year are for technical assistance to
45.9 support local implementation of nonpoint
45.10 source restoration and protection activities and
45.11 targeted forest stewardship for water quality.
- 45.12 (g) \$650,000 the first year and \$650,000 the
45.13 second year are for applied research and tools,
45.14 including maintaining and updating spatial
45.15 data for watershed boundaries, streams, and
45.16 water bodies and integrating high-resolution
45.17 digital elevation data and for assessing the
45.18 effectiveness of forestry best management
45.19 practices for water quality.
- 45.20 (h) \$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 the
45.21 second year are for maintaining and updating
45.22 buffer maps and for technical guidance on
45.23 interpreting buffer maps for local units of
45.24 government implementing buffer
45.25 requirements. Maps must be provided to local
45.26 units of government and made available to
45.27 landowners on the Department of Natural
45.28 Resources website.
- 45.29 (i) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
45.30 second year are for accelerating completion
45.31 of or updates to county geologic atlases and
45.32 supplementing water chemistry or chemical
45.33 movement studies.

46.1 (j) \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
46.2 second year are for increasing native
46.3 freshwater mussel production capacity and
46.4 restoring and monitoring freshwater mussel
46.5 restoration efforts.

46.6 (k) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
46.7 second year are for implementing water
46.8 storage projects on state-administered land to
46.9 enhance water quality and ecological benefits.

46.10 (l) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
46.11 the second year are for providing technical
46.12 and financial assistance for county and local
46.13 governments to replace failing or ineffective
46.14 culverts using modern designs that restore
46.15 floodplain connectivity, biological
46.16 connectivity, and channel stability. This
46.17 appropriation is available for up to two
46.18 additional years.

46.19 **Sec. 6. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL**
46.20 **RESOURCES**

\$ 78,064,000 \$ 78,063,000

46.21 (a) \$39,500,000 the first year and \$39,500,000
46.22 the second year are for grants to implement
46.23 state-approved watershed-based plans. The
46.24 grants may be used to implement projects or
46.25 programs that protect, enhance, and restore
46.26 surface water quality in lakes, rivers, and
46.27 streams; protect groundwater from
46.28 degradation; and protect drinking water
46.29 sources. Projects must be identified in a
46.30 comprehensive watershed plan developed
46.31 under the One Watershed, One Plan program
46.32 and seven-county metropolitan groundwater
46.33 or surface water management frameworks as
46.34 provided for in Minnesota Statutes, chapters
46.35 103B, 103C, 103D, and 114D. Grant recipients

47.1 must identify a nonstate match and may use
 47.2 other legacy funds to supplement projects
 47.3 funded under this paragraph. This
 47.4 appropriation may be used for:
 47.5 (1) implementing state-approved plans,
 47.6 including within the following watershed
 47.7 planning areas: Bois de Sioux - Mustinka,
 47.8 Buffalo-Red River, Cannon River, Cedar -
 47.9 Wapsipinicon, Chippewa River, Clearwater
 47.10 River, Cottonwood-Middle Minnesota, Crow
 47.11 Wing River, Des Moines River, Greater
 47.12 Zumbro River, Hawk Creek - Middle
 47.13 Minnesota, Kettle and Upper St. Croix, Lac
 47.14 qui Parle-Yellow Bank, Lake of the Woods,
 47.15 Lake Superior North, Le Sueur River, Leech
 47.16 Lake River, Long Prairie River, Lower
 47.17 Minnesota River East, Lower Minnesota River
 47.18 West, Lower St. Croix River,
 47.19 Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers, Mississippi
 47.20 River Brainerd, Mississippi River Headwaters,
 47.21 Mississippi River St. Cloud, Mississippi River
 47.22 Winona/La Crescent, Missouri River Basin,
 47.23 Nemadji River, North Fork Crow River, Otter
 47.24 Tail, Pine River, Pomme de Terre River,
 47.25 Rainy-Rapid River, Rainy River Headwaters
 47.26 - Vermilion River, Rainy River-Rainy
 47.27 Lake/Lower Rainy River, Red Lake River,
 47.28 Redeye River, Root River, Roseau River, Rum
 47.29 River, Sand Hill River, Sauk River, Shell Rock
 47.30 and Winnebago River, Snake River, South
 47.31 Fork of the Crow River, St. Louis River, Thief
 47.32 River, Two Rivers Plus, Upper and Lower Red
 47.33 Lake, Upper Minnesota River, Upper
 47.34 Mississippi - Grand Rapids, Watonwan River,
 47.35 Wild Rice - Marsh, and Yellow Medicine
 47.36 River;

48.1 (2) seven-county metropolitan groundwater
48.2 or surface water management frameworks;
48.3 and
48.4 (3) other comprehensive watershed
48.5 management plan planning areas that have a
48.6 board-approved and local-government-adopted
48.7 plan as authorized in Minnesota Statutes,
48.8 section 103B.801.
48.9 The board must establish eligibility criteria
48.10 and determine whether a planning area is ready
48.11 to proceed and has the nonstate match
48.12 committed.
48.13 (b) \$8,500,000 the first year and \$8,500,000
48.14 the second year are for grants to local
48.15 government units to protect and restore surface
48.16 water and drinking water; to keep water on
48.17 the land; to protect, enhance, and restore water
48.18 quality in lakes, rivers, and streams; and to
48.19 protect groundwater and drinking water,
48.20 including feedlot water quality and subsurface
48.21 sewage treatment system projects and stream
48.22 bank, stream channel, shoreline restoration,
48.23 and ravine stabilization projects. The projects
48.24 must use practices demonstrated to be
48.25 effective, be of long-lasting public benefit,
48.26 include a match, and be consistent with total
48.27 maximum daily load (TMDL) implementation
48.28 plans, watershed restoration and protection
48.29 strategies (WRAPS), or local water
48.30 management plans or their equivalents. Up to
48.31 20 percent of this appropriation is available
48.32 for land-treatment projects and practices that
48.33 benefit drinking water.
48.34 (c) \$5,500,000 the first year and \$5,500,000
48.35 the second year are for accelerated

49.1 implementation, local resource protection,
49.2 enhancement grants, statewide analytical
49.3 targeting or technology tools that fill an
49.4 identified gap, program enhancements for
49.5 technical assistance, citizen and community
49.6 outreach, compliance, and training and
49.7 certification.

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

49.10 (1) to provide state oversight and
49.11 accountability, evaluate and communicate
49.12 results, provide implementation tools, and
49.13 measure the value of conservation program
49.14 implementation by local governments; and

49.15 (2) to prepare, in consultation with the
49.16 commissioners of natural resources, health,
49.17 agriculture, and the Pollution Control Agency,
49.18 and submit to the legislature by March 1 each
49.19 even-numbered year a biennial report detailing
49.20 the recipients and projects funded and the
49.21 results accomplished under this section.

49.22 (e) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
49.23 the second year are to provide assistance,
49.24 oversight, and grants for supporting local
49.25 governments in implementing and complying
49.26 with riparian protection and excessive soil loss
49.27 requirements.

49.28 (f) \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000
49.29 the second year are for a working lands
49.30 floodplain program and to purchase, restore,
49.31 or preserve riparian land and floodplains
49.32 adjacent to lakes, rivers, streams, and
49.33 tributaries, by conservation easements or
49.34 contracts to keep water on the land, to decrease

50.1 sediment, pollutant, and nutrient transport;
 50.2 reduce hydrologic impacts to surface waters;
 50.3 and increase protection and recharge for
 50.4 groundwater. Up to \$200,000 is for deposit in
 50.5 a conservation easement stewardship account
 50.6 established according to Minnesota Statutes,
 50.7 section 103B.103.

50.8 (g) \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000
 50.9 the second year are for permanent
 50.10 conservation easements on wellhead protection
 50.11 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section
 50.12 103F.515, subdivision 2, paragraph (d), or for
 50.13 grants to local units of government for fee title
 50.14 acquisition to permanently protect
 50.15 groundwater supply sources on wellhead
 50.16 protection areas or for otherwise ensuring
 50.17 long-term protection of groundwater supply
 50.18 sources as described under alternative
 50.19 management tools in the Department of
 50.20 Agriculture *Minnesota Nitrogen Fertilizer*
 50.21 *Management Plan*, including using
 50.22 low-nitrogen cropping systems or
 50.23 implementing nitrogen fertilizer best
 50.24 management practices. Priority must be placed
 50.25 on land that is located where the vulnerability
 50.26 of the drinking water supply is designated as
 50.27 high or very high by the commissioner of
 50.28 health, where drinking water protection plans
 50.29 have identified specific activities that will
 50.30 achieve long-term protection, and on lands
 50.31 with expiring conservation reserve program
 50.32 contracts. Up to \$200,000 is for deposit in a
 50.33 conservation easement stewardship account
 50.34 established according to Minnesota Statutes,
 50.35 section 103B.103.

- 51.1 (h) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
51.2 second year are for a technical evaluation
51.3 panel to conduct restoration evaluations under
51.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 114D.50,
51.5 subdivision 6.
- 51.6 (i) \$1,750,000 the first year and \$1,750,000
51.7 the second year are for assistance, oversight,
51.8 and grants to local governments to transition
51.9 local water management plans to a watershed
51.10 approach as provided for in Minnesota
51.11 Statutes, section 103B.801.
- 51.12 (j) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
51.13 the second year are for technical assistance
51.14 and grants for the conservation drainage
51.15 program, in consultation with the Drainage
51.16 Work Group, coordinated under Minnesota
51.17 Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision 13,
51.18 and including projects to improve
51.19 multipurpose water management under
51.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 103E.015.
- 51.21 (k) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000
51.22 the second year are to purchase permanent
51.23 conservation easements to protect lands
51.24 adjacent to public waters that have good water
51.25 quality but that are threatened with
51.26 degradation. Up to \$150,000 is for deposit in
51.27 a conservation easement stewardship account
51.28 established according to Minnesota Statutes,
51.29 section 103B.103.
- 51.30 (l) \$425,000 the first year and \$425,000 the
51.31 second year are for grants or contracts for a
51.32 program to systematically collect data and
51.33 produce county, watershed, and statewide
51.34 estimates of soil erosion caused by water and
51.35 wind, along with tracking adoption of

52.1 conservation measures, including cover crops,
52.2 to address erosion. This appropriation may be
52.3 used for grants to or contracts with the
52.4 University of Minnesota to complete this
52.5 work.

52.6 (m) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
52.7 second year are for developing and
52.8 implementing a water legacy grant program
52.9 to expand partnerships for clean water.

52.10 (n) \$5,000,000 the first year and \$5,000,000
52.11 the second year are for permanent
52.12 conservation easements to protect and restore
52.13 wetlands and associated uplands. Up to
52.14 \$300,000 is for deposit in a conservation
52.15 easement stewardship account established
52.16 according to Minnesota Statutes, section
52.17 103B.103.

52.18 (o) \$6,039,000 the first year and \$6,038,000
52.19 the second year are for financial and technical
52.20 assistance to enhance adoption of cover crops
52.21 and other soil health practices to achieve water
52.22 quality or drinking water benefits. The board
52.23 may use grants to local governments and
52.24 agreements with the United States Department
52.25 of Agriculture, AgCentric at Minnesota State
52.26 Center for Excellence, and other practitioners
52.27 and partners to accomplish this work. Up to
52.28 \$450,000 is for an agreement with the
52.29 University of Minnesota Office for Soil Health
52.30 for applied research and education on
52.31 Minnesota's agroecosystems and soil health
52.32 management systems. This appropriation is
52.33 available until June 30, 2028, and may be
52.34 extended to leverage available federal funds.

53.1 (p) The board must contract for delivery of
53.2 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota
53.3 for restoration, maintenance, training, and
53.4 other activities under this section for up to
53.5 \$750,000 the first year and up to \$750,000 the
53.6 second year.

53.7 (q) The board may shift grant, implementation,
53.8 or easement funds in this section and may
53.9 adjust the technical and administrative
53.10 assistance portion of the funds to leverage
53.11 federal or other nonstate funds or to address
53.12 oversight responsibilities or high-priority
53.13 activities identified by the board consistent
53.14 with local water management plans.

53.15 (r) The board must require grantees to specify
53.16 the outcomes that will be achieved by the
53.17 grants.

53.18 (s) The appropriations in this section are
53.19 available until June 30, 2028, except grant or
53.20 easement funds are available for five years
53.21 after the date a grant or other agreement is
53.22 executed. Returned grant funds must be
53.23 regranted consistent with the purposes of this
53.24 section.

53.25 **Sec. 7. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH \$ 11,296,000 \$ 11,904,000**

53.26 (a) \$4,746,000 the first year and \$5,354,000
53.27 the second year are for developing
53.28 health-based, Minnesota-specific water
53.29 guidance for contaminants found or anticipated
53.30 to be found in Minnesota drinking water, to
53.31 certify private laboratories to conduct analyses
53.32 for these contaminants, and to increase the
53.33 capacity of the department's laboratory to
53.34 analyze for these contaminants.

- 54.1 (b) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000
54.2 the second year are for ensuring safe drinking
54.3 water for private well users, including studying
54.4 the occurrence and magnitude of contaminants
54.5 in private wells; developing guidance and
54.6 conducting outreach and education about well
54.7 testing and mitigation; awarding grants to local
54.8 governments; and designing voluntary
54.9 interventions to reduce health risks to private
54.10 well owners.
- 54.11 (c) \$3,750,000 the first year and \$3,750,000
54.12 the second year are for protecting sources of
54.13 drinking water, including planning,
54.14 implementation, and surveillance activities
54.15 and grants to local governments and public
54.16 water systems.
- 54.17 (d) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
54.18 second year are to develop and deliver
54.19 groundwater restoration and protection
54.20 strategies on a watershed scale for use in local
54.21 comprehensive water planning efforts, to
54.22 provide resources to local governments for
54.23 activities that protect sources of drinking
54.24 water, and to enhance approaches that improve
54.25 the capacity of local governmental units to
54.26 protect and restore groundwater resources.
- 54.27 (e) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
54.28 second year are to develop public health
54.29 policies and an action plan to address threats
54.30 to safe drinking water, including development
54.31 of a statewide plan for protecting drinking
54.32 water that incorporates select
54.33 recommendations from the University of
54.34 Minnesota's *Future of Drinking Water* report.

55.1 (f) \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
55.2 second year are for developing a statewide
55.3 recreational water portal that includes an
55.4 inventory of public beaches and information
55.5 about local monitoring results and closures
55.6 and that provides information about preventing
55.7 illness and recreational water stewardship.

55.8 (g) Unless otherwise specified, the
55.9 appropriations in this section are available
55.10 until June 30, 2027.

55.11 **Sec. 8. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL \$ 1,875,000 \$ 1,875,000**

55.12 (a) \$1,125,000 the first year and \$1,125,000
55.13 the second year are to implement projects that
55.14 address emerging threats to the drinking water
55.15 supply; provide cost-effective regional
55.16 solutions; leverage interjurisdictional
55.17 coordination; support local implementation of
55.18 water supply reliability projects; support the
55.19 growing needs of community water suppliers
55.20 facing challenges, including PFAS,
55.21 groundwater appropriation limitations, system
55.22 reliability and resilience, and increased
55.23 regional growth; and prevent degradation of
55.24 groundwater resources in the metropolitan
55.25 area. These projects provide communities
55.26 with:

55.27 (1) potential solutions to leverage regional
55.28 water use by using surface water, stormwater,
55.29 wastewater, and groundwater;

55.30 (2) an analysis of infrastructure requirements
55.31 for different alternatives;

55.32 (3) development of planning-level cost
55.33 estimates, including capital costs and operating
55.34 costs;

56.1 (4) identification of funding mechanisms and
56.2 an equitable cost-sharing structure for
56.3 regionally beneficial water supply
56.4 development projects; and
56.5 (5) development of subregional groundwater
56.6 models and strategies.

56.7 (b) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
56.8 second year are for the water demand
56.9 reduction grants to assist municipalities in the
56.10 metropolitan area with implementing water
56.11 demand reduction measures to ensure the
56.12 reliability and protection of drinking water
56.13 supplies.

56.14 **Sec. 9. UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA** **\$** **1,500,000** **\$** **1,500,000**

56.15 (a) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
56.16 second year are for developing Part A of
56.17 county geologic atlases. This appropriation is
56.18 available until June 30, 2030.

56.19 (b) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
56.20 the second year are for a program to evaluate
56.21 performance and technology transfer for
56.22 stormwater best management practices, to
56.23 evaluate best management performance and
56.24 effectiveness to support meeting total
56.25 maximum daily loads, to develop standards
56.26 and incorporate state-of-the-art guidance using
56.27 minimal impact design standards as the model,
56.28 and to implement a system to transfer
56.29 knowledge and technology across local
56.30 government, industry, and regulatory sectors.
56.31 This appropriation is available until June 30,
56.32 2030.

56.33 **Sec. 10. LEGISLATURE** **\$** **6,000** **\$** **-0-**

57.1 \$6,000 the first year is for the Legislative
57.2 Coordinating Commission for the website
57.3 required under Minnesota Statutes, section
57.4 3.303, subdivision 10.

57.5 **Sec. 11. PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY \$ 8,350,000 \$ 8,350,000**

57.6 (a) \$8,250,000 the first year and \$8,250,000
57.7 the second year are for the point source
57.8 implementation grants program under
57.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.073. This
57.10 appropriation is available until June 30, 2030.

57.11 (b) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
57.12 second year are for small community
57.13 wastewater treatment grants and loans under
57.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.075. This
57.15 appropriation is available until June 30, 2030.

57.16 (c) If there is any uncommitted money at the
57.17 end of each fiscal year under paragraph (a) or
57.18 (b), the Public Facilities Authority may
57.19 transfer the remaining funds to eligible
57.20 projects under any of the programs listed in
57.21 this section according to a project's priority
57.22 rank on the Pollution Control Agency's project
57.23 priority list.

57.24 Sec. 12. Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 2, article 2, section 8, as amended by
57.25 Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article 2, section 21, is amended to read:

57.26 **Sec. 8. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH \$ 6,497,000 \$ 6,497,000**

57.27 (a) \$1,700,000 the first year and \$1,700,000
57.28 the second year are for addressing public
57.29 health concerns related to contaminants found
57.30 in Minnesota drinking water for which no
57.31 health-based drinking water standards exist,
57.32 for improving the department's capacity to
57.33 monitor the water quality of drinking water

58.1 sources and to develop interventions to
58.2 improve water quality, and for the
58.3 department's laboratory to analyze unregulated
58.4 contaminants. Of this amount, \$400,000 the
58.5 first year and \$400,000 the second year are
58.6 for the commissioner to work in cooperation
58.7 with the commissioners of agriculture, the
58.8 Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and
58.9 natural resources to sample surface water and
58.10 groundwater, including drinking water
58.11 sources, and for an assessment to evaluate
58.12 potential risks from microplastics and
58.13 nanoplastics and identify appropriate
58.14 follow-up actions. This appropriation is
58.15 available until June 30, 2024.

58.16 (b) \$2,747,000 the first year and \$2,747,000
58.17 the second year are for protecting drinking
58.18 water sources.

58.19 (c) \$550,000 the first year and \$550,000 the
58.20 second year are to develop and deliver
58.21 groundwater restoration and protection
58.22 strategies on a watershed scale for use in local
58.23 comprehensive water planning efforts, to
58.24 provide resources to local governments for
58.25 activities that protect sources of drinking
58.26 water, and to enhance approaches that improve
58.27 the capacity of local governmental units to
58.28 protect and restore groundwater resources.

58.29 (d) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
58.30 second year are for studying the occurrence
58.31 and magnitude of contaminants in private
58.32 wells and developing guidance, outreach, and
58.33 interventions to reduce risks to private-well
58.34 owners. This appropriation is available until
58.35 June 30, 2024.

59.1 (e) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
59.2 second year are for evaluating and addressing
59.3 the risks from viruses, bacteria, and protozoa
59.4 in groundwater supplies and for evaluating
59.5 land uses that may contribute to contamination
59.6 of public water systems with these pathogens.

59.7 (f) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
59.8 second year are to develop public health
59.9 policies and an action plan to address threats
59.10 to safe drinking water, including development
59.11 of a statewide plan for protecting drinking
59.12 water.

59.13 (g) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
59.14 second year are to create a road map for water
59.15 reuse implementation in Minnesota and to
59.16 address research gaps by studying Minnesota
59.17 water reuse systems. This appropriation is
59.18 available until June 30, 2024.

59.19 (h) Unless otherwise specified, the
59.20 appropriations in this section are available
59.21 until June 30, 2023.

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

59.23 **ARTICLE 3**
59.24 **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND**

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

59.26 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
59.27 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the parks and
59.28 trails fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figures
59.29 "2024" and "2025" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure
59.30 are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively. "The
59.31 first year" is fiscal year 2024. "The second year" is fiscal year 2025. "The biennium" is
59.32 fiscal years 2024 and 2025. These are onetime appropriations.

60.1

APPROPRIATIONS

60.2

Available for the Year

60.3

Ending June 30

60.4

2024

2025

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Sec. 2. PARKS AND TRAILS

60.6

Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation

\$

72,162,000

\$

64,452,000

60.7

The amounts that may be spent for each

60.8

purpose are specified in the following sections.

60.9

Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation

60.10

Money appropriated in this article may not be

60.11

spent on activities unless they are directly

60.12

related to and necessary for a specific

60.13

appropriation. Money appropriated in this

60.14

article must be spent in accordance with

60.15

Minnesota Management and Budget *MMB*

60.16

Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund

60.17

Expenditure. Notwithstanding Minnesota

60.18

Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless otherwise

60.19

specified in this article, fiscal year 2024

60.20

appropriations are available until June 30,

60.21

2026, and fiscal year 2025 appropriations are

60.22

available until June 30, 2027. If a project

60.23

receives federal funds, the period of the

60.24

appropriation is extended to equal the

60.25

availability of federal funding.

60.26

Subd. 3. Disability Access

60.27

Where appropriate, grant recipients of parks

60.28

and trails funds, in consultation with the

60.29

Council on Disability and other appropriate

60.30

governor-appointed disability councils, boards,

60.31

committees, and commissions, should make

60.32

progress toward providing people with

60.33

disabilities greater access to programs, print

60.34

publications, and digital media related to the

61.1 programs the recipient funds using
61.2 appropriations made in this article.

61.3 **Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**
61.4 **RESOURCES**

\$ 43,566,000 \$ 38,926,000

61.5 (a) \$28,593,000 the first year and \$25,526,000
61.6 the second year are for state parks, recreation
61.7 areas, and trails to:

61.8 (1) connect people to the outdoors;

61.9 (2) acquire land and create opportunities;

61.10 (3) maintain existing holdings; and

61.11 (4) improve cooperation by coordinating with
61.12 partners to implement the 25-year long-range
61.13 parks and trails legacy plan.

61.14 (b) \$14,296,000 the first year and \$12,763,000

61.15 the second year are for grants for parks and

61.16 trails of regional significance outside the

61.17 seven-county metropolitan area under

61.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.535. The grants

61.19 awarded under this paragraph must be based

61.20 on the lists of recommended projects

61.21 submitted to the legislative committees under

61.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536,

61.23 subdivision 10, from the Greater Minnesota

61.24 Regional Parks and Trails Commission

61.25 established under Minnesota Statutes, section

61.26 85.536. Grants funded under this paragraph

61.27 must support parks and trails of regional or

61.28 statewide significance that meet the applicable

61.29 definitions and criteria for regional parks and

61.30 trails contained in the *Greater Minnesota*

61.31 *Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan*

61.32 adopted by the Greater Minnesota Regional

61.33 Parks and Trails Commission on April 22,

61.34 2015. Grant recipients identified under this

62.1 paragraph must submit a grant application to
62.2 the commissioner of natural resources. Up to
62.3 2.5 percent of the appropriation may be used
62.4 by the commissioner for the actual cost of
62.5 issuing and monitoring the grants for the
62.6 commission. Of the amount appropriated,
62.7 \$475,000 the first year and \$475,000 the
62.8 second year are for the Greater Minnesota
62.9 Regional Parks and Trails Commission to
62.10 carry out its duties under Minnesota Statutes,
62.11 section 85.536, including the continued
62.12 development of a statewide system plan for
62.13 regional parks and trails outside the
62.14 seven-county metropolitan area.

62.15 (c) By January 15, 2024, the Greater
62.16 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
62.17 Commission must submit a list of projects that
62.18 contains the commission's recommendations
62.19 for funding from the parks and trails fund for
62.20 fiscal year 2025 to the chairs and ranking
62.21 minority members of the legislative
62.22 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
62.23 over environment and natural resources and
62.24 the parks and trails fund.

62.25 (d) By January 15, 2024, the Greater
62.26 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
62.27 Commission must submit a report that contains
62.28 the commission's criteria for funding from the
62.29 parks and trails fund, including the criteria
62.30 used to determine if a park or trail is of
62.31 regional significance, to the chairs and ranking
62.32 minority members of the legislative
62.33 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
62.34 over environment and natural resources and
62.35 the parks and trails fund.

63.1 (e) \$677,000 the first year and \$637,000 the
 63.2 second year are for coordination and projects
 63.3 between the department, the Metropolitan
 63.4 Council, and the Greater Minnesota Regional
 63.5 Parks and Trails Commission; enhanced
 63.6 web-based information for park and trail users;
 63.7 and support of activities of the Parks and
 63.8 Trails Legacy Advisory Committee.

63.9 (f) The commissioner must contract for
 63.10 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota
 63.11 for restoration, maintenance, and other
 63.12 activities under this section for at least
 63.13 \$850,000 the first year and \$850,000 the
 63.14 second year.

63.15 (g) Grant recipients of an appropriation under
 63.16 this section must give consideration to
 63.17 contracting with Conservation Corps
 63.18 Minnesota for restoration, maintenance, and
 63.19 other activities.

63.20 Sec. 4. **METROPOLITAN COUNCIL** **\$** **28,593,000** **\$** **25,526,000**

63.21 (a) \$28,593,000 the first year and \$25,526,000
 63.22 the second year are for distribution according
 63.23 to Minnesota Statutes, section 85.53,
 63.24 subdivision 3.

63.25 (b) Money appropriated under this section and
 63.26 distributed to implementing agencies must be
 63.27 used only to fund the list of projects approved
 63.28 by the elected representatives of each of the
 63.29 metropolitan parks implementing agencies.
 63.30 Projects funded by the money appropriated
 63.31 under this section must be substantially
 63.32 consistent with the project descriptions and
 63.33 dollar amounts approved by each elected body.
 63.34 Any money remaining after completing the

64.1 listed projects may be spent by the
64.2 implementing agencies on projects to support
64.3 parks and trails.

64.4 (c) Grant agreements entered into by the
64.5 Metropolitan Council and recipients of money
64.6 appropriated under this section must ensure
64.7 that the money is used to supplement and not
64.8 substitute for traditional sources of funding.

64.9 (d) The implementing agencies receiving
64.10 appropriations under this section must give
64.11 consideration to contracting with Conservation
64.12 Corps Minnesota for restoration, maintenance,
64.13 and other activities.

64.14 **Sec. 5. LEGISLATURE** **\$** **3,000** **\$** **-0-**

64.15 \$3,000 the first year is for the Legislative
64.16 Coordinating Commission for the website
64.17 required under Minnesota Statutes, section
64.18 3.303, subdivision 10.

64.19 **Sec. 6. EXTENSION; ST. CLOUD TRAIL GRANT.**

64.20 The availability of the grant to the city of St. Cloud for the Beaver Island Regional Trail
64.21 construction and restoration project from the parks and trails fund appropriation under Laws
64.22 2019, First Special Session chapter 2, article 3, section 3, paragraph (b), is extended to June
64.23 30, 2024.

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

64.25 **Sec. 7. APPROPRIATION EXTENSION.**

64.26 The portions of the appropriations from the parks and trails fund in Laws 2019, First
64.27 Special Session chapter 2, article 3, section 3, paragraph (b), and Laws 2021, First Special
64.28 Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3, paragraph (b), that were granted to the city of
64.29 Sandstone for the Robinson Park project are available until June 30, 2025.

65.1 Sec. 8. **REGIONAL PARKS AND TRAILS; EXTENSION.**

65.2 The appropriations from the parks and trails fund in Laws 2019, First Special Session
65.3 chapter 2, article 3, section 3, paragraph (b), are available until June 30, 2025.

65.4 **ARTICLE 4**

65.5 **ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND**

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

65.7 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the entities
65.8 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the arts and cultural
65.9 heritage fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for allowable activities under
65.10 the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15. The figures "2024" and "2025" used in
65.11 this article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal
65.12 year ending June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2025, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year
65.13 2024. "The second year" is fiscal year 2025. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2024 and 2025.
65.14 All appropriations in this article are onetime.

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

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

65.20 <u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$ 102,350,000</u>	<u>\$ 89,602,000</u>
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65.21 The amounts that may be spent for each
65.22 purpose are specified in the following
65.23 subdivisions.

65.24 **Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation**

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

65.32 Money appropriated in this article must be
65.33 spent in accordance with Minnesota
65.34 Management and Budget *MMB Guidance to*

66.1 Agencies on Legacy Fund Expenditure.
66.2 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
66.3 16A.28, and unless otherwise specified in this
66.4 article, fiscal year 2024 appropriations are
66.5 available until June 30, 2025, and fiscal year
66.6 2025 appropriations are available until June
66.7 30, 2026. If a project receives federal funds,
66.8 the period of the appropriation is extended to
66.9 equal the availability of federal funding.

66.10 **Subd. 3. Minnesota State Arts Board** 48,421,000 41,796,000

66.11 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are
66.12 appropriated to the Minnesota State Arts
66.13 Board for arts, arts education, arts
66.14 preservation, and arts access. Grant
66.15 agreements entered into by the Minnesota
66.16 State Arts Board and other recipients of
66.17 appropriations in this subdivision must ensure
66.18 that these funds are used to supplement and
66.19 not substitute for traditional sources of
66.20 funding. Each grant program established in
66.21 this appropriation must be separately
66.22 administered from other state appropriations
66.23 for program planning and outcome
66.24 measurements, but may take into consideration
66.25 other state resources awarded in the selection
66.26 of applicants and grant award size.

66.27 **(b) Arts and Arts Access Initiatives**
66.28 \$38,737,000 the first year and \$33,437,000
66.29 the second year are to support Minnesota
66.30 artists and arts organizations in creating,
66.31 producing, and presenting high-quality arts
66.32 activities; to preserve, maintain, and interpret
66.33 art forms and works of art so that they are
66.34 accessible to Minnesota audiences; to
66.35 overcome barriers to accessing high-quality

67.1 arts activities; and to instill the arts into the
67.2 community and public life in this state.

67.3 **(c) Arts Education**

67.4 \$7,263,000 the first year and \$6,269,000 the
67.5 second year are for high-quality,
67.6 age-appropriate arts education for Minnesotans
67.7 of all ages to develop knowledge, skills, and
67.8 understanding of the arts.

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

67.10 \$2,421,000 the first year and \$2,090,000 the
67.11 second year are for events and activities that
67.12 represent, preserve, and maintain the diverse
67.13 cultural arts traditions, including folk and
67.14 traditional artists and art organizations,
67.15 represented in this state.

67.16 **(e) Up to five percent of the money**
67.17 **appropriated in paragraphs (b) to (d) may be**
67.18 **used by the board for administering grant**
67.19 **programs, delivering technical services,**
67.20 **providing fiscal oversight for the statewide**
67.21 **system, and ensuring accountability in fiscal**
67.22 **year 2024 and fiscal year 2025.**

67.23 **(f) Up to 30 percent of the remaining total**
67.24 **appropriation to each of the categories listed**
67.25 **in paragraphs (b) to (d) is for grants to the**
67.26 **regional arts councils. Notwithstanding any**
67.27 **other provision of law, regional arts council**
67.28 **grants or other arts council grants for touring**
67.29 **programs, projects, or exhibits must ensure**
67.30 **the programs, projects, or exhibits are able to**
67.31 **tour in their own region as well as all other**
67.32 **regions of the state.**

68.1 (g) Any unencumbered balance remaining
68.2 under this subdivision the first year does not
68.3 cancel but is available the second year.

68.4 Subd. 4. **Minnesota Historical Society** 19,995,000 18,720,000

68.5 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are
68.6 appropriated to the governing board of the
68.7 Minnesota Historical Society to preserve and
68.8 enhance access to Minnesota's history and its
68.9 cultural and historical resources. Grant
68.10 agreements entered into by the Minnesota
68.11 Historical Society and other recipients of
68.12 appropriations in this subdivision must ensure
68.13 that these funds are used to supplement and
68.14 not substitute for traditional sources of
68.15 funding. Money directly appropriated to the
68.16 Minnesota Historical Society must be used to
68.17 supplement and not substitute for traditional
68.18 sources of funding. Notwithstanding
68.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, for
68.20 historic preservation projects that improve
68.21 historic structures, the amounts are available
68.22 until June 30, 2027. The Minnesota Historical
68.23 Society or grant recipients of the Minnesota
68.24 Historical Society using arts and cultural
68.25 heritage funds under this subdivision must
68.26 give consideration to Conservation Corps
68.27 Minnesota and Northern Bedrock Historic
68.28 Preservation Corps, or an organization
68.29 carrying out similar work, for projects with
68.30 the potential to need historic preservation
68.31 services.

68.32 (b) **Historical Grants and Programs**

68.33 (1) Statewide Historic and Cultural Grants
68.34 \$7,500,000 the first year and \$7,500,000 the
68.35 second year are for statewide historic and

69.1 cultural grants to local, county, regional, or
69.2 other historical or cultural organizations or for
69.3 activities to preserve significant historic and
69.4 cultural resources. Money must be distributed
69.5 through a competitive grant process. The
69.6 Minnesota Historical Society must administer
69.7 the money using established grant
69.8 mechanisms, with assistance from the advisory
69.9 committee created under Laws 2009, chapter
69.10 172, article 4, section 2, subdivision 4,
69.11 paragraph (b), item (ii).

69.12 (2) Statewide History Programs

69.13 \$7,500,000 the first year and \$7,500,000 the
69.14 second year are for historic and cultural
69.15 programs and purposes related to the heritage
69.16 of the state.

69.17 (3) History Partnerships

69.18 \$2,820,000 the first year and \$2,820,000 the
69.19 second year are for history partnerships
69.20 involving multiple organizations, which may
69.21 include the Minnesota Historical Society, to
69.22 preserve and enhance access to Minnesota's
69.23 history and cultural heritage in all regions of
69.24 the state.

69.25 (4) Statewide Survey of Historical and
69.26 Archaeological Sites

69.27 \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
69.28 second year are for one or more contracts to
69.29 be competitively awarded to conduct statewide
69.30 surveys or investigations of Minnesota's sites
69.31 of historical, archaeological, and cultural
69.32 significance. Results of the surveys or
69.33 investigations must be published in a
69.34 searchable form and available to the public
69.35 cost-free. The Minnesota Historical Society,

70.1 the Office of the State Archaeologist, the
70.2 Indian Affairs Council, and the State Historic
70.3 Preservation Office must each appoint a
70.4 representative to an oversight board to select
70.5 contractors and direct the conduct of the
70.6 surveys or investigations. The oversight board
70.7 must consult with the Department of
70.8 Transportation and Department of Natural
70.9 Resources.

70.10 (5) Digital Library

70.11 \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the
70.12 second year are for a digital library project to
70.13 preserve, digitize, and share Minnesota
70.14 images, documents, and historical materials.
70.15 The Minnesota Historical Society must
70.16 cooperate with the Minitex interlibrary loan
70.17 system and must jointly share this
70.18 appropriation for these purposes.

70.19 (c) Grants

70.20 (1) \$100,000 the first year is for a grant to the
70.21 Litchfield Opera House to repair and update
70.22 the electrical capabilities in the Litchfield
70.23 Opera House;

70.24 (2) \$275,000 the first year is for a grant to the
70.25 Dakota County Historical Society to upgrade
70.26 and improve the Lawshe Memorial Museum;
70.27 and

70.28 (3) \$900,000 the first year is for a grant to
70.29 Olmsted County Historical Society to
70.30 rehabilitate the historic George Stoppel stone
70.31 house and barn and to construct an accessible
70.32 pathway to the farmstead.

70.33 (d) Balance Remaining

71.1 Any unencumbered balance remaining under
71.2 this subdivision the first year does not cancel
71.3 but is available the second year.

71.4 **Subd. 5. Department of Education** 2,750,000 2,750,000

71.5 \$2,750,000 the first year and \$2,750,000 the
71.6 second year are appropriated to the
71.7 commissioner of education for grants to the
71.8 12 Minnesota regional library systems to
71.9 provide educational opportunities in the arts,
71.10 history, literary arts, and cultural heritage of
71.11 Minnesota. This money must be allocated
71.12 using the formulas in Minnesota Statutes,
71.13 section 134.355, subdivisions 3 to 5, with the
71.14 remaining 25 percent to be distributed to all
71.15 qualifying systems in an amount proportionate
71.16 to the number of qualifying system entities in
71.17 each system. For purposes of this subdivision,
71.18 "qualifying system entity" means a public
71.19 library, a regional library system, a regional
71.20 library system headquarters, a county, or an
71.21 outreach service program. This money may
71.22 be used to sponsor programs provided by
71.23 regional libraries or to provide grants to local
71.24 arts and cultural heritage programs for
71.25 programs in partnership with regional libraries.
71.26 This money must be distributed in ten equal
71.27 payments per year. Notwithstanding
71.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the
71.29 appropriations encumbered on or before June
71.30 30, 2025, as grants or contracts in this
71.31 subdivision are available until June 30, 2027.

71.32 **Subd. 6. Department of Administration** 15,779,000 12,015,000

71.33 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are
71.34 appropriated to the commissioner of
71.35 administration for grants to the named

72.1 organizations for the purposes specified in this
72.2 subdivision. The commissioner of
72.3 administration may use a portion of this
72.4 appropriation for costs that are directly related
72.5 to and necessary for the administration of
72.6 grants in this subdivision.

72.7 (b) Grant agreements entered into by the
72.8 commissioner and recipients of appropriations
72.9 under this subdivision must ensure that money
72.10 appropriated in this subdivision is used to
72.11 supplement and not substitute for traditional
72.12 sources of funding.

72.13 **(c) Minnesota Public Radio**

72.14 \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the
72.15 second year are for Minnesota Public Radio
72.16 to create programming and expand news
72.17 service on Minnesota's cultural heritage and
72.18 history.

72.19 **(d) Association of Minnesota Public Educational**
72.20 **Radio Stations**

72.21 \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the
72.22 second year are to the Association of
72.23 Minnesota Public Educational Radio Stations
72.24 for production and acquisition grants in
72.25 accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section
72.26 129D.19. This appropriation is available until
72.27 June 30, 2025.

72.28 **(e) Public Television**

72.29 \$5,460,000 the first year and \$4,460,000 the
72.30 second year are to the Minnesota Public
72.31 Television Association for production and
72.32 acquisition grants according to Minnesota
72.33 Statutes, section 129D.18. Of the amount in
72.34 the first year, \$1,000,000 is for producing

73.1 Minnesota military and veterans' history
73.2 stories.

73.3 **(f) Wilderness Inquiry**

73.4 \$475,000 the first year and \$475,000 the
73.5 second year are to Wilderness Inquiry to
73.6 preserve Minnesota's outdoor history, culture,
73.7 and heritage by connecting Minnesota youth
73.8 and families to natural resources.

73.9 **(g) Como Park Zoo**

73.10 \$1,700,000 the first year and \$1,700,000 the
73.11 second year are for a grant to the Como Park
73.12 Zoo and Conservatory for program
73.13 development that features educational
73.14 programs and habitat enhancement, special
73.15 exhibits, music appreciation programs, and
73.16 historical garden access and preservation.

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

73.18 \$800,000 the first year and \$800,000 the
73.19 second year are to the Science Museum of
73.20 Minnesota for arts, arts education, and arts
73.21 access and to preserve Minnesota's history and
73.22 cultural heritage, including student and teacher
73.23 outreach, statewide educational initiatives, and
73.24 community-based exhibits that preserve
73.25 Minnesota's history and cultural heritage.

73.26 **(i) Appetite for Change**

73.27 \$200,000 the first year is to the nonprofit
73.28 Appetite for Change for the Community Cooks
73.29 programming, which will preserve the cultural
73.30 heritage of growing and cooking food in
73.31 Minnesota.

73.32 **(j) Lake Superior Zoo**

74.1 \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
74.2 second year are to the Lake Superior Zoo to
74.3 develop educational exhibits and programs.

74.4 **(k) Veterans Memorial Park in Wyoming**

74.5 \$154,000 the first year is for a grant to the city
74.6 of Wyoming to build the Veterans Memorial
74.7 Plaza and related interpretive walk in Railroad
74.8 Park.

74.9 **(l) Great Lakes Aquarium**

74.10 \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
74.11 second year are to the Lake Superior Center
74.12 Authority to prepare, fabricate, and install a
74.13 hands-on exhibit with interactive learning
74.14 components to educate Minnesotans on the
74.15 history of the natural landscape of the state.

74.16 **(m) Minnesota State Band**

74.17 \$50,000 the first year is for a grant to the
74.18 Minnesota State Band to provide for public
74.19 performances across Minnesota.

74.20 **(n) Great Northern Festival**

74.21 \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
74.22 second year are for a grant to support the Great
74.23 Northern Festival, which connects attendees
74.24 to parks, outdoor spaces, and cultural venues
74.25 through a festival.

74.26 **(o) Governor's Council on Developmental**
74.27 **Disabilities**

74.28 \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the second
74.29 year are to the Minnesota Governor's Council
74.30 on Developmental Disabilities to continue to
74.31 preserve and raise awareness of the history of
74.32 Minnesotans with developmental disabilities.

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

75.1 \$550,000 the first year is to the Minnesota
75.2 Council on Disability to provide educational
75.3 opportunities in the arts, history, and cultural
75.4 heritage of Minnesotans with disabilities in
75.5 conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the
75.6 Minnesota Council on Disability. This
75.7 appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.

75.8 **(q) Keller Regional Park**

75.9 \$850,000 the first year is for a grant to Ramsey
75.10 County to preserve Minnesota's cultural
75.11 heritage by enhancing the tuj lub courts at
75.12 Keller Regional Park.

75.13 **(r) Changsha Friendship Garden**

75.14 \$850,000 the first year is for a grant to the city
75.15 of St. Paul for the design, project management,
75.16 and construction of Phase II of the Changsha
75.17 Friendship Garden in Phalen Regional Park.
75.18 The city must prioritize completing the Hmong
75.19 Plaza, the Heritage Wall, and the History Wall
75.20 with grant proceeds.

75.21 **(s) Camille Gage Artist Fellowship**

75.22 \$55,000 the first year and \$55,000 the second
75.23 year are for a grant to YWCA Minneapolis to
75.24 fund an annual fellowship to be known as the
75.25 Camille J. Gage Artist Fellowship. Of this
75.26 amount, up to \$5,000 each year may be used
75.27 for administrative expenses. YWCA
75.28 Minneapolis must select a person for the
75.29 Camille J. Gage Artist Fellowship after an
75.30 application process that allows both
75.31 applications by interested persons and
75.32 nominations of persons by third parties. By
75.33 October 1, 2026, YWCA Minneapolis must
75.34 report to the chairs and ranking minority

76.1 members of the legislative committees and
76.2 divisions with jurisdiction over legacy on the
76.3 use of money appropriated under this
76.4 paragraph and on the activities of the person
76.5 selected for the Camille J. Gage Artist
76.6 Fellowship under this paragraph. This
76.7 appropriation is available until June 30, 2026.

76.8 **(t) Minnesota African American Heritage**
76.9 **Museum and Gallery**

76.10 \$235,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
76.11 second year are for arts and cultural heritage
76.12 programming celebrating African American
76.13 and Black communities in Minnesota. Of the
76.14 amount in the first year, \$110,000 is for C.
76.15 Caldwell Fine Arts for an outdoor mural
76.16 project in North Minneapolis to work with
76.17 young people to develop skills while using art
76.18 as the impetus.

76.19 **Subd. 7. Minnesota Zoo** 2,000,000 2,000,000

76.20 The amounts in this subdivision are
76.21 appropriated to the Minnesota Zoological
76.22 Board for programs and development of the
76.23 Minnesota Zoological Garden and to provide
76.24 access and education related to programs on
76.25 the cultural heritage of Minnesota.

76.26 **Subd. 8. Minnesota Humanities Center** 10,651,000 9,571,000

76.27 (a) These amounts are appropriated to the
76.28 Board of Directors of the Minnesota
76.29 Humanities Center for the purposes specified
76.30 in this subdivision. The Minnesota Humanities
76.31 Center may use up to 4.5 percent of the
76.32 following grants, and up to five percent of the
76.33 appropriations specific to competitive grants
76.34 programs, to cover the cost of administering,
76.35 planning, evaluating, and reporting these

- 77.1 grants. The Minnesota Humanities Center
77.2 must develop a written plan to issue the grants
77.3 under this subdivision and must submit the
77.4 plan for review and approval by the
77.5 commissioner of administration. The written
77.6 plan must require the Minnesota Humanities
77.7 Center to create and adhere to grant policies
77.8 that are similar to those established according
77.9 to Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.97,
77.10 subdivision 4, paragraph (a), clause (1).
- 77.11 No grants awarded under this subdivision may
77.12 be used for travel outside the state of
77.13 Minnesota. The grant agreement must specify
77.14 the repercussions for failing to comply with
77.15 the grant agreement.
- 77.16 **(b) Programs and Purposes**
- 77.17 \$1,536,000 the first year and \$1,536,000 the
77.18 second year are for programs and purposes of
77.19 the Minnesota Humanities Center.
- 77.20 **(c) Children's Museum Grants**
- 77.21 \$1,325,000 the first year and \$1,325,000 the
77.22 second year are for arts and cultural heritage
77.23 grants to children's museums for arts and
77.24 cultural exhibits and related educational
77.25 outreach programs. Of this amount:
- 77.26 (1) \$500,000 each year is for the Minnesota
77.27 Children's Museum, St. Paul;
- 77.28 (2) \$75,000 each year is for the Children's
77.29 Museum of Rochester, Rochester;
- 77.30 (3) \$75,000 each year is for The Works,
77.31 Bloomington;
- 77.32 (4) \$75,000 each year is for the WonderTrek
77.33 Children's Museum, Brainerd-Baxter;

- 78.1 (5) \$75,000 each year is for the Children's
78.2 Discovery Center, Breckenridge;
- 78.3 (6) \$75,000 each year is for the Duluth
78.4 Children's Museum, Duluth;
- 78.5 (7) \$75,000 each year is for the Otter Cove
78.6 Children's Museum, Fergus Falls;
- 78.7 (8) \$75,000 each year is for the Children's
78.8 Discovery Museum, Grand Rapids;
- 78.9 (9) \$75,000 each year is for the Wheel and
78.10 Cog Children's Museum, Hutchinson;
- 78.11 (10) \$75,000 each year is for the Children's
78.12 Museum of Southern Minnesota, Mankato;
- 78.13 (11) \$75,000 each year is for the Great River
78.14 Children's Museum, St. Cloud; and
- 78.15 (12) \$75,000 each year is for The Village
78.16 Children's Museum, Willmar.
- 78.17 **(d) The Bakken Museum**
- 78.18 \$75,000 each year is for a grant to The Bakken
78.19 Museum for interactive exhibits and outreach
78.20 programs on arts and cultural heritage.
- 78.21 **(e) Community Identity and Heritage Grant**
78.22 **Program**
- 78.23 (1) \$2,500,000 the first year and \$6,510,000
78.24 the second year are for a competitive grant
78.25 program to provide grants to organizations or
78.26 individuals residing or based in diverse
78.27 Minnesota communities, including but not
78.28 limited to Asian and Pacific Island
78.29 communities, the Somali diaspora and other
78.30 African immigrant communities, Indigenous
78.31 communities with a focus on the 11 Tribes in
78.32 Minnesota, the African American community,
78.33 the Latinx community, the LGBTQIA+

79.1 community, and other underrepresented
79.2 cultural groups to create, celebrate, and teach
79.3 the art, culture, and heritage of these diverse
79.4 Minnesota communities. In awarding grants
79.5 under this clause, the Minnesota Humanities
79.6 Center must consider the extent to which
79.7 applicants represent groups that have been
79.8 underrepresented in past awards of grant
79.9 money from the arts and cultural heritage fund,
79.10 and an individual or organization that receives
79.11 a grant under this clause must do at least one
79.12 of the following:

79.13 (i) preserve and honor the cultural heritage of
79.14 Minnesota;

79.15 (ii) provide education and student outreach on
79.16 cultural diversity;

79.17 (iii) support the development of culturally
79.18 diverse humanities programming, including
79.19 arts programming, by individuals and
79.20 organizations; or

79.21 (iv) empower communities in building identity
79.22 and culture, including preserving and honoring
79.23 communities whose Indigenous cultures are
79.24 endangered or disappearing;

79.25 (2) \$50,000 the first year is for a grant to the
79.26 Tibetan American Foundation of Minnesota
79.27 to celebrate and teach the art, culture, and
79.28 heritage of Tibetan Americans in Minnesota;

79.29 (3) \$50,000 the first year is for a grant to Hong
79.30 De Wu Guan to create cultural arts projects
79.31 like Lion Dance for after-school programs for
79.32 youth;

79.33 (4) \$100,000 the first year is for a grant to the
79.34 Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians for the

- 80.1 Red Lake Nation Tribal College Urban Center
80.2 to develop new programs for the Red Lake
80.3 Nation Community Dance Choir to provide
80.4 dance and movement, singing, and combined
80.5 traditional Indigenous, American Indian, and
80.6 western music studies;
- 80.7 (5) \$50,000 the first year is for a grant to the
80.8 Sepak Takraw of USA to work with youth and
80.9 after-school programs in the community to
80.10 teach the cultural games of tuj lub and sepak
80.11 takraw. This appropriation may not be used
80.12 to hold events;
- 80.13 (6) \$150,000 the first year is for a grant to
80.14 30,000 Feet, a nonprofit organization, to help
80.15 youth and community artists further develop
80.16 their artistic skills, to create community art
80.17 and artistic performances, and to promote and
80.18 share African American history and culture
80.19 through the arts;
- 80.20 (7) \$180,000 the first year is for a grant to
80.21 Siengkane Lao MN to create cultural arts
80.22 projects and to preserve traditional
80.23 performances;
- 80.24 (8) \$300,000 the first year is for a grant to the
80.25 Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota for
80.26 museum-related programming and educational
80.27 outreach activities to teach the public about
80.28 the historical, cultural, and folk arts heritage
80.29 of Hmong Minnesotans;
- 80.30 (9) \$300,000 the first year is for a grant to
80.31 Special Guerrilla Units Veterans and Families
80.32 of USA, Inc. to collect, document, archive,
80.33 preserve, and make available to the public
80.34 Hmong Special Guerrilla Units veterans'

- 81.1 histories and for programming and educational
81.2 efforts to teach the public about their history
81.3 serving as proxy soldiers for the United States
81.4 during the Secret War in Laos;
- 81.5 (10) \$460,000 the first year is for
81.6 museum-related programming and educational
81.7 efforts to teach the public about the history
81.8 and cultural heritage of Indigenous people in
81.9 Minnesota; to upgrade and convert the
81.10 Carnegie Library building in Park Rapids to
81.11 Giiwedionong - The Museum and Cultural
81.12 Center of the North; to coordinate, curate, and
81.13 organize displays of collections from Akiing
81.14 and other organizations at the museum; and
81.15 to develop curriculum and program
81.16 presentations for ongoing learning activities
81.17 at the museum;
- 81.18 (11) \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to
81.19 Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio
81.20 (CLUES) to expand arts programming to
81.21 celebrate Latino cultural heritage; support
81.22 local artists; and provide professional
81.23 development, networking, and presentation
81.24 opportunities;
- 81.25 (12) \$900,000 the first year is for grants to
81.26 recipients who have demonstrated knowledge
81.27 and interest in preserving Hmong culture to
81.28 preserve Hmong Minnesotans' heritage,
81.29 history, language, and culture. \$750,000 of
81.30 this amount must be used in conjunction with
81.31 Minnesota universities to improve and develop
81.32 a unified and standardized Latin alphabet form
81.33 of the Hmong RPA writing system; and
81.34 \$150,000 of this amount must be used to
81.35 record, document, and transcribe Hmong

- 82.1 traditional music, courtship songs, and
82.2 wedding and funeral songs; to provide youth
82.3 education about Hmong heritage; to create
82.4 bilingual Hmong and English novels or
82.5 children's books with audio accompaniment;
82.6 to make traditional Hmong hemp textiles; and
82.7 to collect, preserve, and display Hmong
82.8 artifacts and historical documents. No portion
82.9 of this appropriation may be used to encourage
82.10 religious membership or to conduct personal
82.11 ceremonies or events;
- 82.12 (13) \$250,000 the first year is for a grant to
82.13 the Somali Museum of Minnesota for heritage
82.14 arts and cultural vitality programs to provide
82.15 classes, exhibits, presentations, and outreach
82.16 about the Somali community and heritage in
82.17 Minnesota;
- 82.18 (14) \$900,000 the first year is for a grant to
82.19 the Minnesota Museum of American Art for
82.20 exhibit programming and for a Native
82.21 American Fellowship at the museum; and
- 82.22 (15) \$900,000 the first year is for a grant to
82.23 Ka Joog statewide Somali-based collaborative
82.24 programs for arts and cultural heritage. The
82.25 funding must be used for Fanka programs to
82.26 provide arts education and workshops, mentor
82.27 programs, and community presentations and
82.28 community engagement events throughout
82.29 Minnesota.
- 82.30 Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed
82.31 to prevent a recipient of a grant under clauses
82.32 (2) to (15) from applying to receive additional
82.33 grant money under clause (1), provided that
82.34 the applicant submits to the same application
82.35 and oversight process as other recipients of

83.1 money under that clause. The Board of
83.2 Directors of the Minnesota Humanities Center
83.3 must ensure that all expenditures of money
83.4 appropriated in this paragraph are allowable
83.5 under Minnesota Constitution, article XI,
83.6 section 15.

83.7 **(f) Civics Programs**

83.8 \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
83.9 second year are for grants to the Minnesota
83.10 Civic Education Coalition: Minnesota Civic
83.11 Youth, the Learning Law and Democracy
83.12 Foundation, and YMCA Youth in Government
83.13 to conduct civics education programs for the
83.14 civic and cultural development of Minnesota
83.15 youth. Civics education is the study of
83.16 constitutional principles and the democratic
83.17 foundation of our national, state, and local
83.18 institutions and the study of political processes
83.19 and structures of government, grounded in the
83.20 understanding of constitutional government
83.21 under the rule of law.

83.22 **Subd. 9. Indian Affairs Council** 2,300,000 2,300,000

83.23 \$2,300,000 the first year and \$2,300,000 the
83.24 second year are appropriated to the Indian
83.25 Affairs Council for grants for preserving
83.26 Dakota and Ojibwe Indian languages and for
83.27 protecting Indian graves. The money must be
83.28 distributed as follows:

83.29 (1) \$850,000 the first year and \$850,000 the
83.30 second year are to provide grants to Minnesota
83.31 Tribal Nations to preserve Dakota and Ojibwe
83.32 Indian languages and to foster education
83.33 programs and services for Dakota and Ojibwe
83.34 languages;

84.1 (2) \$460,000 the first year and \$460,000 the
 84.2 second year are for grants to Dakota and
 84.3 Ojibwe Indian language-immersion
 84.4 educational institutions;

84.5 (3) \$850,000 the first year and \$850,000 the
 84.6 second year are to provide grants to preserve
 84.7 the Dakota and Ojibwe Indian languages
 84.8 through support of projects and services and
 84.9 to support educational programs and
 84.10 immersion efforts in Dakota and Ojibwe
 84.11 Indian languages;

84.12 (4) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
 84.13 second year are to the Indian Affairs Council
 84.14 for a Dakota and Ojibwe Indian language
 84.15 working group coordinated by the Indian
 84.16 Affairs Council; and

84.17 (5) \$90,000 the first year and \$90,000 the
 84.18 second year are to carry out responsibilities
 84.19 under Minnesota Statutes, section 307.08, to
 84.20 comply with Public Law 101-601, the federal
 84.21 Native American Graves Protection and
 84.22 Repatriation Act.

84.23 Subd. 10. Department of Agriculture 450,000 450,000

84.24 (a) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the
 84.25 second year are for grants to county
 84.26 agricultural societies to enhance arts access
 84.27 and education and to preserve and promote
 84.28 Minnesota's history and cultural heritage as
 84.29 embodied in its county fairs. The grants must
 84.30 be distributed in equal amounts to each of the
 84.31 95 county fairs. The grants are in addition to
 84.32 the aid distribution to county agricultural
 84.33 societies under Minnesota Statutes, section
 84.34 38.02. The commissioner of agriculture must

85.1 develop grant-making criteria and guidance
85.2 for expending money under this subdivision
85.3 to provide funding for projects and events that
85.4 provide access to the arts or the state's
85.5 agricultural, historical, and cultural heritage.
85.6 The commissioner must seek input from all
85.7 interested parties.

85.8 (b) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
85.9 second year are to the University of Minnesota
85.10 Extension Office to provide grants to
85.11 Minnesota 4-H chapters that have members
85.12 participating in state and national
85.13 4-H-sanctioned shooting sports events.
85.14 Eligible costs for grant money include
85.15 shooting sports equipment and supplies and
85.16 event fees associated with participating in state
85.17 shooting sports events.

85.18 **Subd. 11. Legislative Coordinating Commission**

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85.19 The amount in this subdivision is appropriated
85.20 for the Legislative Coordinating Commission
85.21 to maintain the website required under
85.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision
85.23 10.

85.24 **Subd. 12. Minnesota Historical Society Fiscal**
85.25 **Year 2023 Appropriations**

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85.26 (a) \$2,226,000 in fiscal year 2023 is for
85.27 historic and cultural programs and purposes
85.28 related to the heritage of the state. This is a
85.29 onetime appropriation and any unencumbered
85.30 balance remaining in fiscal year 2023 does not
85.31 cancel but is available until June 30, 2024.

85.32 (b) \$358,000 in fiscal year 2023 is for history
85.33 partnerships involving multiple organizations,
85.34 which may include the Minnesota Historical
85.35 Society, to preserve and enhance access to

86.1 Minnesota's history and cultural heritage in
86.2 all regions of the state. This is a onetime
86.3 appropriation and any unencumbered balance
86.4 remaining in fiscal year 2023 does not cancel
86.5 but is available until June 30, 2024.

86.6 (c) \$510,000 in fiscal year 2023 is for one or
86.7 more contracts to be competitively awarded
86.8 to conduct statewide surveys or investigations
86.9 of Minnesota's sites of historical,
86.10 archaeological, and cultural significance. This
86.11 is a onetime appropriation and any
86.12 unencumbered balance remaining in fiscal
86.13 year 2023 does not cancel but is available until
86.14 June 30, 2024.

86.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Subdivision 12 is effective the day following final enactment.

86.16 **ARTICLE 5**

86.17 **FINANCIAL REVIEW OF GRANT AND BUSINESS SUBSIDY RECIPIENTS**

86.18 Section 1. **FINANCIAL REVIEW OF GRANT AND BUSINESS SUBSIDY**
86.19 **RECIPIENTS.**

86.20 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) As used in this section, the following terms have the
86.21 meanings given.

86.22 (b) "Grant" means a grant or business subsidy funded by an appropriation in this act.

86.23 (c) "Grantee" means a business entity as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 5.001.

86.24 Subd. 2. **Financial information required; determination of ability to perform.** Before
86.25 an agency awards a competitive, legislatively named, single-source, or sole-source grant,
86.26 the agency must assess the risk that a grantee cannot or would not perform the required
86.27 duties. In making this assessment, the agency must review the following information:

86.28 (1) the grantee's history of performing duties similar to those required by the grant,
86.29 whether the size of the grant requires the grantee to perform services at a significantly
86.30 increased scale, and whether the size of the grant will require significant changes to the
86.31 operation of the grantee's organization;

87.1 (2) for a grantee that is a nonprofit organization, the grantee's Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
87.2 filed with the Internal Revenue Service in each of the prior three years. If the grantee has
87.3 not been in existence long enough or is not required to file Form 990 or Form 990-EZ, the
87.4 grantee must demonstrate to the grantor's satisfaction that the grantee is exempt and must
87.5 instead submit the grantee's most recent board-reviewed financial statements and
87.6 documentation of internal controls;

87.7 (3) for a for-profit business, three years of federal and state tax returns, current financial
87.8 statements, certification that the business is not under bankruptcy proceedings, and disclosure
87.9 of any liens on its assets. If a business has not been in business long enough to have three
87.10 years of tax returns, the grantee must demonstrate to the grantor's satisfaction that the grantee
87.11 has appropriate internal financial controls;

87.12 (4) evidence of registration and good standing with the secretary of state under Minnesota
87.13 Statutes, chapter 317A, or other applicable law;

87.14 (5) if the grantee's total annual revenue exceeds \$750,000, the grantee's most recent
87.15 financial audit performed by an independent third party in accordance with generally accepted
87.16 accounting principles; and

87.17 (6) certification, provided by the grantee, that none of its principals have been convicted
87.18 of a financial crime.

87.19 Subd. 3. **Additional measures for some grantees.** The agency may require additional
87.20 information and must provide enhanced oversight for grants that have not previously received
87.21 state or federal grants for similar amounts or similar duties and so have not yet demonstrated
87.22 the ability to perform the duties required under the grant on the scale required.

87.23 Subd. 4. **Assistance from administration.** An agency without adequate resources or
87.24 experience to perform obligations under this section may contract with the commissioner
87.25 of administration to perform the agency's duties under this section.

87.26 Subd. 5. **Agency authority to not award grant.** If an agency determines that there is
87.27 an appreciable risk that a grantee receiving a competitive, single-source, or sole-source
87.28 grant cannot or would not perform the required duties under the grant agreement, the agency
87.29 must notify the grantee and the commissioner of administration and give the grantee an
87.30 opportunity to respond to the agency's concerns. If the grantee does not satisfy the agency's
87.31 concerns within 45 days, the agency must not award the grant.

87.32 Subd. 6. **Legislatively named grantees.** If an agency determines that there is an
87.33 appreciable risk that a grantee receiving a legislatively named grant cannot or would not

88.1 perform the required duties under the grant agreement, the agency must notify the grantee,
88.2 the commissioner of administration, the chair and ranking minority member of the Ways
88.3 and Means Committee in the house of representatives, the chair and ranking minority member
88.4 of the Finance Committee in the senate, and the chairs and ranking minority members of
88.5 the committees in the house of representatives and the senate with primary jurisdiction over
88.6 the bill in which the money for the grant was appropriated. The agency must give the grantee
88.7 an opportunity to respond to the agency's concerns. If the grantee does not satisfy the agency's
88.8 concerns within 45 days, the agency must delay award of the grant until adjournment of the
88.9 next regular or special legislative session.

88.10 Subd. 7. **Subgrants.** If a grantee will disburse the money received from the grant to
88.11 other organizations to perform duties required under the grant agreement, the agency must
88.12 be a party to agreements between the grantee and a subgrantee. Before entering agreements
88.13 for subgrants, the agency must perform the financial review required under this section with
88.14 respect to the subgrantees.

88.15 Subd. 8. **Effect.** The requirements of this section are in addition to other requirements
88.16 imposed by law; the commissioner of administration under Minnesota Statutes, sections
88.17 16B.97 and 16B.98; or agency grant policy.