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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 1999

- 02/20/2023 Authored by Lillie
The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration
02/27/2023 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Legacy Finance
03/30/2023 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
04/04/2023 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register as Amended
Read for the Second Time
04/12/2023 Calendar for the Day, Amended
Read Third Time as Amended
Passed by the House as Amended and transmitted to the Senate to include Floor Amendments
04/18/2023 Passed by the Senate as Amended and returned to the House
Refused to concur and a Conference Committee was appointed

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 prior
1.4 appropriations; modifying provisions related to outdoor heritage fund and parks
1.5 and trails fund; modifying Clean Water Legacy Act; requiring financial review of
1.6 certain grant recipients; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022,
1.7 sections 85.53, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision; 85.536, subdivisions 1, 2;
1.8 97A.056, subdivisions 2, 11, 22; 114D.20, subdivision 2; 114D.30, subdivisions
1.9 4, 6, 7; 114D.50, subdivision 4; 129D.17, by adding subdivisions; Laws 2020,
1.10 chapter 104, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, as amended.

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

ARTICLE 1

OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the outdoor heritage fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The "first year" is fiscal year 2024. The "second year" is fiscal year 2025. The "biennium" is fiscal years 2024 and 2025. The appropriations in this article are onetime appropriations.

Table with 2 columns: 2024, 2025. Row 1: APPROPRIATIONS Available for the Year Ending June 30. Row 2: 2024 2025

Sec. 2. OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

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

2.1 This appropriation is from the outdoor heritage
 2.2 fund. The amounts that may be spent for each
 2.3 purpose are specified in the following
 2.4 subdivisions.

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

2.6 **(a) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Program, Phase**
 2.7 **XIII**

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

2.30 **(b) Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition,**
 2.31 **Phase VII**

2.32 \$2,137,000 the first year is to the
 2.33 commissioner of natural resources for
 2.34 agreements to acquire land in fee and restore
 2.35 and enhance strategic prairie grassland,

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

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

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

4.1 States Fish and Wildlife Service. Subject to
4.2 the evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules,
4.3 part 6136.0900, priority must be given to
4.4 acquiring lands that are eligible for the native
4.5 prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section
4.6 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native
4.7 prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions
4.8 must be provided as part of the required
4.9 accomplishment plan.

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

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

4.25 **(f) Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area**
4.26 **Program, Phase XV**

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

5.1 eligible for the native prairie bank under
5.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
5.3 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
5.4 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
5.5 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

5.6 **(g) Accelerating the USFWS Habitat**
5.7 **Conservation Easement Program, Phase IV**

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

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

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

5.32 **(i) Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands, Phase**
5.33 **VI**

5.34 \$2,772,000 the first year is to the
5.35 commissioner of natural resources for an

6.1 agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance
 6.2 and restore grassland and wetland habitat on
 6.3 public lands. A list of proposed land
 6.4 restorations and enhancements must be
 6.5 provided as part of the required
 6.6 accomplishment plan.

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

6.8 **(a) Hardwood Hills Habitat Conservation**
 6.9 **Program**

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

6.27 **(b) Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape Protection**
 6.28 **Program ACUB, Phase XI**

6.29 \$2,133,000 the first year is to the Board of
 6.30 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with
 6.31 the Morrison County Soil and Water
 6.32 Conservation District, to acquire permanent
 6.33 conservation easements and restore and
 6.34 enhance forest wildlife habitat within the
 6.35 boundaries of the Minnesota National Guard

7.1 Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape and Army
 7.2 Compatible Use Buffer. Up to \$111,000 to the
 7.3 Board of Water and Soil Resources is to
 7.4 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
 7.5 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
 7.6 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 7.7 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
 7.8 conservation easements must be provided as
 7.9 part of the final report.

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

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

7.24 **(d) DNR Forest Habitat Enhancement, Phase**
 7.25 **III**

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

7.33 **Subd. 4. Wetlands**

33,469,000

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

8.1 \$4,122,000 the first year is to the Board of
8.2 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
8.3 permanent conservation easements and to
8.4 restore wetlands and native grassland habitat
8.5 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515.
8.6 Of this amount, up to \$72,000 is for
8.7 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
8.8 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
8.9 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
8.10 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
8.11 conservation easements must be provided as
8.12 part of the final report.

8.13 **(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection and**
8.14 **Restoration Program, Phase XII**

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

8.25 **(c) Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration**
8.26 **Program, Phase VIII**

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

9.1 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
9.2 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
9.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
9.4 subdivision 17. A list of proposed
9.5 conservation easement acquisitions and
9.6 restorations and enhancements must be
9.7 provided as part of the required
9.8 accomplishment plan.

9.9 **(d) Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area**
9.10 **Acquisition Program, Phase XIV**

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

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

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

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

9.32 \$6,634,000 the first year is to the
9.33 commissioner of natural resources for an
9.34 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to restore
9.35 and enhance shallow lakes, wetlands, and

10.1 grasslands on public lands and wetlands and
10.2 grasslands under permanent conservation
10.3 easement for wildlife management. A list of
10.4 proposed shallow-lake enhancements and
10.5 wetland restorations must be provided as part
10.6 of the required accomplishment plan.

10.7 **(g) Voyageurs National Park Wetland**
10.8 **Restoration Project, Phase III**

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

10.17 **(h) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland**
10.18 **Enhancement, Phase XV**

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

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

10.27 \$1,942,000 the first year is to the
10.28 commissioner of natural resources for an
10.29 agreement with the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake
10.30 Watershed District to acquire in fee and restore
10.31 and enhance lands for wildlife and water
10.32 quality purposes in the Bone Lake watershed.
10.33 A list of proposed acquisitions must be
10.34 provided as part of the required
10.35 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. Unless there are not enough
20.22 eligible grant applications received, of this
20.23 amount, at least \$2,500,000 is for grants in the
20.24 seven-county metropolitan area and cities with
20.25 a population of 50,000 or greater and at least
20.26 \$3,000,000 is for grants to applicants that have
20.27 not previously applied for money from the
20.28 outdoor heritage fund. Grants must not be
20.29 made for activities required to fulfill the duties
20.30 of owners of lands subject to conservation
20.31 easements. Grants must not be made from the
20.32 appropriation in this paragraph for projects
20.33 that have a total project cost exceeding
20.34 \$1,000,000. Of the total appropriation,
20.35 \$450,000 may be spent for personnel costs,
20.36 outreach and support to first-time applicants,

21.1 and other direct and necessary administrative
21.2 costs. Grantees may acquire land or interests
21.3 in land. Easements must be permanent. Grants
21.4 may not be used to establish easement
21.5 stewardship accounts. The program must
21.6 require a match of at least ten percent from
21.7 nonstate sources for all grants. The match may
21.8 be cash or in-kind resources. For grant
21.9 applications of \$25,000 or less, the
21.10 commissioner must provide a separate,
21.11 simplified application process. Subject to
21.12 Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner of
21.13 natural resources must, when evaluating
21.14 projects of equal value, give priority to
21.15 organizations that have a history of receiving,
21.16 or a charter to receive, private contributions
21.17 for local conservation or habitat projects. All
21.18 restoration or enhancement projects must be
21.19 on land permanently protected by a permanent
21.20 covenant ensuring perpetual maintenance and
21.21 protection of restored and enhanced habitat,
21.22 by a conservation easement, or by public
21.23 ownership or in public waters as defined in
21.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005,
21.25 subdivision 15. Priority must be given to
21.26 restoration and enhancement projects on public
21.27 lands. Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
21.28 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded
21.29 under this paragraph. This appropriation is
21.30 available until June 30, 2026. No less than five
21.31 percent of the amount of each grant must be
21.32 held back from reimbursement until the grant
21.33 recipient has completed a grant
21.34 accomplishment report by the deadline and in
21.35 the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the
21.36 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The

22.1 commissioner must provide notice of the grant
 22.2 program in the summary of game and fish law
 22.3 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section
 22.4 97A.051, subdivision 2.

22.5 **Subd. 6. Administration** 1,831,000 655,000

22.6 **(a) Contract Management**

22.7 \$336,000 the first year is to the commissioner
 22.8 of natural resources for contract management
 22.9 duties assigned in this section. The
 22.10 commissioner must provide an
 22.11 accomplishment plan in the form specified by
 22.12 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
 22.13 on expending this appropriation. The
 22.14 accomplishment plan must include a copy of
 22.15 the grant contract template and reimbursement
 22.16 manual. No money may be expended before
 22.17 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
 22.18 approves the accomplishment plan. Money
 22.19 appropriated in this paragraph is available until
 22.20 June 30, 2025.

22.21 **(b) Legislative Coordinating Commission**

22.22 \$634,000 the first year and \$651,000 the
 22.23 second year are to the Legislative
 22.24 Coordinating Commission for administrative
 22.25 expenses of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
 22.26 Heritage Council and for compensating and
 22.27 reimbursing expenses of council members.
 22.28 This appropriation is available until June 30,
 22.29 2025. Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.281,
 22.30 applies to this appropriation.

22.31 **(c) Technical Evaluation Panel**

22.32 \$190,000 the first year is to the commissioner
 22.33 of natural resources for a technical evaluation
 22.34 panel to conduct up to 25 restoration and

23.1 enhancement evaluations under Minnesota
23.2 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 10. This
23.3 appropriation is available until June 30, 2025.

23.4 **(d) Core Functions in Partner-Led OHF Land**
23.5 **Acquisitions**

23.6 \$668,000 the first year is to the commissioner
23.7 of natural resources to administer the initial
23.8 development, restoration, and enhancement
23.9 of fee title acquisitions funded through the
23.10 outdoor heritage fund. Money may be used
23.11 for land acquisition costs incurred by the
23.12 department as part of conveying parcels to the
23.13 Department of Natural Resources and for
23.14 initial development activities on fee title
23.15 acquisitions. This appropriation is available
23.16 until June 30, 2026.

23.17 **(e) Legacy Website**

23.18 \$3,000 the first year and \$4,000 the second
23.19 year are to the Legislative Coordinating
23.20 Commission for the website required under
23.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision
23.22 10.

23.23 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**

23.24 (a) Money appropriated in this section may
23.25 not be spent on activities unless they are
23.26 directly related to and necessary for a specific
23.27 appropriation and are specified in the
23.28 accomplishment plan approved by the
23.29 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
23.30 Money appropriated in this section must not
23.31 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional
23.32 overhead charges that are not directly related
23.33 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.
23.34 Money appropriated to acquire land in fee title
23.35 may be used to restore, enhance, and provide

- 24.1 for public use of the land acquired with the
24.2 appropriation. Public-use facilities must have
24.3 a minimal impact on habitat in acquired lands.
- 24.4 (b) Money appropriated in this section is
24.5 available as follows:
- 24.6 (1) money appropriated to acquire real
24.7 property is available until June 30, 2027;
- 24.8 (2) money appropriated to restore and enhance
24.9 land acquired with an appropriation in this
24.10 article is available for four years after the
24.11 acquisition date with a maximum end date of
24.12 June 30, 2031;
- 24.13 (3) money appropriated to restore and enhance
24.14 other land is available until June 30, 2028;
- 24.15 (4) notwithstanding clauses (1) to (3), money
24.16 appropriated for a project that receives at least
24.17 15 percent of its funding from federal funds
24.18 is available until a date sufficient to match the
24.19 availability of federal funding to a maximum
24.20 of six years if the federal funding was
24.21 confirmed and included in the original
24.22 approved draft accomplishment plan; and
- 24.23 (5) money appropriated for other projects is
24.24 available until the end of the fiscal year in
24.25 which it is appropriated.
- 24.26 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**
24.27 **Equipment Expenditures**
- 24.28 All agreements referred to in this section must
24.29 be administered on a reimbursement basis
24.30 unless otherwise provided in this section.
- 24.31 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
24.32 16A.41, expenditures directly related to each
24.33 appropriation's purpose made on or after July
24.34 1, 2023, or the date of accomplishment plan

25.1 approval, whichever is later, are eligible for
25.2 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in
25.3 this section. For purposes of administering
25.4 appropriations and legislatively authorized
25.5 agreements paid out of the outdoor heritage
25.6 fund, an expense must be considered
25.7 reimbursable by the administering agency
25.8 when the recipient presents the agency with
25.9 an invoice or binding agreement with the
25.10 landowner and the recipient attests that the
25.11 goods have been received or the landowner
25.12 agreement is binding. Periodic reimbursement
25.13 must be made upon receiving documentation
25.14 that the items articulated in the
25.15 accomplishment plan approved by the
25.16 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council have
25.17 been achieved, including partial achievements
25.18 as evidenced by progress reports approved by
25.19 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
25.20 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to
25.21 projects to accommodate cash-flow needs,
25.22 support future management of acquired lands,
25.23 or match a federal share. The advances must
25.24 be approved as part of the accomplishment
25.25 plan. Capital equipment expenditures for
25.26 specific items over \$10,000 must be itemized
25.27 in and approved as part of the accomplishment
25.28 plan.

25.29 **Subd. 9. Mapping**

25.30 Each direct recipient of money appropriated
25.31 in this section, as well as each recipient of a
25.32 grant awarded under this section, must provide
25.33 geographic information to the Lessard-Sams
25.34 Outdoor Heritage Council to map any lands
25.35 that are acquired in fee with money

26.1 appropriated in this section and open to public
26.2 taking of fish and game. The commissioner
26.3 of natural resources must include the lands
26.4 acquired in fee with money appropriated in
26.5 this section on maps showing public recreation
26.6 opportunities. Maps must include information
26.7 on and acknowledgment of the outdoor
26.8 heritage fund, including a notation of any
26.9 restrictions.

26.10 **Subd. 10. Opportunities for Youth**

26.11 (a) Each direct recipient of money
26.12 appropriated in this section and each recipient
26.13 of a grant awarded pursuant to this section
26.14 must contact the commissioner of natural
26.15 resources in writing to determine whether
26.16 opportunities to coordinate with recipients of
26.17 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
26.18 84.976, or other opportunities providing
26.19 training and education to racially, ethnically,
26.20 and economically diverse youth in the
26.21 practical implementation of conservation
26.22 practices that protect, restore, and enhance
26.23 wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish,
26.24 game, and wildlife are available when
26.25 implementing the projects funded in this
26.26 section.

26.27 (b) Each direct recipient of money
26.28 appropriated in this section and each recipient
26.29 of a grant awarded pursuant to this section
26.30 must contact Conservation Corps Minnesota
26.31 in writing and consider use of their restoration
26.32 and enhancement services.

26.33 (c) A copy of the written contacts required
26.34 under this subdivision must be filed with the

- 27.1 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
- 27.2 within 15 days of execution.
- 27.3 **Subd. 11. Carryforward**
- 27.4 (a) The availability of the appropriation under
- 27.5 Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section 2,
- 27.6 subdivision 5, paragraph (j), Roseau Lake
- 27.7 Rehabilitation, is extended to June 30, 2024.
- 27.8 (b) The availability of the appropriation under
- 27.9 Laws 2017, chapter 91, article 1, section 2,
- 27.10 subdivision 2, paragraph (g), Reinvest in
- 27.11 Minnesota (RIM) Buffers for Wildlife and
- 27.12 Water - Phase VII, is extended to June 30,
- 27.13 2025.
- 27.14 (c) The availability of the appropriation under
- 27.15 Laws 2018, chapter 208, article 1, section 2,
- 27.16 subdivision 5, paragraph (i), Lower
- 27.17 Mississippi River Habitat Partnership - Phase
- 27.18 IV, is extended to June 30, 2027.
- 27.19 (d) The availability of the appropriation under
- 27.20 Laws 2018, chapter 208, section 2, subdivision
- 27.21 5, paragraph (n), Buffalo River Watershed
- 27.22 Stream Habitat Program, is extended to June
- 27.23 30, 2025.
- 27.24 (e) The availability of the appropriation under
- 27.25 Laws 2020, chapter 104, article 1, section 2,
- 27.26 subdivision 5, paragraph (a), Protecting
- 27.27 Coldwater Fisheries on Minnesota's North
- 27.28 Shore, is extended to June 30, 2025.
- 27.29 (f) The availability of the appropriation under
- 27.30 Laws 2020, chapter 104, article 1, section 2,
- 27.31 subdivision 5, paragraph (h), Hennepin County
- 27.32 Habitat Conservation Program - Phase II, is
- 27.33 extended to June 30, 2025.

28.1 (g) The availability of the appropriation under
28.2 Laws 2022, chapter 77, article 1, section 2,
28.3 subdivision 6, paragraph (a), Contract
28.4 Management, is extended to June 30, 2024.

28.5 (h) The availability of the appropriation under
28.6 Laws 2022, chapter 77, article 1, section 2,
28.7 subdivision 6, paragraph (b), Technical
28.8 Evaluation Panel, is extended to June 30,
28.9 2024.

28.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Subdivision 11 is effective the day following final enactment.

28.11 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97A.056, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

28.12 Subd. 2. **Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.** (a) The Lessard-Sams Outdoor
28.13 Heritage Council of 12 members is created in the legislative branch, consisting of:

28.14 (1) two public members appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees of the
28.15 Committee on Rules and Administration;

28.16 (2) two public members appointed by the speaker of the house;

28.17 (3) four public members appointed by the governor;

28.18 (4) two members of the senate appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees
28.19 of the Committee on Rules and Administration; and

28.20 (5) two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house.

28.21 (b) Members appointed under paragraph (a) must not be registered lobbyists. In making
28.22 appointments, the governor, senate Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on
28.23 Rules and Administration, and the speaker of the house shall consider geographic balance,
28.24 gender, age, ethnicity, and varying interests including hunting and fishing. The governor's
28.25 appointments to the council are subject to the advice and consent of the senate.

28.26 (c) Public members appointed under paragraph (a) shall have practical experience or
28.27 expertise or demonstrated knowledge in the science, policy, or practice of restoring,
28.28 protecting, and enhancing wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife.

28.29 (d) Legislative members appointed under paragraph (a) shall include the chairs of the
28.30 legislative committees with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources finance or
28.31 their designee, one member from the minority party of the senate, and one member from
28.32 the minority party of the house of representatives.

29.1 (e) Public members serve four-year terms. Appointed legislative members serve at the
29.2 pleasure of the appointing authority. Public and legislative members continue to serve until
29.3 their successors are appointed. Public members shall be initially appointed according to the
29.4 following schedule of terms:

29.5 (1) two public members appointed by the governor for a term ending the first Monday
29.6 in January 2011;

29.7 (2) one public member appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees of the
29.8 Committee on Rules and Administration for a term ending the first Monday in January
29.9 2011;

29.10 (3) one public member appointed by the speaker of the house for a term ending the first
29.11 Monday in January 2011;

29.12 (4) two public members appointed by the governor for a term ending the first Monday
29.13 in January 2013;

29.14 (5) one public member appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees of the
29.15 Committee on Rules and Administration for a term ending the first Monday in January
29.16 2013; and

29.17 (6) one public member appointed by the speaker of the house for a term ending the first
29.18 Monday in January 2013.

29.19 (f) Terms, compensation, and removal of public members are as provided in section
29.20 15.0575, except that a public member may be compensated at the rate of up to \$125 a day.
29.21 A vacancy on the council may be filled by the appointing authority for the remainder of the
29.22 unexpired term.

29.23 (g) Members shall elect a chair, vice-chair, secretary, and other officers as determined
29.24 by the council. The chair may convene meetings as necessary to conduct the duties prescribed
29.25 by this section.

29.26 (h) The Legislative Coordinating Commission may appoint nonpartisan staff and contract
29.27 with consultants as necessary to support the functions of the council. The council has final
29.28 approval authority for the hiring of a candidate for executive director. Up to one percent of
29.29 the money appropriated from the fund may be used to pay for administrative expenses of
29.30 the council and for compensation and expense reimbursement of council members.

30.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97A.056, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

30.2 Subd. 11. **Recipient requirements.** (a) A state agency or other recipient of a direct
30.3 appropriation from the outdoor heritage fund must compile and submit all information for
30.4 funded projects or programs, including the proposed measurable outcomes and all other
30.5 items required under section 3.303, subdivision 10, to the Legislative Coordinating
30.6 Commission as soon as practicable or by January 15 of the applicable fiscal year, whichever
30.7 comes first. The Legislative Coordinating Commission must post submitted information on
30.8 the website required under section 3.303, subdivision 10, as soon as it becomes available.

30.9 (b) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the outdoor heritage
30.10 fund shall prominently display on the recipient's website home page the legacy logo required
30.11 under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws 2010, chapter
30.12 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more information."
30.13 When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the website must direct the person to a web
30.14 page that includes both the contact information that a person may use to obtain additional
30.15 information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating Commission website required
30.16 under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

30.17 (c) Future eligibility for money from the outdoor heritage fund is contingent upon a state
30.18 agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section, as well as
30.19 any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of the
30.20 Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a recipient
30.21 of money from the outdoor heritage fund has not complied with the laws, rules, or regulations
30.22 in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient must be listed in an
30.23 annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the legacy funds. The list
30.24 must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a recipient from the list
30.25 upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient on the list is not eligible
30.26 for future funding from the outdoor heritage fund until the recipient demonstrates compliance
30.27 to the legislative auditor.

30.28 (d) A project or program receiving funding from the outdoor heritage fund must include
30.29 an assessment of whether the funding celebrates cultural diversity or reaches diverse
30.30 communities in Minnesota, including reaching low- and moderate-income households.

30.31 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97A.056, subdivision 22, is amended to read:

30.32 Subd. 22. **Revenues.** (a) A recipient must disclose to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage
30.33 Council and the commissioner all revenues that are received by the recipient before the
30.34 availability of the appropriation ends and that are generated from activities on land acquired

31.1 in fee title or easement, restored, or enhanced with money from the outdoor heritage fund.
 31.2 The revenues must be disclosed to the council and commissioner no later than ~~60~~ 90 days
 31.3 after the availability of the appropriation ends.

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

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

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

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

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

31.13 Sec. 6. Laws 2020, chapter 104, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, as amended by Laws
 31.14 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article 1, section 4, is amended to read:

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

31.16 **(a) Protecting Coldwater Fisheries on**
 31.17 **Minnesota's North Shore**

31.18 \$1,809,000 the second year is to the
 31.19 commissioner of natural resources for an
 31.20 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
 31.21 acquire permanent conservation easements
 31.22 and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat in
 31.23 priority coldwater tributaries to Lake Superior.

31.24 Of this amount, up to ~~\$144,000~~ \$240,000 is
 31.25 to establish a monitoring and enforcement
 31.26 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
 31.27 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 31.28 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
 31.29 conservation easement acquisitions,
 31.30 restorations, and enhancements must be
 31.31 provided as part of the required
 31.32 accomplishment plan.

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

32.1 \$6,473,000 the second year is to the
32.2 commissioner of natural resources for
32.3 agreements to acquire lands in fee and
32.4 permanent conservation easements and to
32.5 restore and enhance natural habitat systems
32.6 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
32.7 and St. Croix Rivers and their tributaries in
32.8 the metropolitan area. Of this amount,
32.9 \$801,000 is to Minnesota Valley National
32.10 Wildlife Refuge Trust Inc., \$300,000 is to
32.11 Friends of the Mississippi River, \$366,000 is
32.12 to Great River Greening, \$3,406,000 is to The
32.13 Trust for Public Land, and \$1,600,000 is to
32.14 Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$144,000 to
32.15 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a
32.16 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
32.17 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
32.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
32.19 subdivision 17. A list of proposed land
32.20 acquisitions and permanent conservation
32.21 easements must be provided as part of the
32.22 required accomplishment plan.

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

32.24 \$2,266,000 the second year is to the
32.25 commissioner of natural resources for
32.26 agreements to acquire land in fee and
32.27 permanent conservation easements and to
32.28 restore and enhance habitat in targeted
32.29 watersheds of southeast Minnesota to improve
32.30 heritage brook trout and coldwater
32.31 communities. Of this amount, \$350,000 is to
32.32 The Nature Conservancy, \$258,000 is to Trout
32.33 Unlimited, \$857,000 is to The Trust for Public
32.34 Land, and \$801,000 is to Minnesota Land
32.35 Trust. Up to \$96,000 to Minnesota Land Trust

33.1 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement
33.2 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
33.3 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
33.4 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
33.5 land acquisitions and permanent conservation
33.6 easements must be provided as part of the
33.7 required accomplishment plan.

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

33.10 \$2,814,000 the second year is to the
33.11 commissioner of natural resources for
33.12 agreements to acquire lands in fee and
33.13 permanent conservation easements and to
33.14 restore and enhance wildlife habitat to sustain
33.15 healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes in
33.16 Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard
33.17 Counties. Of this amount, \$883,000 is to
33.18 Northern Waters Land Trust and \$1,931,000
33.19 is to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$192,000
33.20 to Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a
33.21 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
33.22 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
33.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
33.24 subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions must be
33.25 provided as part of the required
33.26 accomplishment plan.

33.27 **(e) Accelerating Habitat Conservation in**
33.28 **Southwest Minnesota**

33.29 \$3,044,000 the second year is to the
33.30 commissioner of natural resources for an
33.31 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
33.32 acquire permanent conservation easements
33.33 and to restore and enhance high-quality
33.34 wildlife habitat in southwest Minnesota. Of
33.35 this amount, up to \$144,000 is to establish a
33.36 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved

34.1 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
34.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
34.3 subdivision 17. A list of proposed
34.4 conservation easement acquisitions,
34.5 restorations, and enhancements must be
34.6 provided as part of the required
34.7 accomplishment plan.

34.8 **(f) Targeted RIM Easement Program to**
34.9 **Individual Parcel: Pine and Leech Watersheds**
34.10 **- Phase I**

34.11 \$2,458,000 the second year is to the Board of
34.12 Water and Soil Resources to acquire and
34.13 restore permanent conservation easements of
34.14 high-quality forest, wetland, and shoreline
34.15 habitat. Of this amount, \$164,000 is for an
34.16 agreement with the Crow Wing County Soil
34.17 and Water Conservation District. Up to
34.18 \$97,000 of the total amount is for establishing
34.19 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
34.20 approved in the accomplishment plan and
34.21 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
34.22 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
34.23 acquisitions must be included as part of the
34.24 required accomplishment plan.

34.25 **(g) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor**
34.26 **Project - Phase V**

34.27 \$3,695,000 the second year is to acquire lands
34.28 in fee and conservation easement and restore
34.29 wildlife habitat in the Mississippi headwaters
34.30 as follows:

34.31 (1) \$2,177,000 is to the commissioner of
34.32 natural resources for agreements as follows:
34.33 \$69,000 to the Mississippi Headwaters Board
34.34 and \$2,108,000 to The Trust for Public Land;
34.35 and

35.1 (2) \$1,518,000 is to the Board of Water and
35.2 Soil Resources, of which up to \$175,000 is
35.3 for establishing a monitoring and enforcement
35.4 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
35.5 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
35.6 97A.056, subdivision 17.

35.7 A list of proposed acquisitions must be
35.8 included as part of the required
35.9 accomplishment plan.

35.10 **(h) Hennepin County Habitat Conservation**
35.11 **Program - Phase II**

35.12 \$3,155,000 the second year is to the
35.13 commissioner of natural resources for
35.14 agreements with Hennepin County, in
35.15 cooperation with Minnesota Land Trust, to
35.16 acquire permanent conservation easements
35.17 and to restore and enhance habitats in
35.18 Hennepin County as follows: \$446,000 to
35.19 Hennepin County and \$2,709,000 to
35.20 Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$264,000 to
35.21 Minnesota Land Trust is for establishing a
35.22 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
35.23 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
35.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
35.25 subdivision 17. A list of proposed permanent
35.26 conservation easements, restorations, and
35.27 enhancements must be provided as part of the
35.28 required accomplishment plan.

35.29 **(i) Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat**
35.30 **Enhancement and Restoration - Phase XII**

35.31 \$1,474,000 the second year is to the
35.32 commissioner of natural resources for an
35.33 agreement with Trout Unlimited to restore and
35.34 enhance habitat for trout and other species in
35.35 and along coldwater rivers, lakes, and streams

36.1 in Minnesota. A list of proposed land
36.2 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements
36.3 must be provided as part of the required
36.4 accomplishment plan.

36.5 **(j) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and**
36.6 **Enhancement - Phase III**

36.7 \$3,790,000 the second year is to the
36.8 commissioner of natural resources to restore
36.9 and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded
36.10 streams and aquatic management areas and to
36.11 facilitate fish passage. A list of proposed land
36.12 restorations and enhancements must be
36.13 provided as part of the required
36.14 accomplishment plan.

36.15 **(k) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative - Phase**
36.16 **VII**

36.17 \$2,280,000 the second year is to the
36.18 commissioner of natural resources to restore
36.19 priority aquatic and riparian habitats in the St.
36.20 Louis River estuary. A list of proposed
36.21 restorations must be provided as part of the
36.22 required accomplishment plan.

36.23 **(l) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation - Phase**
36.24 **V**

36.25 \$700,000 the second year is to the
36.26 commissioner of natural resources for an
36.27 agreement with Zeitgeist, a nonprofit
36.28 corporation, in cooperation with the Lake
36.29 Superior Steelhead Association, to restore and
36.30 enhance trout habitat in the Knife River
36.31 watershed. A list of proposed enhancements
36.32 must be provided as part of the required
36.33 accomplishment plan.

36.34 **(m) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**
36.35 **Restoration Program - Phase IX**

37.1 \$1,918,000 the second year is to the
37.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
37.3 agreement with the Shell Rock River
37.4 Watershed District to acquire lands in fee and
37.5 to restore and enhance aquatic habitat in the
37.6 Shell Rock River watershed. A list of proposed
37.7 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements
37.8 must be provided as part of the required
37.9 accomplishment plan.

37.10 **(n) Rum River Wildlife and Fish Habitat**
37.11 **Enhancement Using Bioengineered Bank**
37.12 **Stabilization**

37.13 \$816,000 the second year is to the
37.14 commissioner of natural resources for an
37.15 agreement with the Anoka County Soil and
37.16 Water Conservation District to restore and
37.17 enhance riverine habitat in the Rum River
37.18 using eco-sensitive, habitat-building, and
37.19 bioengineering approaches. A list of proposed
37.20 enhancements must be provided as part of the
37.21 required accomplishment plan.

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

37.23 \$3,036,000 the second year is to the
37.24 commissioner of natural resources for an
37.25 agreement with the Roseau River Watershed
37.26 District to restore and enhance riverine habitat
37.27 in the Roseau River and the Roseau River
37.28 Wildlife Management Area.

37.29 **(p) Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection**
37.30 **and Restoration - Phase II**

37.31 \$3,926,000 the second year is to the
37.32 commissioner of natural resources for
37.33 agreements to acquire lands in fee and
37.34 permanent conservation easements and to
37.35 restore and enhance wildlife habitat in the

38.1 Sauk River watershed as follows: \$430,000
38.2 to the Sauk River Watershed District,
38.3 \$2,073,000 to Pheasants Forever, and
38.4 \$1,423,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to
38.5 \$168,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to
38.6 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
38.7 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
38.8 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
38.9 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions
38.10 must be provided as part of the required
38.11 accomplishment plan.

38.12 **(q) Southeast Wetland Restoration**

38.13 \$1,351,000 the second year is to the
38.14 commissioner of natural resources for an
38.15 agreement with the city of Mankato to acquire
38.16 land in fee in the city of Mankato for wetland
38.17 and grassland restoration. A list of acquisitions
38.18 must be provided as part of the required
38.19 accomplishment plan.

38.20 **(r) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**
38.21 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat - Phase**
38.22 **XII**

38.23 \$10,424,000 the second year is to the
38.24 commissioner of natural resources for a
38.25 program to provide competitive matching
38.26 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
38.27 state, and national organizations for enhancing,
38.28 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,
38.29 prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife
38.30 in Minnesota. Of this amount, at least
38.31 \$3,250,000 is for grants in the seven-county
38.32 metropolitan area and cities with a population
38.33 of 50,000 or more. Grants must not be made
38.34 for activities required to fulfill the duties of
38.35 owners of lands subject to conservation
38.36 easements. Grants must not be made from the

39.1 appropriation in this paragraph for projects
39.2 that have a total project cost exceeding
39.3 \$575,000. Of the total appropriation, \$475,000
39.4 may be spent for personnel costs and other
39.5 direct and necessary administrative costs.
39.6 Grantees may acquire land or interests in land.
39.7 Easements must be permanent. Grants may
39.8 not be used to establish easement stewardship
39.9 accounts. Land acquired in fee must be open
39.10 to hunting and fishing during the open season
39.11 unless otherwise provided by law. The
39.12 program must require a match of at least ten
39.13 percent from nonstate sources for all grants.
39.14 The match may be cash or in-kind resources.
39.15 For grant applications of \$25,000 or less, the
39.16 commissioner must provide a separate,
39.17 simplified application process. Subject to
39.18 Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner of
39.19 natural resources must, when evaluating
39.20 projects of equal value, give priority to
39.21 organizations that have a history of receiving,
39.22 or a charter to receive, private contributions
39.23 for local conservation or habitat projects. For
39.24 grant requests to acquire land in fee or a
39.25 conservation easement, the commissioner must
39.26 give priority to projects associated with or
39.27 within one mile of existing wildlife
39.28 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
39.29 section 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and
39.30 natural areas under Minnesota Statutes,
39.31 sections 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or
39.32 aquatic management areas under Minnesota
39.33 Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and
39.34 97C.02. All restoration or enhancement
39.35 projects must be on land permanently
39.36 protected by a permanent covenant ensuring

40.1 perpetual maintenance and protection of
40.2 restored and enhanced habitat, by a
40.3 conservation easement or public ownership or
40.4 in public waters as defined in Minnesota
40.5 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 15.
40.6 Priority must be given to restoration and
40.7 enhancement projects on public lands.
40.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
40.9 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded
40.10 under this paragraph. This appropriation is
40.11 available until June 30, 2024. No less than five
40.12 percent of the amount of each grant must be
40.13 held back from reimbursement until the grant
40.14 recipient has completed a grant
40.15 accomplishment report by the deadline and in
40.16 the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the
40.17 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The
40.18 commissioner must provide notice of the grant
40.19 program in the summary of game and fish law
40.20 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section
40.21 97A.051, subdivision 2.

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

40.23 **ARTICLE 2**
40.24 **CLEAN WATER FUND**

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

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

41.1		<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
41.2		<u>Available for the Year</u>	
41.3		<u>Ending June 30</u>	
41.4		<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>

41.5 **Sec. 2. CLEAN WATER FUND**

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

41.10 **Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation**

41.11 Money appropriated in this article may not be
 41.12 spent on activities unless they are directly
 41.13 related to and necessary for a specific
 41.14 appropriation. Money appropriated in this
 41.15 article must be spent in accordance with
 41.16 Minnesota Management and Budget *MMB*
 41.17 *Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund*
 41.18 *Expenditure*. Notwithstanding Minnesota
 41.19 Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless otherwise
 41.20 specified in this article, fiscal year 2024
 41.21 appropriations are available until June 30,
 41.22 2025, and fiscal year 2025 appropriations are
 41.23 available until June 30, 2026. If a project
 41.24 receives federal funds, the period of the
 41.25 appropriation is extended to equal the
 41.26 availability of federal funding.

41.27 **Subd. 3. Disability Access**

41.28 Where appropriate, grant recipients of clean
 41.29 water funds, in consultation with the Council
 41.30 on Disability and other appropriate
 41.31 governor-appointed disability councils, boards,
 41.32 committees, and commissions, should make
 41.33 progress toward providing people with
 41.34 disabilities greater access to programs, print

42.1 publications, and digital media related to the
 42.2 programs the recipient funds using
 42.3 appropriations made in this article.

42.4 **Subd. 4. Increasing Diversity in Environmental**
 42.5 **Careers**

42.6 Agencies should work to provide opportunities
 42.7 that encourage a diversity of students to pursue
 42.8 careers in environment and natural resources
 42.9 when implementing appropriations in this
 42.10 article.

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

42.12 (a) \$350,000 the first year and \$350,000 the
 42.13 second year are to increase monitoring for
 42.14 pesticides and pesticide degradates in surface
 42.15 water and groundwater and to use data
 42.16 collected to assess pesticide use practices. This
 42.17 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028.

42.18 (b) \$3,000,000 the first year and \$3,000,000
 42.19 the second year are for monitoring and
 42.20 evaluating trends in the concentration of
 42.21 nitrate in groundwater; promoting, developing,
 42.22 and evaluating regional and crop-specific
 42.23 nutrient best management practices, cover
 42.24 crops, and other vegetative cover; assessing
 42.25 adoption of best management practices and
 42.26 other recommended practices; education and
 42.27 technical support from University of
 42.28 Minnesota Extension; grants to support
 42.29 agricultural demonstration and implementation
 42.30 activities, including research activities at the
 42.31 Rosholt Research Farm; and other actions to
 42.32 protect groundwater from degradation from
 42.33 nitrate. This appropriation is available until
 42.34 June 30, 2028.

43.1 (c) \$4,799,000 the first year and \$4,799,000
43.2 the second year are for the agriculture best
43.3 management practices loan program. Any
43.4 unencumbered balance at the end of the second
43.5 year must be added to the corpus of the loan
43.6 fund.

43.7 (d) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000
43.8 the second year are for technical assistance;
43.9 research, demonstration, and promotion
43.10 projects on properly implementing best
43.11 management practices and vegetative cover;
43.12 and more-precise information on nonpoint
43.13 contributions to impaired waters and for grants
43.14 to support on-farm demonstration of
43.15 agricultural practices. This appropriation is
43.16 available until June 30, 2028.

43.17 (e) \$40,000 the first year and \$40,000 the
43.18 second year are for maintenance of the
43.19 Minnesota Water Research Digital Library.
43.20 Costs for information technology development
43.21 or support for the digital library may be paid
43.22 to the Office of MN.IT Services. This
43.23 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028.

43.24 (f) \$3,500,000 the first year and \$3,500,000
43.25 the second year are to implement the
43.26 Minnesota agricultural water quality
43.27 certification program statewide. This
43.28 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028.

43.29 (g) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
43.30 second year are for a regional irrigation water
43.31 quality specialist through University of
43.32 Minnesota Extension. This appropriation is
43.33 available until June 30, 2028.

- 44.1 (h) \$3,000,000 the first year and \$3,000,000
44.2 the second year are for grants to the Board of
44.3 Regents of the University of Minnesota to
44.4 fund the Forever Green agriculture initiative
44.5 and to protect the state's natural resources
44.6 while increasing the efficiency, profitability,
44.7 and productivity of Minnesota farmers by
44.8 incorporating perennial and winter-annual
44.9 crops into existing agricultural practices. This
44.10 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028.
- 44.11 (i) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
44.12 second year are for testing drinking-water
44.13 wells for pesticides and establishing a
44.14 mitigation program for water treatment of
44.15 contaminated wells. This appropriation is
44.16 available until June 30, 2028.
- 44.17 (j) \$1,750,000 the first year and \$1,750,000
44.18 the second year are for conservation
44.19 equipment assistance grants to purchase
44.20 equipment or items to retrofit existing
44.21 equipment that has climate and water quality
44.22 benefits. This appropriation is available until
44.23 June 30, 2028.
- 44.24 (k) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000
44.25 the second year are for expanding the existing
44.26 state weather station and soil temperature
44.27 network to provide accurate and timely
44.28 weather data to optimize the timing of
44.29 irrigation, fertilizer, pesticide, and manure
44.30 applications and support land management
44.31 decisions. This appropriation is available until
44.32 June 30, 2028.
- 44.33 (l) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
44.34 second year are for grants for research and
44.35 demonstration sites and projects to evaluate,

45.1 develop, demonstrate, and promote regional
 45.2 and animal-specific recommendations for
 45.3 manure crediting and to develop or revise
 45.4 manure best management practices through
 45.5 University of Minnesota Extension. This
 45.6 appropriation is available until June 30, 2028.

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

45.8 (a) \$9,050,000 the first year and \$9,050,000
 45.9 the second year are for completing needed
 45.10 statewide assessments of surface water quality
 45.11 and trends according to Minnesota Statutes,
 45.12 chapter 114D.

45.13 (b) \$6,350,000 the first year and \$6,350,000
 45.14 the second year are to update watershed
 45.15 restoration and protection strategies, which
 45.16 include total maximum daily load (TMDL)
 45.17 studies and TMDL implementation plans
 45.18 according to Minnesota Statutes, chapter
 45.19 114D, for waters on the impaired waters list
 45.20 approved by the United States Environmental
 45.21 Protection Agency.

45.22 (c) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
 45.23 the second year are for groundwater
 45.24 assessment, including enhancing the ambient
 45.25 monitoring network, modeling, evaluating
 45.26 trends.

45.27 (d) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
 45.28 second year are for implementing the St. Louis
 45.29 River System Area of Concern remedial action
 45.30 plan.

45.31 (e) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000
 45.32 the second year are for national pollutant
 45.33 discharge elimination system wastewater and
 45.34 stormwater TMDL implementation efforts.

46.1 (f) \$3,550,000 the first year and \$3,550,000
46.2 the second year are for enhancing the
46.3 county-level delivery systems for subsurface
46.4 sewage treatment system (SSTS) activities
46.5 necessary to implement Minnesota Statutes,
46.6 sections 115.55 and 115.56, for protecting
46.7 groundwater. This appropriation includes base
46.8 grants for all counties with SSTS programs.
46.9 Counties that receive base grants must report
46.10 the number of properties with noncompliant
46.11 systems upgraded through an SSTS
46.12 replacement, connection to a centralized sewer
46.13 system, or other means, including property
46.14 abandonment or buyout. Counties also must
46.15 report the number of existing SSTS
46.16 compliance inspections conducted in areas
46.17 under county jurisdiction. The required reports
46.18 must be part of the established annual
46.19 reporting for SSTS programs. Of this amount,
46.20 at least \$900,000 each year is available to
46.21 counties for grants to low-income landowners
46.22 to address systems that pose an imminent
46.23 threat to public health or safety or fail to
46.24 protect groundwater. A county receiving a
46.25 grant under this paragraph must submit a
46.26 report to the agency listing the projects funded,
46.27 including an account of the expenditures.

46.28 (g) \$650,000 the first year and \$650,000 the
46.29 second year are for activities and grants that
46.30 reduce chloride pollution.

46.31 (h) \$337,000 the first year and \$338,000 the
46.32 second year are to support activities of the
46.33 Clean Water Council according to Minnesota
46.34 Statutes, section 114D.30, subdivision 1.

47.1 (i) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
 47.2 the second year are for a grant program for
 47.3 sanitary sewer projects that are included in the
 47.4 draft or any updated *Voyageurs National Park*
 47.5 *Clean Water Project Comprehensive Plan* to
 47.6 restore the water quality of waters in
 47.7 *Voyageurs National Park*. Grants must be
 47.8 awarded to local government units for projects
 47.9 approved by the *Voyageurs National Park*
 47.10 *Clean Water Joint Powers Board* and must be
 47.11 matched by at least 25 percent from sources
 47.12 other than the clean water fund.

47.13 (j) Any unencumbered grant balances in the
 47.14 first year do not cancel but are available for
 47.15 grants in the second year. Notwithstanding
 47.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the
 47.17 appropriations in this section are available
 47.18 until June 30, 2028.

47.19 **Sec. 5. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**
 47.20 **RESOURCES**

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

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

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

47.26 (c) \$455,000 the first year and \$455,000 the
 47.27 second year are for assessing mercury and
 47.28 other fish contaminants, including PFAS
 47.29 compounds, and monitoring to track the status
 47.30 of impaired waters over time.

47.31 (d) \$2,150,000 the first year and \$2,150,000
 47.32 the second year are for developing targeted,
 47.33 science-based watershed restoration and

- 48.1 protection strategies and for technical
48.2 assistance for local governments.
- 48.3 (e) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
48.4 the second year are for water-supply planning,
48.5 aquifer protection, and monitoring activities
48.6 and analysis.
- 48.7 (f) \$1,600,000 the first year and \$1,600,000
48.8 the second year are for technical assistance to
48.9 support local implementation of nonpoint
48.10 source restoration and protection activities and
48.11 targeted forest stewardship for water quality.
- 48.12 (g) \$650,000 the first year and \$650,000 the
48.13 second year are for applied research and tools,
48.14 including maintaining and updating spatial
48.15 data for watershed boundaries, streams, and
48.16 water bodies and integrating high-resolution
48.17 digital elevation data and for assessing the
48.18 effectiveness of forestry best management
48.19 practices for water quality.
- 48.20 (h) \$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 the
48.21 second year are for maintaining and updating
48.22 buffer maps and for technical guidance on
48.23 interpreting buffer maps for local units of
48.24 government implementing buffer
48.25 requirements. Maps must be provided to local
48.26 units of government and made available to
48.27 landowners on the Department of Natural
48.28 Resources website.
- 48.29 (i) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
48.30 second year are for accelerating completion
48.31 of or updates to county geologic atlases and
48.32 supplementing water chemistry or chemical
48.33 movement studies.

49.1 (j) \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
 49.2 second year are for increasing native
 49.3 freshwater mussel production capacity and
 49.4 restoring and monitoring freshwater mussel
 49.5 restoration efforts.

49.6 (k) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
 49.7 second year are for implementing water
 49.8 storage projects on state-administered land to
 49.9 enhance water quality and ecological benefits.

49.10 (l) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
 49.11 the second year are for providing technical
 49.12 and financial assistance for county and local
 49.13 governments to replace failing or ineffective
 49.14 culverts using modern designs that restore
 49.15 floodplain connectivity, biological
 49.16 connectivity, and channel stability. This
 49.17 appropriation is available for up to two
 49.18 additional years.

49.19 **Sec. 6. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL**
 49.20 **RESOURCES**

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

49.21 (a) \$39,500,000 the first year and \$39,500,000
 49.22 the second year are for grants to implement
 49.23 state-approved watershed-based plans. The
 49.24 grants may be used to implement projects or
 49.25 programs that protect, enhance, and restore
 49.26 surface water quality in lakes, rivers, and
 49.27 streams; protect groundwater from
 49.28 degradation; and protect drinking water
 49.29 sources. Projects must be identified in a
 49.30 comprehensive watershed plan developed
 49.31 under the One Watershed, One Plan program
 49.32 and seven-county metropolitan groundwater
 49.33 or surface water management frameworks as
 49.34 provided for in Minnesota Statutes, chapters
 49.35 103B, 103C, 103D, and 114D. Grant recipients

50.1 must identify a nonstate match and may use
50.2 other legacy funds to supplement projects
50.3 funded under this paragraph. This
50.4 appropriation may be used for:
50.5 (1) implementing state-approved plans,
50.6 including within the following watershed
50.7 planning areas: Bois de Sioux - Mustinka,
50.8 Buffalo-Red River, Cannon River, Cedar -
50.9 Wapsipinicon, Chippewa River, Clearwater
50.10 River, Cottonwood-Middle Minnesota, Crow
50.11 Wing River, Des Moines River, Greater
50.12 Zumbro River, Hawk Creek - Middle
50.13 Minnesota, Kettle and Upper St. Croix, Lac
50.14 qui Parle-Yellow Bank, Lake of the Woods,
50.15 Lake Superior North, Le Sueur River, Leech
50.16 Lake River, Long Prairie River, Lower
50.17 Minnesota River East, Lower Minnesota River
50.18 West, Lower St. Croix River,
50.19 Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers, Mississippi
50.20 River Brainerd, Mississippi River Headwaters,
50.21 Mississippi River St. Cloud, Mississippi River
50.22 Winona/La Crescent, Missouri River Basin,
50.23 Nemadji River, North Fork Crow River, Otter
50.24 Tail, Pine River, Pomme de Terre River,
50.25 Rainy-Rapid River, Rainy River Headwaters
50.26 - Vermilion River, Rainy River-Rainy
50.27 Lake/Lower Rainy River, Red Lake River,
50.28 Redeye River, Root River, Roseau River, Rum
50.29 River, Sand Hill River, Sauk River, Shell Rock
50.30 and Winnebago River, Snake River, South
50.31 Fork of the Crow River, St. Louis River, Thief
50.32 River, Two Rivers Plus, Upper and Lower Red
50.33 Lake, Upper Minnesota River, Upper
50.34 Mississippi - Grand Rapids, Watonwan River,
50.35 Wild Rice - Marsh, and Yellow Medicine
50.36 River;

51.1 (2) seven-county metropolitan groundwater
51.2 or surface water management frameworks;
51.3 and
51.4 (3) other comprehensive watershed
51.5 management plan planning areas that have a
51.6 board-approved and local-government-adopted
51.7 plan as authorized in Minnesota Statutes,
51.8 section 103B.801.

51.9 The board must establish eligibility criteria
51.10 and determine whether a planning area is ready
51.11 to proceed and has the nonstate match
51.12 committed.

51.13 (b) \$8,500,000 the first year and \$8,500,000
51.14 the second year are for grants to local
51.15 government units to protect and restore surface
51.16 water and drinking water; to keep water on
51.17 the land; to protect, enhance, and restore water
51.18 quality in lakes, rivers, and streams; and to
51.19 protect groundwater and drinking water,
51.20 including feedlot water quality and subsurface
51.21 sewage treatment system projects and stream
51.22 bank, stream channel, shoreline restoration,
51.23 and ravine stabilization projects. The projects
51.24 must use practices demonstrated to be
51.25 effective, be of long-lasting public benefit,
51.26 include a match, and be consistent with total
51.27 maximum daily load (TMDL) implementation
51.28 plans, watershed restoration and protection
51.29 strategies (WRAPS), or local water
51.30 management plans or their equivalents. Up to
51.31 20 percent of this appropriation is available
51.32 for land-treatment projects and practices that
51.33 benefit drinking water.

51.34 (c) \$5,500,000 the first year and \$5,500,000
51.35 the second year are for accelerated

52.1 implementation, local resource protection,
52.2 enhancement grants, statewide analytical
52.3 targeting or technology tools that fill an
52.4 identified gap, program enhancements for
52.5 technical assistance, citizen and community
52.6 outreach, compliance, and training and
52.7 certification.

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

52.10 (1) to provide state oversight and
52.11 accountability, evaluate and communicate
52.12 results, provide implementation tools, and
52.13 measure the value of conservation program
52.14 implementation by local governments; and

52.15 (2) to prepare, in consultation with the
52.16 commissioners of natural resources, health,
52.17 agriculture, and the Pollution Control Agency,
52.18 and submit to the legislature by March 1 each
52.19 even-numbered year a biennial report detailing
52.20 the recipients and projects funded and the
52.21 results accomplished under this section.

52.22 (e) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
52.23 the second year are to provide assistance,
52.24 oversight, and grants for supporting local
52.25 governments in implementing and complying
52.26 with riparian protection and excessive soil loss
52.27 requirements.

52.28 (f) \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000
52.29 the second year are for a working lands
52.30 floodplain program and to purchase, restore,
52.31 or preserve riparian land and floodplains
52.32 adjacent to lakes, rivers, streams, and
52.33 tributaries, by conservation easements or
52.34 contracts to keep water on the land, to decrease

53.1 sediment, pollutant, and nutrient transport;
53.2 reduce hydrologic impacts to surface waters;
53.3 and increase protection and recharge for
53.4 groundwater. Up to \$200,000 is for deposit in
53.5 a conservation easement stewardship account
53.6 established according to Minnesota Statutes,
53.7 section 103B.103.

53.8 (g) \$2,500,000 the first year and \$2,500,000
53.9 the second year are for permanent
53.10 conservation easements on wellhead protection
53.11 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section
53.12 103F.515, subdivision 2, paragraph (d), or for
53.13 grants to local units of government for fee title
53.14 acquisition to permanently protect
53.15 groundwater supply sources on wellhead
53.16 protection areas or for otherwise ensuring
53.17 long-term protection of groundwater supply
53.18 sources as described under alternative
53.19 management tools in the Department of
53.20 Agriculture *Minnesota Nitrogen Fertilizer*
53.21 *Management Plan*, including using
53.22 low-nitrogen cropping systems or
53.23 implementing nitrogen fertilizer best
53.24 management practices. Priority must be placed
53.25 on land that is located where the vulnerability
53.26 of the drinking water supply is designated as
53.27 high or very high by the commissioner of
53.28 health, where drinking water protection plans
53.29 have identified specific activities that will
53.30 achieve long-term protection, and on lands
53.31 with expiring conservation reserve program
53.32 contracts. Up to \$200,000 is for deposit in a
53.33 conservation easement stewardship account
53.34 established according to Minnesota Statutes,
53.35 section 103B.103.

- 54.1 (h) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
54.2 second year are for a technical evaluation
54.3 panel to conduct restoration evaluations under
54.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 114D.50,
54.5 subdivision 6.
- 54.6 (i) \$1,750,000 the first year and \$1,750,000
54.7 the second year are for assistance, oversight,
54.8 and grants to local governments to transition
54.9 local water management plans to a watershed
54.10 approach as provided for in Minnesota
54.11 Statutes, section 103B.801.
- 54.12 (j) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
54.13 the second year are for technical assistance
54.14 and grants for the conservation drainage
54.15 program, in consultation with the Drainage
54.16 Work Group, coordinated under Minnesota
54.17 Statutes, section 103B.101, subdivision 13,
54.18 and including projects to improve
54.19 multipurpose water management under
54.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 103E.015.
- 54.21 (k) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000
54.22 the second year are to purchase permanent
54.23 conservation easements to protect lands
54.24 adjacent to public waters that have good water
54.25 quality but that are threatened with
54.26 degradation. Up to \$150,000 is for deposit in
54.27 a conservation easement stewardship account
54.28 established according to Minnesota Statutes,
54.29 section 103B.103.
- 54.30 (l) \$425,000 the first year and \$425,000 the
54.31 second year are for grants or contracts for a
54.32 program to systematically collect data and
54.33 produce county, watershed, and statewide
54.34 estimates of soil erosion caused by water and
54.35 wind, along with tracking adoption of

55.1 conservation measures, including cover crops,
55.2 to address erosion. This appropriation may be
55.3 used for grants to or contracts with the
55.4 University of Minnesota to complete this
55.5 work.

55.6 (m) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
55.7 second year are for developing and
55.8 implementing a water legacy grant program
55.9 to expand partnerships for clean water.

55.10 (n) \$5,000,000 the first year and \$5,000,000
55.11 the second year are for permanent
55.12 conservation easements to protect and restore
55.13 wetlands and associated uplands. Up to
55.14 \$300,000 is for deposit in a conservation
55.15 easement stewardship account established
55.16 according to Minnesota Statutes, section
55.17 103B.103.

55.18 (o) \$6,039,000 the first year and \$6,038,000
55.19 the second year are for financial and technical
55.20 assistance to enhance adoption of cover crops
55.21 and other soil health practices to achieve water
55.22 quality or drinking water benefits. The board
55.23 may use grants to local governments and
55.24 agreements with the United States Department
55.25 of Agriculture, AgCentric at Minnesota State
55.26 Center for Excellence, and other practitioners
55.27 and partners to accomplish this work. Up to
55.28 \$450,000 is for an agreement with the
55.29 University of Minnesota Office for Soil Health
55.30 for applied research and education on
55.31 Minnesota's agroecosystems and soil health
55.32 management systems. This appropriation may
55.33 be extended to leverage available federal
55.34 funds.

- 57.1 (b) \$1,500,000 the first year and \$1,500,000
57.2 the second year are for ensuring safe drinking
57.3 water for private well users, including studying
57.4 the occurrence and magnitude of contaminants
57.5 in private wells; developing guidance and
57.6 conducting outreach and education about well
57.7 testing and mitigation; awarding grants to local
57.8 governments; and designing voluntary
57.9 interventions to reduce health risks to private
57.10 well owners.
- 57.11 (c) \$3,750,000 the first year and \$3,750,000
57.12 the second year are for protecting sources of
57.13 drinking water, including planning,
57.14 implementation, and surveillance activities
57.15 and grants to local governments and public
57.16 water systems.
- 57.17 (d) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
57.18 second year are to develop and deliver
57.19 groundwater restoration and protection
57.20 strategies on a watershed scale for use in local
57.21 comprehensive water planning efforts, to
57.22 provide resources to local governments for
57.23 activities that protect sources of drinking
57.24 water, and to enhance approaches that improve
57.25 the capacity of local governmental units to
57.26 protect and restore groundwater resources.
- 57.27 (e) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
57.28 second year are to develop public health
57.29 policies and an action plan to address threats
57.30 to safe drinking water, including development
57.31 of a statewide plan for protecting drinking
57.32 water that incorporates select
57.33 recommendations from the University of
57.34 Minnesota's *Future of Drinking Water* report.

58.1 (f) \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
 58.2 second year are for developing a statewide
 58.3 recreational water portal that includes an
 58.4 inventory of public beaches and information
 58.5 about local monitoring results and closures
 58.6 and that provides information about preventing
 58.7 illness and recreational water stewardship.

58.8 (g) Unless otherwise specified, the
 58.9 appropriations in this section are available
 58.10 until June 30, 2027.

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

58.12 (a) \$1,125,000 the first year and \$1,125,000
 58.13 the second year are to implement projects that
 58.14 address emerging threats to the drinking water
 58.15 supply; provide cost-effective regional
 58.16 solutions; leverage interjurisdictional
 58.17 coordination; support local implementation of
 58.18 water supply reliability projects; support the
 58.19 growing needs of community water suppliers
 58.20 facing challenges, including PFAS, radium,
 58.21 manganese, and selenium contamination,
 58.22 groundwater appropriation limitations, system
 58.23 reliability and resilience, and increased
 58.24 regional growth; and prevent degradation of
 58.25 groundwater resources in the metropolitan
 58.26 area. These projects provide communities
 58.27 with:

58.28 (1) potential solutions to leverage regional
 58.29 water use by using surface water, stormwater,
 58.30 wastewater, and groundwater;

58.31 (2) an analysis of infrastructure requirements
 58.32 for different alternatives;

59.1 (3) development of planning-level cost
 59.2 estimates, including capital costs and operating
 59.3 costs;

59.4 (4) identification of funding mechanisms and
 59.5 an equitable cost-sharing structure for
 59.6 regionally beneficial water supply
 59.7 development projects; and

59.8 (5) development of subregional groundwater
 59.9 models and strategies.

59.10 (b) \$750,000 the first year and \$750,000 the
 59.11 second year are for the water demand
 59.12 reduction grants to assist municipalities in the
 59.13 metropolitan area with implementing water
 59.14 demand reduction measures to ensure the
 59.15 reliability and protection of drinking water
 59.16 supplies.

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

59.18 (a) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
 59.19 second year are for developing Part A of
 59.20 county geologic atlases. This appropriation is
 59.21 available until June 30, 2030.

59.22 (b) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
 59.23 the second year are for a program to evaluate
 59.24 performance and technology transfer for
 59.25 stormwater best management practices, to
 59.26 evaluate best management performance and
 59.27 effectiveness to support meeting total
 59.28 maximum daily loads, to develop standards
 59.29 and incorporate state-of-the-art guidance using
 59.30 minimal impact design standards as the model,
 59.31 and to implement a system to transfer
 59.32 knowledge and technology across local
 59.33 government, industry, and regulatory sectors.

60.1 This appropriation is available until June 30,
 60.2 2030.

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

60.4 \$6,000 the first year is for the Legislative
 60.5 Coordinating Commission for the website
 60.6 required under Minnesota Statutes, section
 60.7 3.303, subdivision 10.

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

60.9 (a) \$8,250,000 the first year and \$8,250,000
 60.10 the second year are for the point source
 60.11 implementation grants program under
 60.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.073. This
 60.13 appropriation is available until June 30, 2030.

60.14 (b) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
 60.15 second year are for small community
 60.16 wastewater treatment grants and loans under
 60.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.075. This
 60.18 appropriation is available until June 30, 2030.

60.19 (c) If there is any uncommitted money at the
 60.20 end of each fiscal year under paragraph (a) or
 60.21 (b), the Public Facilities Authority may
 60.22 transfer the remaining funds to eligible
 60.23 projects under any of the programs listed in
 60.24 this section according to a project's priority
 60.25 rank on the Pollution Control Agency's project
 60.26 priority list.

60.27 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 114D.20, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

60.28 Subd. 2. **Goals for implementation.** The following goals must guide the implementation
 60.29 of this chapter:

60.30 (1) to identify impaired waters in accordance with federal TMDL requirements and to
 60.31 ensure continuing evaluation of surface waters for impairments;

61.1 (2) to submit TMDLs to the United States Environmental Protection Agency in a timely
61.2 manner in accordance with federal TMDL requirements;

61.3 (3) to inform and support strategies for implementing restoration and protection activities
61.4 ~~in a reasonable time period~~ with the goal that all waters will have achieved the designated
61.5 uses applicable to those waters by 2040;

61.6 (4) to systematically evaluate waters, to provide assistance and incentives to prevent
61.7 waters from becoming impaired, and to improve the quality of waters that are listed as
61.8 impaired;

61.9 (5) to promptly seek the delisting of waters from the impaired waters list when those
61.10 waters are shown to achieve the designated uses applicable to the waters;

61.11 (6) to achieve compliance with federal Clean Water Act requirements in Minnesota;

61.12 (7) to support effective measures to prevent the degradation of groundwater according
61.13 to the groundwater degradation prevention goal under section 103H.001; and

61.14 (8) to support effective measures to restore degraded groundwater.

61.15 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 114D.30, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

61.16 Subd. 4. **Terms; compensation; removal.** The terms of members representing the state
61.17 agencies and the Metropolitan Council are four years and are coterminous with the governor.
61.18 The terms of other nonlegislative members of the council shall be as provided in section
61.19 15.059, subdivision 2. Members may serve until their successors are appointed and qualify.
61.20 Compensation and removal of nonlegislative council members is as provided in section
61.21 15.059, subdivisions 3 and 4, except that a nonlegislative member may be compensated at
61.22 the rate of up to \$125 a day. Compensation of legislative members is as determined by the
61.23 appointing authority. The Pollution Control Agency may reimburse legislative members
61.24 for expenses. A vacancy on the council may be filled by the appointing authority provided
61.25 in subdivision 1 for the remainder of the unexpired term.

61.26 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 114D.30, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

61.27 Subd. 6. **Recommended appropriations.** (a) The Clean Water Council ~~shall recommend~~
61.28 must submit recommendations to the ~~governor and the legislature~~ the manner in which on
61.29 how money from the clean water fund should be appropriated for the purposes stated in
61.30 article XI, section 15, of the Minnesota Constitution and section 114D.50.

61.31 (b) The council's recommendations must:

62.1 (1) be to protect, enhance, and restore water quality in lakes, rivers, and streams and to
 62.2 protect groundwater from degradation and ensure that at least five percent of the clean water
 62.3 fund is spent only to protect drinking water sources;

62.4 (2) be consistent with the purposes, policies, goals, and priorities in this chapter; and

62.5 (3) allocate adequate support and resources to identify degraded groundwater and
 62.6 impaired waters, develop TMDLs, implement restoration of groundwater and impaired
 62.7 waters, and provide assistance and incentives to prevent groundwater and surface waters
 62.8 from becoming degraded or impaired and improve the quality of surface waters which are
 62.9 listed as impaired but have no approved TMDL.

62.10 (c) The council must recommend methods of ensuring that awards of grants, loans, or
 62.11 other funds from the clean water fund specify the outcomes to be achieved as a result of the
 62.12 funding and specify standards to hold the recipient accountable for achieving the desired
 62.13 outcomes. Expenditures from the fund must be appropriated by law.

62.14 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 114D.30, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

62.15 Subd. 7. **Reports to legislature.** ~~(a) By January 15 each odd-numbered year, the council~~
 62.16 ~~must submit a report to the legislature on~~ that includes:

62.17 (1) a summary of the activities for which money has been or will be spent for in the
 62.18 ~~current biennium,~~ previous fiscal year;

62.19 (2) the activities for which money is recommended to recommendations required under
 62.20 subdivision 6 for how money in the clean water fund should be spent in the next biennium,
 62.21 fiscal year, including recommended legislative bill language; and

62.22 (3) the impact on economic development of the implementation of efforts to protect and
 62.23 restore groundwater and the impaired waters program.

62.24 ~~(b) By January 15 each even-numbered year, the council may submit to the legislature~~
 62.25 ~~supplemental recommendations on the manner in which money from the clean water fund~~
 62.26 ~~should be appropriated in the next fiscal year.~~

62.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2025, and applies to
 62.28 recommendations for fiscal year 2026 and beyond.

62.29 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 114D.50, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

62.30 Subd. 4. **Expenditures; accountability.** (a) A project receiving funding from the clean
 62.31 water fund must meet or exceed the constitutional requirements to protect, enhance, and

63.1 restore water quality in lakes, rivers, and streams and to protect groundwater and drinking
63.2 water from degradation. Priority may be given to projects that meet more than one of these
63.3 requirements. A project receiving funding from the clean water fund shall include measurable
63.4 outcomes, as defined in section 3.303, subdivision 10, ~~and~~; a plan for measuring and
63.5 evaluating the results; and an assessment of whether the funding celebrates cultural diversity
63.6 or reaches diverse communities in Minnesota, including reaching low- and moderate-income
63.7 households. A project must be consistent with current science and incorporate state-of-the-art
63.8 technology.

63.9 (b) Money from the clean water fund shall be expended to balance the benefits across
63.10 all regions and residents of the state.

63.11 (c) A state agency or other recipient of a direct appropriation from the clean water fund
63.12 must compile and submit all information for proposed and funded projects or programs,
63.13 including the proposed measurable outcomes and all other items required under section
63.14 3.303, subdivision 10, to the Legislative Coordinating Commission as soon as practicable
63.15 or by January 15 of the applicable fiscal year, whichever comes first. The Legislative
63.16 Coordinating Commission must post submitted information on the website required under
63.17 section 3.303, subdivision 10, as soon as it becomes available. Information classified as not
63.18 public under section 13D.05, subdivision 3, paragraph (d), is not required to be placed on
63.19 the website.

63.20 (d) Grants funded by the clean water fund must be implemented according to section
63.21 16B.98 and must account for all expenditures. Proposals must specify a process for any
63.22 regranting envisioned. Priority for grant proposals must be given to proposals involving
63.23 grants that will be competitively awarded.

63.24 (e) Money from the clean water fund may only be spent on projects that benefit Minnesota
63.25 waters.

63.26 (f) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the clean water fund
63.27 shall prominently display on the recipient's website home page the legacy logo required
63.28 under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws 2010, chapter
63.29 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more information."
63.30 When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the website must direct the person to a web
63.31 page that includes both the contact information that a person may use to obtain additional
63.32 information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating Commission website required
63.33 under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

64.1 (g) Future eligibility for money from the clean water fund is contingent upon a state
64.2 agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section, as well as
64.3 any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of the
64.4 Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a recipient
64.5 of money from the clean water fund has not complied with the laws, rules, or regulations
64.6 in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient must be listed in an
64.7 annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the legacy funds. The list
64.8 must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a recipient from the list
64.9 upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient on the list is not eligible
64.10 for future funding from the clean water fund until the recipient demonstrates compliance
64.11 to the legislative auditor.

64.12 (h) Money from the clean water fund may be used to leverage federal funds through
64.13 execution of formal project partnership agreements with federal agencies consistent with
64.14 respective federal agency partnership agreement requirements.

64.15 (i) Any state agency or organization requesting a direct appropriation from the clean
64.16 water fund must inform the Clean Water Council and the house of representatives and senate
64.17 committees having jurisdiction over the clean water fund, at the time the request for funding
64.18 is made, whether the request is supplanting or is a substitution for any previous funding that
64.19 was not from a legacy fund and was used for the same purpose.

64.20 **Sec. 17. CLEAN WATER FUND APPROPRIATION EXTENSIONS.**

64.21 **Subdivision 1. Department of Health; contamination in private wells.** The availability
64.22 of the appropriation from the clean water fund to the commissioner of health under Laws
64.23 2019, First Special Session chapter 2, article 2, section 8, paragraph (d), is extended to June
64.24 30, 2024.

64.25 **Subd. 2. Department of Health; water reuse implementation.** The availability of the
64.26 appropriation from the clean water fund to the commissioner of health under Laws 2019,
64.27 First Special Session chapter 2, article 2, section 8, paragraph (g), is extended to June 30,
64.28 2024.

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

64.30 **ARTICLE 3**

64.31 **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND**

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

65.1 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
 65.2 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the parks and
 65.3 trails fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figures
 65.4 "2024" and "2025" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure
 65.5 are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, or June 30, 2025, respectively. "The
 65.6 first year" is fiscal year 2024. "The second year" is fiscal year 2025. "The biennium" is
 65.7 fiscal years 2024 and 2025. These are onetime appropriations.

65.8 **APPROPRIATIONS**

65.9 **Available for the Year**

65.10 **Ending June 30**

65.11 **2024**

2025

65.12 **Sec. 2. PARKS AND TRAILS**

65.13 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** **\$ 72,155,000 \$ 64,455,000**

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

65.16 **Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation**

65.17 Money appropriated in this article may not be
 65.18 spent on activities unless they are directly
 65.19 related to and necessary for a specific
 65.20 appropriation. Money appropriated in this
 65.21 article must be spent in accordance with
 65.22 Minnesota Management and Budget *MMB*
 65.23 *Guidance to Agencies on Legacy Fund*
 65.24 *Expenditure*. Notwithstanding Minnesota
 65.25 Statutes, section 16A.28, and unless otherwise
 65.26 specified in this article, fiscal year 2024
 65.27 appropriations are available until June 30,
 65.28 2026, and fiscal year 2025 appropriations are
 65.29 available until June 30, 2027. If a project
 65.30 receives federal funds, the period of the
 65.31 appropriation is extended to equal the
 65.32 availability of federal funding.

65.33 **Subd. 3. Disability Access**

66.1 Where appropriate, grant recipients of parks
 66.2 and trails funds, in consultation with the
 66.3 Council on Disability and other appropriate
 66.4 governor-appointed disability councils, boards,
 66.5 committees, and commissions, should make
 66.6 progress toward providing people with
 66.7 disabilities greater access to programs, print
 66.8 publications, and digital media related to the
 66.9 programs the recipient funds using
 66.10 appropriations made in this article.

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

66.12 Grant recipients of parks and trails funds
 66.13 should prioritize water and energy
 66.14 conservation technology and the use of
 66.15 renewable energy for construction and
 66.16 building projects funded with an appropriation
 66.17 made in this article.

66.18 **Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**
 66.19 **RESOURCES**

\$ 43,580,000 \$ 38,931,000

66.20 (a) \$28,572,000 the first year and \$25,524,000
 66.21 the second year are for state parks, recreation
 66.22 areas, and trails to:

- 66.23 (1) connect people to the outdoors;
- 66.24 (2) acquire land and create opportunities;
- 66.25 (3) maintain existing holdings; and
- 66.26 (4) improve cooperation by coordinating with
 66.27 partners to implement the 25-year long-range
 66.28 parks and trails legacy plan.

66.29 (b) The commissioner may spend money
 66.30 appropriated under paragraph (a) on I Can!
 66.31 programs, including but not limited to
 66.32 programs designed to provide underserved
 66.33 youth and youth who identify as lesbian, gay,
 66.34 bisexual, transgender, and queer the

67.1 opportunity to experience the outdoors with
67.2 similar peers.

67.3 (c) \$14,286,000 the first year and \$12,762,000
67.4 the second year are for grants for parks and
67.5 trails of regional significance outside the
67.6 seven-county metropolitan area under
67.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.535. The grants
67.8 awarded under this paragraph must be based
67.9 on the lists of recommended projects
67.10 submitted to the legislative committees under
67.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536,
67.12 subdivision 10, from the Greater Minnesota
67.13 Regional Parks and Trails Commission
67.14 established under Minnesota Statutes, section
67.15 85.536. Grants funded under this paragraph
67.16 must support parks and trails of regional or
67.17 statewide significance that meet the applicable
67.18 definitions and criteria for regional parks and
67.19 trails contained in the *Greater Minnesota*
67.20 *Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan*
67.21 adopted by the Greater Minnesota Regional
67.22 Parks and Trails Commission on April 22,
67.23 2015. Grant recipients identified under this
67.24 paragraph must submit a grant application to
67.25 the commissioner of natural resources. Up to
67.26 2.5 percent of the appropriation may be used
67.27 by the commissioner for the actual cost of
67.28 issuing and monitoring the grants for the
67.29 commission. Of the amount appropriated,
67.30 \$475,000 the first year and \$475,000 the
67.31 second year are for the Greater Minnesota
67.32 Regional Parks and Trails Commission to
67.33 carry out its duties under Minnesota Statutes,
67.34 section 85.536, including the continued
67.35 development of a statewide system plan for

- 68.1 regional parks and trails outside the
68.2 seven-county metropolitan area.
- 68.3 (d) By January 15, 2024, the Greater
68.4 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
68.5 Commission must submit a list of projects that
68.6 contains the commission's recommendations
68.7 for funding from the parks and trails fund for
68.8 fiscal year 2025 to the chairs and ranking
68.9 minority members of the legislative
68.10 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
68.11 over environment and natural resources and
68.12 the parks and trails fund.
- 68.13 (e) By January 15, 2024, the Greater
68.14 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
68.15 Commission must submit a report that contains
68.16 the commission's criteria for funding from the
68.17 parks and trails fund, including the criteria
68.18 used to determine if a park or trail is of
68.19 regional significance, to the chairs and ranking
68.20 minority members of the legislative
68.21 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
68.22 over environment and natural resources and
68.23 the parks and trails fund.
- 68.24 (f) \$722,000 the first year and \$645,000 the
68.25 second year are for coordination and projects
68.26 between the department, the Metropolitan
68.27 Council, and the Greater Minnesota Regional
68.28 Parks and Trails Commission; enhanced
68.29 web-based information for park and trail users;
68.30 and support of activities of the Parks and
68.31 Trails Legacy Advisory Committee.
- 68.32 (g) The commissioner must contract for
68.33 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota
68.34 for restoration, maintenance, and other
68.35 activities under this section for at least

69.1 \$850,000 the first year and \$850,000 the
 69.2 second year.

69.3 (h) Grant recipients of an appropriation under
 69.4 this section must give consideration to
 69.5 contracting with Conservation Corps
 69.6 Minnesota for restoration, maintenance, and
 69.7 other activities.

69.8 (i) In addition to the requirements under
 69.9 paragraph (g), the commissioner should work
 69.10 to provide other opportunities that encourage
 69.11 a diversity of students to pursue careers in
 69.12 environment and natural resources when
 69.13 implementing appropriations in this section.

69.14 **Sec. 4. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL \$ 28,572,000 \$ 25,524,000**

69.15 (a) \$28,572,000 the first year and \$25,524,000
 69.16 the second year are for distribution according
 69.17 to Minnesota Statutes, section 85.53,
 69.18 subdivision 3.

69.19 (b) Money appropriated under this section and
 69.20 distributed to implementing agencies must be
 69.21 used only to fund the list of projects approved
 69.22 by the elected representatives of each of the
 69.23 metropolitan parks implementing agencies.

69.24 Projects funded by the money appropriated
 69.25 under this section must be substantially
 69.26 consistent with the project descriptions and
 69.27 dollar amounts approved by each elected body.

69.28 Any money remaining after completing the
 69.29 listed projects may be spent by the
 69.30 implementing agencies on projects to support
 69.31 parks and trails.

69.32 (c) Grant agreements entered into by the
 69.33 Metropolitan Council and recipients of money
 69.34 appropriated under this section must ensure

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

70.3 (d) The implementing agencies receiving
 70.4 appropriations under this section must give
 70.5 consideration to contracting with Conservation
 70.6 Corps Minnesota for restoration, maintenance,
 70.7 and other activities.

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

70.9 \$3,000 the first year is for the Legislative
 70.10 Coordinating Commission for the website
 70.11 required under Minnesota Statutes, section
 70.12 3.303, subdivision 10.

70.13 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 85.53, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

70.14 Subd. 2. **Expenditures; accountability.** (a) A project or program receiving funding
 70.15 from the parks and trails fund must meet or exceed the constitutional requirement to support
 70.16 parks and trails of regional or statewide significance. A project or program receiving funding
 70.17 from the parks and trails fund must include measurable outcomes, as defined in section
 70.18 3.303, subdivision 10, ~~and~~; a plan for measuring and evaluating the results; and an assessment
 70.19 of whether the funding celebrates cultural diversity or reaches diverse communities in
 70.20 Minnesota, including reaching low- and moderate-income households. A project or program
 70.21 must be consistent with current science and incorporate state-of-the-art technology, except
 70.22 when the project or program is a portrayal or restoration of historical significance.

70.23 (b) Money from the parks and trails fund shall be expended to balance the benefits across
 70.24 all regions and residents of the state.

70.25 (c) A state agency or other recipient of a direct appropriation from the parks and trails
 70.26 fund must compile and submit all information for funded projects or programs, including
 70.27 the proposed measurable outcomes and all other items required under section 3.303,
 70.28 subdivision 10, to the Legislative Coordinating Commission as soon as practicable or by
 70.29 January 15 of the applicable fiscal year, whichever comes first. The Legislative Coordinating
 70.30 Commission must post submitted information on the website required under section 3.303,
 70.31 subdivision 10, as soon as it becomes available.

70.32 (d) Grants funded by the parks and trails fund must be implemented according to section
 70.33 16B.98 and must account for all expenditures. Proposals must specify a process for any

71.1 regranting envisioned. Priority for grant proposals must be given to proposals involving
71.2 grants that will be competitively awarded.

71.3 (e) Money from the parks and trails fund may only be spent on projects located in
71.4 Minnesota.

71.5 (f) When practicable, a direct recipient of an appropriation from the parks and trails fund
71.6 shall prominently display on the recipient's website home page the legacy logo required
71.7 under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article 5, section 10, as amended by Laws 2010, chapter
71.8 361, article 3, section 5, accompanied by the phrase "Click here for more information."
71.9 When a person clicks on the legacy logo image, the website must direct the person to a web
71.10 page that includes both the contact information that a person may use to obtain additional
71.11 information, as well as a link to the Legislative Coordinating Commission website required
71.12 under section 3.303, subdivision 10.

71.13 (g) Future eligibility for money from the parks and trails fund is contingent upon a state
71.14 agency or other recipient satisfying all applicable requirements in this section, as well as
71.15 any additional requirements contained in applicable session law. If the Office of the
71.16 Legislative Auditor, in the course of an audit or investigation, publicly reports that a recipient
71.17 of money from the parks and trails fund has not complied with the laws, rules, or regulations
71.18 in this section or other laws applicable to the recipient, the recipient must be listed in an
71.19 annual report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the legacy funds. The list
71.20 must be publicly available. The legislative auditor shall remove a recipient from the list
71.21 upon determination that the recipient is in compliance. A recipient on the list is not eligible
71.22 for future funding from the parks and trails fund until the recipient demonstrates compliance
71.23 to the legislative auditor.

71.24 (h) Any state agency or organization requesting a direct appropriation from the parks
71.25 and trails fund must inform the house of representatives and senate committees having
71.26 jurisdiction over the parks and trails fund, at the time the request for funding is made,
71.27 whether the request is supplanting or is a substitution for any previous funding that was not
71.28 from a legacy fund and was used for the same purpose.

71.29 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 85.53, is amended by adding a subdivision to
71.30 read:

71.31 Subd. 7. Free park days. An implementing agency, county, or city that charges an
71.32 entrance fee or requires a vehicle permit must provide free access to all its parks at least
71.33 four days each calendar year in order to be eligible for money appropriated from the parks

72.1 and trails fund. The implementing agency, county, or city must publicly announce the date
72.2 when entrance will be free at least 30 days in advance of the date it occurs.

72.3 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 85.536, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

72.4 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; purpose.** The Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and
72.5 Trails Commission is created to undertake system planning and provide recommendations
72.6 to the legislature for grants funded by the parks and trails fund to counties ~~and~~, cities, and
72.7 Tribal governments outside of the seven-county metropolitan area for parks and trails of
72.8 regional significance.

72.9 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 85.536, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

72.10 Subd. 2. **Commission.** The commission shall include 13 members appointed by the
72.11 governor with two members from each of the regional parks and trails districts determined
72.12 under subdivision 5 and one member at large. Membership terms, compensation, and removal
72.13 of members and filling of vacancies are as provided in section 15.0575, except that a
72.14 commission member may be compensated at the rate of up to \$125 a day.

72.15 Sec. 10. **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND APPROPRIATION EXTENSIONS.**

72.16 Subdivision 1. **Beaver Island Regional Trail; city of St. Cloud.** The availability of the
72.17 grant to the city of St. Cloud for the Beaver Island Regional Trail construction and restoration
72.18 project from the parks and trails fund appropriation under Laws 2019, First Special Session
72.19 chapter 2, article 3, section 3, paragraph (b), is extended to June 30, 2024.

72.20 Subd. 2. **Robinson Park; city of Sandstone.** The portions of the appropriations from
72.21 the parks and trails fund in Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 2, article 3, section 3,
72.22 paragraph (b), and Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3, paragraph
72.23 (b), that were granted to the city of Sandstone for the Robinson Park project are available
72.24 until June 30, 2025.

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

72.26 Sec. 11. **EXPANDING ACCESS TO PARKS AND TRAILS FUND GRANTS IN**
72.27 **GREATER MINNESOTA; REPORT.**

72.28 By January 15, 2024, the commissioner of natural resources, in cooperation with the
72.29 Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission, must submit a report to the
72.30 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with
72.31 jurisdiction over the parks and trails fund with recommendations for expanding eligibility

73.1 of parks and trails fund grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536, to Tribal
 73.2 governments and for expanding cooperation with nonprofit organizations, including any
 73.3 necessary statutory changes.

73.4 **ARTICLE 4**

73.5 **ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND**

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

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

73.16 **APPROPRIATIONS**

73.17 **Available for the Year**

73.18 **Ending June 30**

73.19 **2024**

2025

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

73.21 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** **\$ 106,118,000 \$ 88,928,000**

73.22 The amounts that may be spent for each
 73.23 purpose are specified in the following
 73.24 subdivisions.

73.25 **Subd. 2. Availability of Appropriation**

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

73.33 Money appropriated in this article must be

74.1 spent in accordance with Minnesota
 74.2 Management and Budget MMB Guidance to
 74.3 Agencies on Legacy Fund Expenditure.
 74.4 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
 74.5 16A.28, and unless otherwise specified in this
 74.6 article, fiscal year 2024 appropriations are
 74.7 available until June 30, 2025, and fiscal year
 74.8 2025 appropriations are available until June
 74.9 30, 2026. Water and energy conservation
 74.10 technology and the use of renewable energy
 74.11 should be priorities for construction and
 74.12 building projects funded through this
 74.13 appropriation. If a project receives federal
 74.14 funds, the period of the appropriation is
 74.15 extended to equal the availability of federal
 74.16 funding. No funding under this section may
 74.17 be awarded to an organization or corporation
 74.18 that has had a civil or criminal sexual assault
 74.19 or sexual harassment judgment against the
 74.20 organization or corporation within the last 24
 74.21 months, or any organization or corporation
 74.22 where the principal, president, executive
 74.23 director, or CEO or CFO has held a similar
 74.24 position, including an executive board
 74.25 member, in an organization that has had a
 74.26 sexual harassment or sexual assault judgment
 74.27 against them within the last 24 months.

74.28	<u>Subd. 3. Minnesota State Arts Board</u>	<u>50,835,000</u>	<u>45,836,000</u>
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74.29 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are
 74.30 appropriated to the Minnesota State Arts
 74.31 Board for arts, arts education, arts
 74.32 preservation, and arts access. Grant
 74.33 agreements entered into by the Minnesota
 74.34 State Arts Board and other recipients of
 74.35 appropriations in this subdivision must ensure

75.1 that these funds are used to supplement and
75.2 not substitute for traditional sources of
75.3 funding. Each grant program established in
75.4 this appropriation must be separately
75.5 administered from other state appropriations
75.6 for program planning and outcome
75.7 measurements, but may take into consideration
75.8 other state resources awarded in the selection
75.9 of applicants and grant award size.

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

75.11 \$19,523,000 the first year and \$19,524,000
75.12 the second year are to support Minnesota
75.13 artists and arts organizations in creating,
75.14 producing, and presenting high-quality arts
75.15 activities; to preserve, maintain, and interpret
75.16 art forms and works of art so that they are
75.17 accessible to Minnesota audiences; to
75.18 overcome barriers to accessing high-quality
75.19 arts activities; and to instill the arts into the
75.20 community and public life in this state. Grants
75.21 provided under this paragraph must prioritize
75.22 artists and arts organizations that plan to
75.23 present art from communities that have been
75.24 historically underrepresented in the arts or that
75.25 improve access to the programs and projects
75.26 for groups, including youth and historically
75.27 underserved communities, that have struggled
75.28 to access arts programming in the past.

75.29 Of this amount, \$50,000 each year must be
75.30 used to fund:

75.31 (1) free-access days for Minnesota citizens to
75.32 access art institutions and to provide grants to
75.33 organizations and individual artists who will
75.34 provide completely free public art events
75.35 throughout the state, including grants for

76.1 transportation and accessibility grants to
76.2 broaden the audience of arts programming;
76.3 and

76.4 (2) free admission for children to art, music,
76.5 cultural, and dance programs, including
76.6 transportation and accessibility grants to
76.7 broaden the audience for arts programming.

76.8 **(c) Arts Education**

76.9 \$5,978,000 the first year and \$5,978,000 the
76.10 second year are for high-quality,
76.11 age-appropriate arts education for Minnesotans
76.12 of all ages to develop knowledge, skills, and
76.13 understanding of the arts. Priority in the award
76.14 of grants under this paragraph must be given
76.15 to providing educational opportunities to
76.16 underserved communities with grants for
76.17 organizations or entities providing
76.18 opportunities to K-12 students throughout the
76.19 state for arts education, including access to
76.20 arts instruction, arts programming, museums,
76.21 and arts presentations.

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

76.23 \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the
76.24 second year are for events and activities that
76.25 represent, preserve, and maintain the diverse
76.26 cultural arts traditions, including folk and
76.27 traditional artists and art organizations,
76.28 represented in this state.

76.29 **(e) Significant Public Arts Installations**

76.30 \$5,000,000 the first year is for grants for up
76.31 to three organizations or local governments
76.32 for the design, land development, land transfer
76.33 fees, and production costs of a significant and
76.34 publicly accessible art project celebrating

77.1 Minnesota arts and cultural heritage and
77.2 providing a unique public art experience
77.3 through art installation, including sculpture
77.4 and design. The projects funded by this
77.5 paragraph must have a matching grant and
77.6 must include in the grant agreement terms for
77.7 the future ownership, maintenance, taxes, and
77.8 associated costs for the art project and project
77.9 site. The projects funded by this paragraph
77.10 must have a permanent sign indicating the
77.11 project was funded through the arts and
77.12 cultural heritage fund. The funding for the
77.13 significant public art installations in this
77.14 paragraph is available until June 30, 2028.

77.15 **(f) Administrative Costs**

77.16 Up to five percent of the totals in paragraphs
77.17 (b) to (e) each year is for administering grant
77.18 programs, delivering technical services,
77.19 providing fiscal oversight for the statewide
77.20 system, and ensuring accountability in fiscal
77.21 years 2024 and 2025.

77.22 **(g) Regional Arts Councils**

77.23 \$18,334,000 the first year and \$18,334,000
77.24 the second year are for grants to the regional
77.25 arts councils. One-fourth of this amount is to
77.26 establish, continue, improve, and expand
77.27 grants for organizations and educational
77.28 institutions to improve and expand access for
77.29 youth to artistic instruction and arts
77.30 programming and for the participation of
77.31 youth in the arts.

77.32 **(h) Any unencumbered balance remaining**
77.33 **under this subdivision the first year does not**
77.34 **cancel but is available the second year.**

78.1 Subd. 4. **Minnesota Historical Society** 17,808,000 19,692,000

78.2 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are

78.3 appropriated to the governing board of the

78.4 Minnesota Historical Society to preserve and

78.5 enhance access to Minnesota's history and its

78.6 cultural and historical resources. Grant

78.7 agreements entered into by the Minnesota

78.8 Historical Society and other recipients of

78.9 appropriations in this subdivision must ensure

78.10 that these funds are used to supplement and

78.11 not substitute for traditional sources of

78.12 funding. Funds directly appropriated to the

78.13 Minnesota Historical Society must be used to

78.14 supplement and not substitute for traditional

78.15 sources of funding. The appropriations in this

78.16 subdivision are onetime, and any

78.17 unencumbered balance remaining under this

78.18 subdivision in the first year does not cancel

78.19 but is available for the second year.

78.20 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section

78.21 16A.28, for historic preservation projects that

78.22 improve historic structures, the amounts are

78.23 available until June 30, 2027. The Minnesota

78.24 Historical Society or grant recipients of the

78.25 Minnesota Historical Society using arts and

78.26 cultural heritage funds under this subdivision

78.27 must give consideration to Conservation Corps

78.28 Minnesota and Northern Bedrock Historic

78.29 Preservation Corps, or an organization

78.30 carrying out similar work, for projects with

78.31 the potential to need historic preservation

78.32 services.

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

78.34 (1) **Statewide Historic and Cultural Grants**

79.1 \$7,150,000 the first year and \$7,850,000 the
79.2 second year are for statewide historic and
79.3 cultural grants to local, county, regional, or
79.4 other historical or cultural organizations or for
79.5 activities to preserve significant historic and
79.6 cultural resources. Money must be distributed
79.7 through a competitive grant process. The
79.8 Minnesota Historical Society must administer
79.9 the money using established grant mechanisms
79.10 with assistance from the advisory committee
79.11 created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article
79.12 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), item
79.13 (ii).

79.14 (2) Statewide History Programs

79.15 \$7,600,000 the first year and \$7,900,000 the
79.16 second year are for historic and cultural
79.17 programs and purposes related to the heritage
79.18 of the state.

79.19 Of this amount, \$400,000 the first year is for
79.20 grants to organizations or local governments
79.21 that own buildings or structures that are
79.22 considered historically significant to their local
79.23 communities to improve access to the
79.24 buildings or structures, to preserve the
79.25 buildings or structures, or to enhance the use
79.26 of the buildings or structures, including
79.27 improving access to museums, music halls,
79.28 opera houses, libraries, and sites celebrating
79.29 diverse cultures and heritages throughout the
79.30 state. Grant funding not encumbered in the
79.31 first year is available for statewide history
79.32 programs in the second year.

79.33 Of this amount, \$50,000 the first year and
79.34 \$50,000 the second year are for the production
79.35 and distribution of "Making Minnesota" on

80.1 Minnesota's natural resources, legacy, culture,
80.2 and history, to be made available free of cost.

80.3 (3) History Partnerships

80.4 \$2,183,000 the first year and \$3,067,000 the
80.5 second year are for history partnerships
80.6 involving multiple organizations, which may
80.7 include the Minnesota Historical Society, to
80.8 preserve and enhance access to Minnesota's
80.9 history and cultural heritage in all regions of
80.10 the state.

80.11 (4) Statewide Survey of Historical and
80.12 Archaeological Sites

80.13 \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
80.14 second year are for one or more contracts to
80.15 be competitively awarded to conduct statewide
80.16 surveys or investigations of Minnesota's sites
80.17 of historical, archeological, and cultural
80.18 significance. Results of the surveys or
80.19 investigations must be published in a
80.20 searchable form and available to the public
80.21 cost free. The Minnesota Historical Society,
80.22 the Office of the State Archeologist, the Indian
80.23 Affairs Council, and the State Historic
80.24 Preservation Office must each appoint a
80.25 representative to an oversight board to select
80.26 contractors and direct the conduct of the
80.27 surveys or investigations. The oversight board
80.28 must consult with the Departments of
80.29 Transportation and Natural Resources.

80.30 (5) Digital Library

80.31 \$375,000 the first year and \$375,000 the
80.32 second year are for a digital library project to
80.33 preserve, digitize, and share Minnesota
80.34 images, documents, and historical materials.
80.35 The Minnesota Historical Society must

81.1 cooperate with the Minitex interlibrary loan
 81.2 system and must jointly share this
 81.3 appropriation for these purposes.

81.4 **Subd. 5. Department of Education** 3,000,000 2,750,000

81.5 (a) \$2,750,000 each year is appropriated to
 81.6 the commissioner of education for grants to
 81.7 the 12 Minnesota regional library systems to
 81.8 provide educational opportunities in the arts,
 81.9 history, literary arts, and cultural heritage of
 81.10 Minnesota. When possible, funding under this
 81.11 subdivision should be used to promote and
 81.12 share the work of Minnesota authors,
 81.13 including authors from diverse backgrounds.
 81.14 This money must be allocated using the
 81.15 formulas in Minnesota Statutes, section
 81.16 134.355, subdivisions 3 to 5, with the
 81.17 remaining 25 percent to be distributed to all
 81.18 qualifying systems in an amount proportionate
 81.19 to the number of qualifying system entities in
 81.20 each system. For purposes of this subdivision,
 81.21 "qualifying system entity" means a public
 81.22 library, a regional library system, a regional
 81.23 library system headquarters, a county, or an
 81.24 outreach service program. This money may
 81.25 be used to sponsor programs provided by
 81.26 regional libraries or to provide grants to local
 81.27 arts and cultural heritage programs for
 81.28 programs in partnership with regional libraries.
 81.29 This money must be distributed in ten equal
 81.30 payments per year. Notwithstanding
 81.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the
 81.32 appropriations encumbered on or before June
 81.33 30, 2025, as grants or contracts in this
 81.34 subdivision are available until June 30, 2026.

82.1 (b) \$250,000 the first year is appropriated to
 82.2 the commissioner of education for a water
 82.3 safety grant program. The commissioner of
 82.4 education must allocate grants to eligible
 82.5 applicants. Eligible applicants include
 82.6 nonprofit organizations and city and county
 82.7 parks and recreation programs providing
 82.8 swimming lessons to youth. Eligible applicants
 82.9 are not required to partner with other entities.
 82.10 Grant funds must primarily be used to provide
 82.11 scholarships to low-income and at-risk
 82.12 children for swimming lessons. Up to 15
 82.13 percent of the grant funds may also be used
 82.14 to hire water safety instructors or lifeguards
 82.15 or train water safety instructors or lifeguards
 82.16 in nationally recognized water safety practices
 82.17 and instruction.

82.18 **Subd. 6. Department of Administration** 12,450,000 12,300,000

82.19 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are
 82.20 appropriated to the commissioner of
 82.21 administration for grants to the named
 82.22 organizations for the purposes specified in this
 82.23 subdivision. The commissioner of
 82.24 administration may use a portion of this
 82.25 appropriation for costs that are directly related
 82.26 to and necessary for the administration of
 82.27 grants in this subdivision.

82.28 (b) Grant agreements entered into by the
 82.29 commissioner and recipients of appropriations
 82.30 under this subdivision must ensure that money
 82.31 appropriated in this subdivision is used to
 82.32 supplement and not substitute for traditional
 82.33 sources of funding.

82.34 **(c) Minnesota Public Radio**

83.1 \$2,100,000 each year is for Minnesota Public
83.2 Radio to create programming and expand news
83.3 service on Minnesota's cultural heritage and
83.4 history.

83.5 **(d) Association of Minnesota Public Educational**
83.6 **Radio Stations**

83.7 \$2,100,000 the first year and \$2,100,000 the
83.8 second year are to the Association of
83.9 Minnesota Public Educational Radio Stations
83.10 for production and acquisition grants in
83.11 accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section
83.12 129D.19.

83.13 **(e) Public Television**

83.14 \$4,500,000 each year is to the Minnesota
83.15 Public Television Association for production
83.16 and acquisition grants according to Minnesota
83.17 Statutes, section 129D.18. A portion of this
83.18 funding may be used for producing television
83.19 related to Minnesota military and veterans'
83.20 history and unique immigration stories from
83.21 around the state.

83.22 **(f) Wilderness Inquiry**

83.23 \$500,000 the first year and \$600,000 the
83.24 second year are to Wilderness Inquiry to
83.25 preserve Minnesota's outdoor history, culture,
83.26 and heritage by connecting Minnesota youth
83.27 to natural resources.

83.28 **(g) Como Park Zoo**

83.29 \$1,750,000 each year is to the Como Park Zoo
83.30 and Conservatory for program development
83.31 that features educational programs and habitat
83.32 enhancement, special exhibits, music
83.33 appreciation programs, and historical garden
83.34 access and preservation.

84.1 **(h) Science Museum of Minnesota**
 84.2 \$850,000 each year is to the Science Museum
 84.3 of Minnesota for arts, arts education, and arts
 84.4 access and to preserve Minnesota's history and
 84.5 cultural heritage, including student and teacher
 84.6 outreach, statewide educational initiatives, and
 84.7 community-based exhibits that preserve
 84.8 Minnesota's history and cultural heritage.

84.9 **(i) Appetite for Change**
 84.10 \$200,000 the first year is to the nonprofit
 84.11 Appetite for Change for the Community Cooks
 84.12 programming, which will preserve the cultural
 84.13 heritage of growing and cooking food in
 84.14 Minnesota.

84.15 **(j) Lake Superior Zoo**
 84.16 \$150,000 each year is to the Lake Superior
 84.17 Zoo to develop educational exhibits and
 84.18 programs.

84.19 **(k) Great Lakes Aquarium**
 84.20 \$250,000 each year is to the Lake Superior
 84.21 Center Authority to prepare, fabricate, and
 84.22 install a hands-on exhibit with interactive
 84.23 learning components to educate Minnesotans
 84.24 on the history of the natural landscape of the
 84.25 state.

84.26 **(l) State Band**
 84.27 \$50,000 the first year is to the Minnesota state
 84.28 band to provide free concerts throughout the
 84.29 state.

84.30	<u>Subd. 7. Minnesota Zoo</u>	<u>2,000,000</u>	<u>2,000,000</u>
84.31	<u>The amounts in this subdivision are</u>		
84.32	<u>appropriated to the Minnesota Zoological</u>		
84.33	<u>Board for programs at and development of the</u>		

85.1 Minnesota Zoological Garden and to provide
 85.2 access and education related to programs on
 85.3 the cultural heritage of Minnesota.

85.4 Subd. 8. **Minnesota Humanities Center** 17,321,000 3,650,000

85.5 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are
 85.6 appropriated to the Board of Directors of the
 85.7 Minnesota Humanities Center for the purposes
 85.8 specified in this subdivision. The Minnesota
 85.9 Humanities Center may use up to 5.5 percent
 85.10 of the appropriations for the administration of
 85.11 these funds and to cover the cost of
 85.12 administering, planning, evaluating, and
 85.13 reporting these grants. The Minnesota
 85.14 Humanities Center must develop a written
 85.15 plan to issue the grants under this subdivision
 85.16 and must submit the plan for review and
 85.17 approval by the commissioner of
 85.18 administration. The written plan must require
 85.19 the Minnesota Humanities Center to create
 85.20 and adhere to grant policies that are similar to
 85.21 those established according to Minnesota
 85.22 Statutes, section 16B.97, subdivision 4,
 85.23 paragraph (a), clause (1).

85.24 The grant agreement must specify the
 85.25 repercussions for failing to comply with the
 85.26 grant agreement.

85.27 (b) **Programs and Purposes**
 85.28 \$2,000,000 each year is for statewide
 85.29 humanities programs and to support and
 85.30 expand outreach, partnerships, and humanities
 85.31 programming with organizations and
 85.32 individuals throughout the state, including but
 85.33 not limited to programming related to veterans
 85.34 and the military experience, professional

86.1 development opportunities for educators, and
86.2 programming celebrating, representing, and
86.3 reflecting upon the heritage of diverse
86.4 Minnesota communities that have been
86.5 historically underserved.

86.6 **(c) Children's Museum Grants**

86.7 \$1,695,000 the first year and \$1,650,000 the
86.8 second year are for grants to children's
86.9 museums for arts and cultural exhibits and
86.10 related educational outreach programs. Grants
86.11 under this paragraph may include hands-on
86.12 exhibits related to the history and cultural
86.13 impact of science, medicine, and STEM
86.14 developments for youth in Minnesota.

86.15 Of this amount:

86.16 (1) \$695,000 the first year and \$650,000 the
86.17 second year are for grants to children's
86.18 museums to be distributed through a
86.19 competitive grant process for children's
86.20 museums that have an operating budget greater
86.21 than \$3,000,000. Priority must be given to
86.22 youth education, new exhibits development,
86.23 outreach to underserved and diverse
86.24 communities, and programming that celebrates
86.25 cultural diversity. The Minnesota Humanities
86.26 Center must administer these funds using
86.27 established grant mechanisms; and

86.28 (2) \$1,000,000 each year is for grants to
86.29 children's museums to be distributed through
86.30 a competitive grant process for children's
86.31 museums that have an operating budget of
86.32 \$3,000,000 or less. Priority must be given to
86.33 youth education, new exhibits development,
86.34 outreach to underserved and diverse

87.1 communities, and programming that celebrates
87.2 cultural diversity. The Minnesota Humanities
87.3 Center must administer these funds using
87.4 established grant mechanisms.

87.5 **(d) Community Identity and Heritage Grant**
87.6 **Program; Administration and Capacity-Building**
87.7 **Grants**

87.8 (1) \$75,000 the first year is for outreach and
87.9 education on the humanities center grant
87.10 program with a focus on reaching diverse
87.11 community organizations and providing
87.12 assistance with grant opportunities,
87.13 qualifications, and reporting requirements, and
87.14 specifically providing technical assistance and
87.15 a nontraditional application process to improve
87.16 access to grant funding for diverse
87.17 communities.

87.18 (2) \$1,500,000 the first year is for
87.19 capacity-building grants to organizations
87.20 working with and promoting the culture of
87.21 underserved communities to assist with:

87.22 (i) training and assisting staff on grant writing
87.23 and grant reporting;

87.24 (ii) the costs of consultation and training from
87.25 experts in nonprofit management; and

87.26 (iii) capacity-building and fundraising
87.27 capabilities for smaller organizations.

87.28 (3) \$11,621,000 the first year is for a
87.29 competitive grant program to provide grants
87.30 to organizations or individuals working to
87.31 create, celebrate, and teach the art, culture,
87.32 and heritage of diverse Minnesota
87.33 communities, including but not limited to
87.34 Asian and Pacific Island communities, the
87.35 Somali diaspora and other African immigrant

88.1 communities, Indigenous communities with
88.2 a focus on the 11 Tribes in Minnesota, the
88.3 African American community, the Latinx
88.4 community, the LGBTQIA+ community, and
88.5 other underrepresented cultural groups,
88.6 including communities of Black, Indigenous,
88.7 and people of color, to celebrate the cultural
88.8 diversity of Minnesota. At least \$2,000,000
88.9 of the grant funding in this clause must be for
88.10 grants greater than \$150,000. An individual
88.11 or organization that receives a grant under this
88.12 clause must do at least one of the following:

88.13 (i) preserve and honor the cultural heritage of
88.14 Minnesota;

88.15 (ii) provide education and student outreach on
88.16 cultural diversity;

88.17 (iii) support the development of culturally
88.18 diverse humanities programming, including
88.19 arts programming, by individuals and
88.20 organizations; or

88.21 (iv) empower communities in building identity
88.22 and culture, including preserving and honoring
88.23 communities whose Indigenous cultures are
88.24 endangered or disappearing.

88.25 (4) Of the amount in clause (3), \$25,000 the
88.26 first year is available for emergency grants to
88.27 respond to urgent community needs to
88.28 organizations otherwise qualified to receive
88.29 grants under clause (3). Grants under this
88.30 clause should be designed to be awarded on a
88.31 rolling basis based on emerging needs to assist
88.32 communities responding to major events and
88.33 to facilitate the process of grieving, encourage
88.34 healing, create memorials, or assist in recovery

89.1 of the community. This amount is available
 89.2 through the second year and any amount not
 89.3 expended by October 15 of the second year
 89.4 may be used for general programming costs
 89.5 or grants under this paragraph.

89.6 **(e) Civics Grants Program**

89.7 \$400,000 the first year is for grants to support
 89.8 programs and organizations providing civics
 89.9 education for youth on law, democracy,
 89.10 government, and debate and to conduct civics
 89.11 education programs.

89.12 **(f) Fiscal Accountability Study**

89.13 \$30,000 the first year is for a study on fiscal
 89.14 sponsorship and fiscal oversight to study and
 89.15 report on best practices in grant making to
 89.16 nonprofit organizations. This funding is
 89.17 available in the second year, and the study
 89.18 may be conducted by an entity hired by the
 89.19 Board of Directors of the Minnesota
 89.20 Humanities Center.

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

89.22 \$850,000 each year is to provide grants to
 89.23 Minnesota Tribal Nations to preserve Dakota
 89.24 and Ojibwe Indian language and to foster
 89.25 education programs and services for Dakota
 89.26 and Ojibwe language.

89.27 \$650,000 each year is for grants to Dakota and
 89.28 Ojibwe language-immersion educational
 89.29 institutions.

89.30 \$600,000 each year is to provide grants to
 89.31 preserve the Dakota and Ojibwe Indian
 89.32 language through support of projects and
 89.33 services and to support educational programs

90.1 and immersion efforts in Dakota and Ojibwe
 90.2 language.

90.3 \$50,000 each year is for a Dakota and Ojibwe
 90.4 Indian language working group coordinated
 90.5 by the Indian Affairs Council.

90.6 \$150,000 each year is for the Indian Affairs
 90.7 Council to carry out responsibilities under
 90.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 307.08, to comply
 90.9 with Public Law 101-601, the Native
 90.10 American Graves Protection and Repatriation
 90.11 Act.

90.12	<u>Subd. 10. Department of Agriculture</u>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>400,000</u>
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90.13 The amounts in this subdivision are
 90.14 appropriated to the commissioner of
 90.15 agriculture for grants to county agricultural
 90.16 societies to enhance arts access and education
 90.17 and to preserve and promote Minnesota's
 90.18 history and cultural heritage as embodied in
 90.19 its county fairs. The grants may be distributed
 90.20 in equal amounts to each of the county fairs
 90.21 that submitted an application. The grants are
 90.22 in addition to the aid distribution to county
 90.23 agricultural societies under Minnesota
 90.24 Statutes, section 38.02. The commissioner of
 90.25 agriculture must develop grant-making criteria
 90.26 and guidance for expending money under this
 90.27 subdivision to provide funding for projects
 90.28 and events that provide access to the arts or
 90.29 the state's agricultural, historical, and cultural
 90.30 heritage. The commissioner must seek input
 90.31 from all interested parties. Money not used in
 90.32 the first year may be used in the second year.

90.33	<u>Subd. 11. Legislative Coordinating Commission</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
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91.1 The amount in this subdivision is appropriated
91.2 to the Legislative Coordinating Commission
91.3 to maintain the website required under
91.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision
91.5 10.

91.6 **Subd. 12. Legacy Arts and Cultural Heritage**
91.7 **Access Days**

91.8 A portion of all funding from the arts and
91.9 cultural heritage fund appropriations in this
91.10 section must be used by grantees to improve
91.11 access to programs, exhibits, and events that
91.12 traditionally have a fee for entry. Grantees are
91.13 encouraged to provide access to all community
91.14 members using free programming days and to
91.15 distribute free or reduced-cost tickets to
91.16 improve access to all households throughout
91.17 the state to increase participation in arts,
91.18 history, and cultural programs that may be
91.19 inaccessible due to cost. Grantees may partner
91.20 with nonprofits that provide low- or no-cost
91.21 access to arts and cultural heritage events and
91.22 provide open access to free or reduced-cost
91.23 programming to all economically
91.24 disadvantaged households. All grantees should
91.25 work to promote and advertise the ability to
91.26 attend programs, exhibits, and events through
91.27 free-access days for all Minnesotans and free
91.28 or reduced-cost ticketing programs and
91.29 provide instructions on how these programs
91.30 work.

91.31 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 129D.17, is amended by adding a subdivision to
91.32 read:

91.33 **Subd. 6. Report.** Each fiscal agent who receives funding from the arts and cultural
91.34 heritage fund in a biennial budget must submit a report by February 15 the next
91.35 odd-numbered year to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees

92.1 with jurisdiction over the legacy arts and cultural heritage fund. Each report must cover the
92.2 two years prior to the report and include:

92.3 (1) an accounting of funding that has been distributed;

92.4 (2) an accounting of funding not yet expended;

92.5 (3) summary information on programs supported by the funding;

92.6 (4) an assessment of whether the funding celebrates cultural diversity or reaches diverse
92.7 communities in Minnesota;

92.8 (5) summary information on competitive grant programs, when offered; and

92.9 (6) grant information for grants provided to individuals, entities, or organizations,

92.10 including whether the programs or projects awarded funding have been completed.

92.11 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 129D.17, is amended by adding a subdivision to
92.12 read:

92.13 Subd. 7. **Prohibited activities.** Funding from the arts and cultural heritage fund must
92.14 not be used for projects that promote domestic terrorism or criminal activities.

92.15 ARTICLE 5

92.16 GRANTS MANAGEMENT

92.17 Section 1. **FINANCIAL REVIEW OF NONPROFIT GRANT RECIPIENTS**
92.18 **REQUIRED.**

92.19 Subdivision 1. **Financial review required.** (a) Before awarding a competitive,
92.20 legislatively named, single source, or sole source grant to a nonprofit organization under
92.21 this act, the grantor must require the applicant to submit financial information sufficient for
92.22 the grantor to document and assess the applicant's current financial standing and management.
92.23 Items of significant concern must be addressed with the applicant and resolved to the
92.24 satisfaction of the grantor before a grant is awarded. The grantor must document the material
92.25 requested and reviewed; whether the applicant had a significant operating deficit, a deficit
92.26 in unrestricted net assets, or insufficient internal controls; whether and how the applicant
92.27 resolved the grantor's concerns; and the grantor's final decision. This documentation must
92.28 be maintained in the grantor's files.

92.29 (b) At a minimum, the grantor must require each applicant to provide the following
92.30 information:

93.1 (1) the applicant's most recent Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-N filed with the
93.2 Internal Revenue Service. If the applicant has not been in existence long enough or is not
93.3 required to file Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-N, the applicant must demonstrate
93.4 to the grantor that the applicant is exempt and must instead submit documentation of internal
93.5 controls and the applicant's most recent financial statement prepared in accordance with
93.6 generally accepted accounting principles and approved by the applicant's board of directors
93.7 or trustees or, if there is no such board, by the applicant's managing group;

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

93.10 (3) unless exempt under Minnesota Statutes, section 309.515, evidence of registration
93.11 and good standing with the attorney general under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 309; and

93.12 (4) if required under Minnesota Statutes, section 309.53, subdivision 3, the applicant's
93.13 most recent audited financial statement prepared in accordance with generally accepted
93.14 accounting principles.

93.15 Subd. 2. **Authority to postpone or forgo.** Notwithstanding any contrary provision in
93.16 this act, a grantor that identifies an area of significant concern regarding the financial standing
93.17 or management of a legislatively named applicant may postpone or forgo awarding the
93.18 grant.

93.19 Subd. 3. **Authority to award subject to additional assistance and oversight.** A grantor
93.20 that identifies an area of significant concern regarding an applicant's financial standing or
93.21 management may award a grant to the applicant if the grantor provides or the grantee
93.22 otherwise obtains additional technical assistance, as needed, and the grantor imposes
93.23 additional requirements in the grant agreement. Additional requirements may include but
93.24 are not limited to enhanced monitoring, additional reporting, or other reasonable requirements
93.25 imposed by the grantor to protect the interests of the state.

93.26 Subd. 4. **Relation to other law and policy.** The requirements in this section are in
93.27 addition to any other requirements imposed by law; the commissioner of administration
93.28 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 16B.97 and 16B.98; or agency policy.