



# OUR MISSION

To provide close-up animal experiences that inspire connections to wildlife and action toward conservation in our region and around the world.



## Close-up Experiences

Legacy Amendment Arts & Cultural Heritage Funds have created opportunities for all to meet animals like Tehama the North American gray wolf. These dynamic experiences help our visitors learn about conservation and foster empathy for wildlife.



## Education for All

The Lake Superior Zoo understands and respects diversity, and consciously commits to understanding and appreciating the interdependence of humanity, cultures, and the natural environment. We are dedicated to a world where learning is an inclusive, all-encompassing, and collaborative environment.



## Stewards of Conservation

Since its opening in 2019, the **Amphibians of Minnesota** exhibit has introduced over 110,000 people to their "*ribbet-ing*" neighbors. Educational activities help children to identify frog and toad calls, and interpretive signage tells each animals' story through the lens of conservation.



## Adapting to the Pandemic

The health and safety of our guests, staff, community, and animals is our top priority! We have closely adhered to all MDH and CDC guidelines and continued to be a place of learning and discovery - even in the most difficult of times. New programming such as monthly subscription boxes and soon-to-be released Virtual Zoomobiles (free of charge to all) has helped us reach people across the state and even the country!

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# Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund

## Legacy Amendment FY 22/23 Request

- **Recent Project Investments**

- Regionally significant educational exhibits and programs
- FY 2020/2021
  - North American gray wolf and Bald Eagle
- FY 2018/2019
  - Butterfly House and Amphibians of Minnesota

- **Investing in the Future - Progress at the LSZ**

- Completed both phases of the Bear Country exhibit
  - Opened four new large exhibits in the last year
  - Brown bear, black bear, cougar, river otter
- Lake Superior Zoo School opened September 2020
  - Nature-based preschool
  - Full-time year-round licensed childcare

- **FY 2022/2023 Proposal**

- \$150,000 per fiscal year
- Development and renovation of regionally significant educational exhibits and programs
  - White-tailed deer (first animal at the LSZ in 1923)
  - Caribou (compelling conservation story)
- Partner with local tribal governments and organizations to update and further develop educational and interpretive signage and art that connects LSZ animals to local Native American culture
  - Partnering with Christina Woods, Executive Director of the Duluth Art Institute, practitioner of the Anishinaabe culture, and an enrolled member of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa.

