

Subject Public land survey system monument grant program and funding

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Overview

This bill establishes a public land survey system monument grant program that would assist counties in activities related to the perpetuation of United States public lands survey monuments. An appropriation of \$10,000,000 annually to the program through fiscal year 2029 is established. An additional \$1,000,000 would be available annually for counties to hire technical staff to help land surveyors mark public land survey corners.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Expense, tax levy.</p> <p>Reduces the amount a county board may levy for monument preservation, restoration, modernization, and related activities by any amount received from the public system monument grant program established in section 2.</p> |
| 2 | <p>[381.125] Public land survey system monument grant program.</p> <p>Establishes a new grant program for counties for funding of the perpetuation of United States public lands survey monuments.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Grant program. Requires the chief geospatial information officer to work with licensed land surveyors to develop a process to accept applications from counties to fund the perpetuation of monuments established by the United States in the public lands survey. Grants may also be used to update monument records and data. Prioritization criteria, including criteria favoring grants to counties that demonstrate financial need, must be established when resources are not sufficient to award grants to all applicants.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Report. Requires the chief information officer to submit a report to the legislature by October 1 in odd-numbered years summarizing the grant program activities, grants requests and awards by county, assessment of progress toward</p> |

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monument restoration completion, and a forecast of the amount needed to complete monument recertification in all counties.

Subd. 3. Nonstate match. States that a nonstate match is not required for grants under the program.

3 Appropriation.

Appropriates \$10,000,000 of general fund money in fiscal year 2024 for the public land survey system monument grant program. Up to four percent of the appropriation may be used to administer the program. Establishes a base appropriation for the program through fiscal year 2029 of \$10,000,000. The base is \$0 in fiscal year 2030 and thereafter.

Also appropriates \$1,000,000 of general fund money in fiscal year 2024 for grants to counties to employ technical staff to aid surveyors in marking public land survey corners. Establishes a base appropriation for this purpose through fiscal year 2029 of \$1,000,000. The base is \$0 in fiscal year 2030 and thereafter.



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