

Subject Accessibility account establishment and funding

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Overview

This bill establishes an accessibility account to fund accessibility projects on state-owned property. The bill also includes an appropriation of \$10,000,000 in state general obligation bond proceeds to fund such projects.

Summary

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1	[16A.6325] Accessibility account.
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Establishes an accessibility account in the state bond proceeds fund and the standards and procedures associated with the account. Also requires an annual report to the commissioner of management and budget and the legislature on the projects funded with money from the accessibility account.

Subd. 1. Establishment. Establishes the accessibility account in the state bond proceeds fund.

Subd. 2. Standards. Provides that an expenditure may only be made from the accessibility account when it is a capital expenditure on a state-owned capital asset. The commissioner of administration must consult with the commissioner of management and budget as necessary to ensure an expenditure meets the capital project requirements of the Minnesota Constitution.

Clarifies that an expenditure may be made for any capital project phase of a state-owned accessibility improvement.

Provides that the removal of architectural barriers from a building or site and improvements to meet state and federal requirements for accessibility for people with disabilities are the kinds of projects most likely to be needed and appropriate for funding.

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Subd. 3. Procedures. Requires the commissioner of administration to provide application instructions, to review applications, make initial allocations, determine funding priorities, and allocate money in the account in priority order.

Subd. 4. Report. Requires the commissioner of administration to prepare an annual report to the commissioner of management and budget and the legislature with a list of projects that were funded with money from the accessibility account during the preceding calendar year, as well as a list of priority projects for which accessibility appropriations will be requested in that year's legislative session.

Effective July 1, 2024.

2 **Accessibility account.**

Appropriates \$10,000,000 in state general obligation bond proceeds to the commissioner of administration to be spent in accordance with the accessibility account requirements.

Effective the day following final enactment.



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