



OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND OVERSIGHT

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Constitutional Language

97A.056

Annual Appropriation Language

Accomplishment Plan

DNR Contract Requirements (Non-State Agency Recipients)

M.S. 97A.056

Subd. 12. **Accomplishment plans.**

It is a **condition of acceptance of money** appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund that the agency or entity using the appropriation submits an **accomplishment plan and periodic accomplishment reports** to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council in the form determined by the council. The accomplishment plan must identify the project manager responsible for expending the appropriation and the final product. The accomplishment plan must account for the use of the appropriation and outcomes of the expenditure in measures of wetlands, prairies, forests, and fish, game, and wildlife habitat restored, protected, and enhanced. The plan must include an evaluation of results. If lands are acquired by fee with money from the outdoor heritage fund, the accomplishment plan must include a hunting and fishing management plan for the lands acquired by fee. **No money appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund may be expended unless the council has approved the pertinent accomplishment plan.**

https://www.lsohc.mn.gov/FY2022/Accomp_Plans/index.html

LSOHC Oversight - Duties

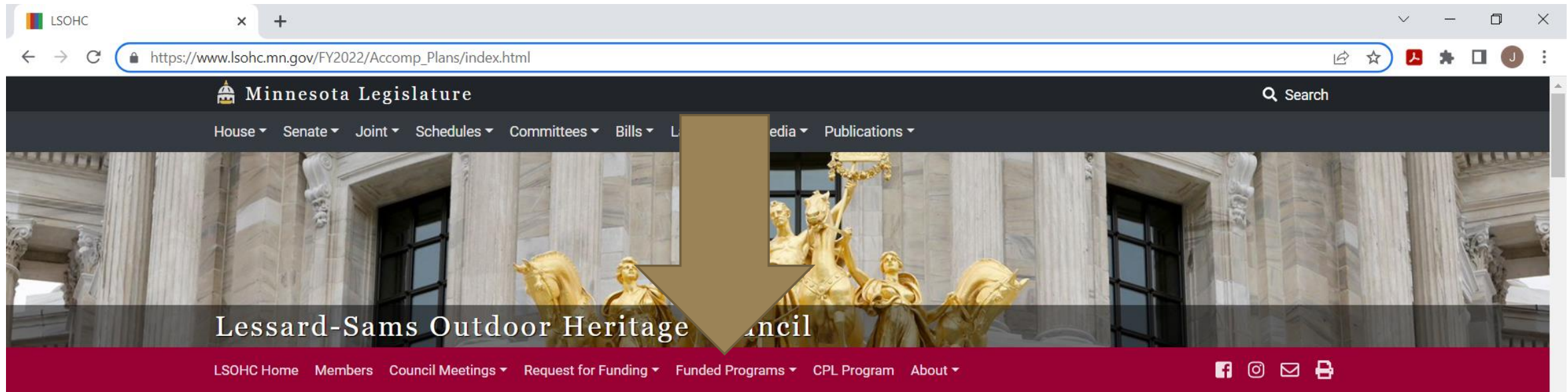
Accomplishment Plan

- Scope of work, outcomes, budget, parcel list (WWWWH)
- Amendments

Status Updates 2x Year

- Updates given to LSOHC throughout the year.

Real Property Annual Reports



FY2022 Final Appropriation Language and Accomplishment Plans

M.L. 2021, First Special Session, [Chapter 1](#), Article 1, Section 2

Subd. 2. Prairies

[2\(a\) DNR Wildlife Management Area and Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition, Phase XIII](#)

\$1,948,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire in fee and restore and enhance lands for wildlife management under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee for scientific and natural area purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

[2\(b\) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area Program, Phase XIII](#)

\$4,715,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement

Subd. 4. Wetlands

[4\(a\) Accelerating Waterfowl Production Area Acquisition Program, Phase XIII](#)

\$3,869,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Pheasants Forever, in cooperation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee and restore and enhance wetlands and grasslands to be designated and managed as waterfowl production areas in Minnesota. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

[4\(b\) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection and Restoration Program, Phase X](#)

\$4,581,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire land in fee for wildlife management under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8, and to restore and enhance prairie lands, wetlands, and land buffering shallow lakes. A list of proposed acquisitions must be

Non-State Government OHF Recipients

“\$xxx,xxx the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with...”

Subd. 6 – Administration – (a) Contract Management

DNR Grant Contract

- Follow state MMB requirements
- Approved in Accomplishment Plan?
- Reimbursement

Attachment E – OHF Land Acquisition Reporting Requirements

- <https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/assistance/grants/passthrough/attachment-e-ohf.pdf>

Administration/Fiscal AND Wildlife Habitat

97A. 056, Subd. 10. Restoration and enhancements evaluations.

The commissioner of natural resources and the Board of Water and Soil Resources must convene a **technical evaluation panel** comprised of five members, including one technical representative from the Board of Water and Soil Resources, one technical representative from the Department of Natural Resources, one technical expert from the University of Minnesota or the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, and two representatives with expertise in the project being evaluated. The board and the commissioner may add a technical representative from a unit of federal or local government. The members of the technical evaluation panel may not be associated with the restoration or enhancement, may vary depending upon the projects being reviewed, and shall avoid any potential conflicts of interest. Each year, the board and the commissioner may assign a coordinator to identify **habitat restoration or enhancement projects completed with outdoor heritage funding**. The coordinator shall secure the plans for the projects specified and direct the **technical evaluation panel to evaluate the restorations and enhancements relative to the law, current science, and the stated goals and standards in the project plan** and, when applicable, to the Board of Water and Soil Resources' native vegetation establishment and enhancement guidelines. The coordinator shall summarize the findings of the panel and provide a **report** to the chair of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council and the chairs of the respective house of representatives and senate policy and finance committees with jurisdiction over natural resources and spending from the outdoor heritage fund. **The report shall determine if the restorations and enhancements are meeting planned goals, any problems with the implementation of restorations and enhancements, and, if necessary, recommendations on improving restorations and enhancements.** The report shall be focused on improving future restorations and enhancements. At least one-tenth of one percent of forecasted receipts from the outdoor heritage fund must be used for restoration and enhancements evaluations under this section.

Questions?

