

2.1 \$4,412,000 the second year is to the
2.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
2.3 agreement with The Nature Conservancy, in
2.4 cooperation with the United States Fish and
2.5 Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee or
2.6 permanent conservation easements and restore
2.7 and enhance lands within the Northern
2.8 Tallgrass Prairie Habitat Preservation Area in
2.9 western Minnesota for addition to the Northern
2.10 Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge.
2.11 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota
2.12 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given
2.13 to acquiring lands that are eligible for the
2.14 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,
2.15 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected
2.16 native prairie.

2.17 **(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area**
2.18 **Program, Phase 16**

2.19 \$5,315,000 the second year is to the
2.20 commissioner of natural resources for an
2.21 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire
2.22 in fee and restore and enhance lands for
2.23 wildlife management area purposes under
2.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
2.25 subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation criteria
2.26 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
2.27 must be given to acquiring lands that are
2.28 eligible for the native prairie bank under
2.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
2.30 adjacent to protected native prairie.

2.31 **(c) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of**
2.32 **Southern Red River Valley, Phase 10**

2.33 \$3,794,000 the second year is to the
2.34 commissioner of natural resources for an
2.35 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in
2.36 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie

3.1 Chicken Society, to acquire land in fee and
3.2 restore and enhance lands within the southern
3.3 Red River Valley for wildlife management
3.4 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
3.5 86A.05, subdivision 8, or to be designated and
3.6 managed as waterfowl production areas in
3.7 Minnesota, in cooperation with the United
3.8 States Fish and Wildlife Service. Subject to
3.9 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part
3.10 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring
3.11 lands that are eligible for the native prairie
3.12 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96,
3.13 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.

3.14 **(d) Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition,**
3.15 **Phase 8**

3.16 \$2,589,000 the second year is to the
3.17 commissioner of natural resources for
3.18 agreements to acquire land in fee and to
3.19 restore and enhance strategic prairie grassland,
3.20 wetland, and other wildlife habitat within
3.21 Martin County for wildlife management area
3.22 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
3.23 86A.05, subdivision 8, as follows: \$1,921,000
3.24 to Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc.;
3.25 \$613,000 to Ducks Unlimited; and \$55,000 to
3.26 the Conservation Fund.

3.27 **(e) DNR Grassland Enhancement, Phase 16**

3.28 \$1,427,000 the second year is to the
3.29 commissioner of natural resources to
3.30 accelerate restoration and enhancement of
3.31 prairies, grasslands, and savannas in wildlife
3.32 management areas, in scientific and natural
3.33 areas, in aquatic management areas, on lands
3.34 in the native prairie bank, in bluff prairies on
3.35 state forest land in southeastern Minnesota,

4.1 and in waterfowl production areas and refuge
 4.2 lands of the United States Fish and Wildlife
 4.3 Service.

4.4 **(f) Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands, Phase**
 4.5 **7**

4.6 \$1,902,000 the second year is to the
 4.7 commissioner of natural resources for an
 4.8 agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance
 4.9 and restore grassland and wetland habitat on
 4.10 public lands within the forest prairie transition,
 4.11 metro urban, and prairie ecoregions of
 4.12 Minnesota.

4.13 **Subd. 3. Forests** -0- 32,164,000

4.14 **(a) Minnesota Heritage Forest - Transition to**
 4.15 **Public Ownership Program**

4.16 \$22,647,000 the second year is to the
 4.17 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
 4.18 priority forest habitat lands in fee as wildlife
 4.19 management areas, scientific and natural areas,
 4.20 state forests, and county forests. Of this
 4.21 amount, \$11,737,000 is for an agreement with
 4.22 Northern Waters Land Trust.

4.23 **(b) Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape Protection**
 4.24 **Program ACUB, Phase 12**

4.25 \$2,068,000 the second year is to the Board of
 4.26 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with
 4.27 the Morrison County Soil and Water
 4.28 Conservation District, to acquire permanent
 4.29 conservation easements and restore and
 4.30 enhance forest wildlife habitat within the
 4.31 boundaries of the Minnesota National Guard
 4.32 Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape and Army
 4.33 Compatible Use Buffer. Up to \$110,000 to the
 4.34 Board of Water and Soil Resources is to
 4.35 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund

5.1 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
5.2 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
5.3 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,
5.4 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.

5.5 A list of permanent conservation easements
5.6 must be provided as part of the final report.

5.7 **(c) Riparian Habitat Protection in Kettle and**
5.8 **Snake River Watersheds, Phase 2**

5.9 \$1,569,000 the second year is to the Board of
5.10 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with
5.11 the Pine County Soil and Water Conservation
5.12 District, to acquire permanent conservation
5.13 easements to protect high-quality forests,
5.14 wetlands, and shoreline within the Kettle and
5.15 Snake River watersheds. Up to \$150,000 to
5.16 the Board of Water and Soil Resources is to
5.17 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
5.18 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
5.19 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
5.20 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,
5.21 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.
5.22 A list of permanent conservation easements
5.23 must be provided as part of the final report.

5.24 **(d) DNR Forest Habitat Enhancement, Phase 4**

5.25 \$1,727,000 the second year is to the
5.26 commissioner of natural resources to restore
5.27 and enhance forest wildlife habitats on public
5.28 lands throughout Minnesota.

5.29 **(e) Young Forest Conservation, Phase 4**

5.30 \$2,229,000 the second year is to the
5.31 commissioner of natural resources for an
5.32 agreement with the American Bird
5.33 Conservancy to enhance publicly owned,
5.34 permanently protected forest lands for wildlife
5.35 management.

6.1 **(f) Floodplain and Upland Forest Enhancement**
 6.2 **- Mississippi River, Phase 5**

6.3 \$1,924,000 the second year is to the
 6.4 commissioner of natural resources for an
 6.5 agreement with the National Audubon Society
 6.6 to restore and enhance floodplain and upland
 6.7 forest habitat for wildlife on public lands along
 6.8 the Mississippi River and Mississippi River
 6.9 tributaries.

6.10 **Subd. 4. Wetlands** -0- 38,412,000

6.11 **(a) Wild-Rice Shoreland Protection, Phase 9**

6.12 \$2,042,000 the second year is to the Board of
 6.13 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
 6.14 permanent conservation easements on
 6.15 wild-rice lake shoreland habitat for native
 6.16 wild-rice bed protection. Of this amount, up
 6.17 to \$110,000 is for establishing a monitoring
 6.18 and enforcement fund as approved in the
 6.19 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
 6.20 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.
 6.21 Subdivision 8, paragraph (b), does not apply
 6.22 to this project. A list of permanent
 6.23 conservation easements must be provided as
 6.24 part of the final report.

6.25 **(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection and**
 6.26 **Restoration Program, Phase 13**

6.27 \$7,670,000 the second year is to the
 6.28 commissioner of natural resources for an
 6.29 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire
 6.30 land in fee for wildlife management purposes
 6.31 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 6.32 subdivision 8, or to be designated and
 6.33 managed as waterfowl production areas or
 6.34 national wildlife refuges in Minnesota, in
 6.35 cooperation with the United States Fish and

7.1 Wildlife Service, and to restore and enhance
7.2 prairie lands, wetlands, and land buffering
7.3 shallow lakes.

7.4 **(c) RIM Wetlands - Restoring Most Productive**
7.5 **Habitat in Minnesota, Phase 13**

7.6 \$3,202,000 the second year is to the Board of
7.7 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
7.8 permanent conservation easements and to
7.9 restore wetlands and native grassland habitat
7.10 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515.
7.11 Of this amount, up to \$50,000 is for
7.12 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
7.13 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
7.14 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
7.15 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,
7.16 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.
7.17 A list of permanent conservation easements
7.18 must be provided as part of the final report.

7.19 **(d) Accelerating Waterfowl Production Area**
7.20 **Acquisition Program, Phase 16**

7.21 \$7,020,000 the second year is to the
7.22 commissioner of natural resources for an
7.23 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in
7.24 cooperation with the United States Fish and
7.25 Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee and
7.26 restore and enhance wetlands and grasslands
7.27 to be designated and managed as waterfowl
7.28 production areas in Minnesota.

7.29 **(e) DNR Accelerated Shallow Lakes and**
7.30 **Wetland Enhancement, Phase 16**

7.31 \$3,809,000 the second year is to the
7.32 commissioner of natural resources to enhance
7.33 and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat
7.34 statewide.

8.1 **(f) Nelson Slough - East Park Wildlife**
8.2 **Management Area**

8.3 \$4,174,000 the second year is to the
8.4 commissioner of natural resources for an
8.5 agreement with the Middle-Snake-Tamarac
8.6 Rivers Watershed District to restore and
8.7 enhance wetland and upland wildlife habitat
8.8 on Nelson Slough and East Park Wildlife
8.9 Management Area in Marshall County,
8.10 Minnesota.

8.11 **(g) Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration**
8.12 **Program, Phase 9**

8.13 \$2,128,000 the second year is to the
8.14 commissioner of natural resources for an
8.15 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
8.16 restore and enhance prairie, wetland, and other
8.17 habitat on permanently protected conservation
8.18 easements in high-priority wetland habitat
8.19 complexes within the prairie, forest/prairie
8.20 transition, and forest ecoregions.

8.21 **(h) Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**
8.22 **Enhancement and Restoration Initiative, Phase**
8.23 **10**

8.24 \$7,867,000 the second year is to the
8.25 commissioner of natural resources for an
8.26 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to restore
8.27 and enhance shallow lakes and wetlands on
8.28 public lands and wetlands under permanent
8.29 conservation easement for wildlife
8.30 management.

8.31 **(i) Lake Alice Enhancement, Fergus Falls**

8.32 \$500,000 the second year is to the
8.33 commissioner of natural resources for an
8.34 agreement with the city of Fergus Falls to
8.35 enhance Lake Alice in Fergus Falls.

- 9.1 Subd. 5. Habitats -0- 101,294,000
- 9.2 **(a) St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and**
- 9.3 **Restoration, Phase 5**
- 9.4 \$4,711,000 the second year is to the
- 9.5 commissioner of natural resources for
- 9.6 agreements to acquire land in fee and acquire
- 9.7 permanent conservation easements and to
- 9.8 restore and enhance natural habitat systems in
- 9.9 the St. Croix River watershed as follows:
- 9.10 \$1,905,000 to Trust for Public Land; \$110,000
- 9.11 to Wild Rivers Conservancy; and \$2,696,000
- 9.12 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$224,000 to
- 9.13 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a
- 9.14 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
- 9.15 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
- 9.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
- 9.17 subdivision 17.
- 9.18 **(b) Pine and Leech Watershed Targeted RIM**
- 9.19 **Easement Permanent Land Protection, Phase 3**
- 9.20 \$2,242,000 the second year is to the Board of
- 9.21 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with
- 9.22 the Crow Wing County Soil and Water
- 9.23 Conservation District, to acquire permanent
- 9.24 conservation easements of high-quality forest,
- 9.25 wetland, and shoreline habitat. Up to \$120,000
- 9.26 of the total amount is for establishing a
- 9.27 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
- 9.28 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
- 9.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
- 9.30 subdivision 17. Subdivision 8, paragraph (b),
- 9.31 does not apply to this project. A list of
- 9.32 permanent conservation easements must be
- 9.33 provided as part of the final report.
- 9.34 **(c) Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding**
- 9.35 **Biological Significance, Phase 3**

10.1 \$3,321,000 the second year is to the
10.2 commissioner of natural resources for
10.3 agreements to acquire land in fee and
10.4 permanent conservation easements and to
10.5 restore and enhance lakes of outstanding
10.6 biological significance in northeast and
10.7 north-central Minnesota. Of this amount,
10.8 \$1,083,000 is to the Northern Waters Land
10.9 Trust and \$2,238,000 is to Minnesota Land
10.10 Trust. Up to \$224,000 to Minnesota Land
10.11 Trust is for establishing a monitoring and
10.12 enforcement fund as approved in the
10.13 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
10.14 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

10.15 **(d) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**
10.16 **Restoration Program, Phase 13**

10.17 \$2,060,000 the second year is to the
10.18 commissioner of natural resources for an
10.19 agreement with the Shell Rock River
10.20 Watershed District to acquire land in fee and
10.21 restore and enhance habitat in the Shell Rock
10.22 River watershed.

10.23 **(e) Cannon River Watershed Habitat**
10.24 **Restoration and Protection Program, Phase 13**

10.25 \$2,555,000 the second year is to the
10.26 commissioner of natural resources for
10.27 agreements to acquire lands in fee and restore
10.28 and enhance wildlife habitat in the Cannon
10.29 River watershed as follows: \$54,000 to Clean
10.30 River Partners; \$888,000 to Great River
10.31 Greening; and \$1,613,000 to Trust for Public
10.32 Land.

10.33 **(f) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor**
10.34 **Project, Phase 8**

11.1 \$2,706,000 the second year is to acquire lands
11.2 in fee and permanent conservation easements
11.3 and to restore wildlife habitat in the
11.4 Mississippi headwaters. Of this amount:

11.5 (1) \$1,706,000 is to the commissioner of
11.6 natural resources for agreements as follows:
11.7 \$57,000 to the Mississippi Headwaters Board
11.8 and \$1,649,000 to Trust for Public Land; and

11.9 (2) \$1,000,000 is to the Board of Water and
11.10 Soil Resources, of which up to \$100,000 is to
11.11 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
11.12 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
11.13 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
11.14 97A.056, subdivision 17.

11.15 **(g) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic**
11.16 **North Central Minnesota Lakes, Phase 10**

11.17 \$2,687,000 the second year is to the
11.18 commissioner of natural resources for
11.19 agreements to acquire land in fee and in
11.20 permanent conservation easements and to
11.21 restore and enhance wildlife habitat to sustain
11.22 healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes in
11.23 Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard
11.24 Counties as follows: \$2,252,000 to Northern
11.25 Waters Land Trust and \$435,000 to Minnesota
11.26 Land Trust. Up to \$56,000 to Minnesota Land
11.27 Trust is to establish a monitoring and
11.28 enforcement fund as approved in the
11.29 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
11.30 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

11.31 **(h) Red River Basin Riparian Habitat Program**

11.32 \$5,119,000 the second year is to acquire
11.33 permanent conservation easements to protect,
11.34 restore, and enhance stream and riparian
11.35 habitat throughout the Red River watershed.

- 12.1 Of this amount, \$169,000 is to the
12.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
12.3 agreement with the Red River Watershed
12.4 Management Board and \$4,950,000 is to the
12.5 Board of Water and Soil Resources. Up to
12.6 \$380,000 of the total amount is for
12.7 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
12.8 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
12.9 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
12.10 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,
12.11 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.
12.12 A list of permanent conservation easements
12.13 must be provided as part of the final report.
- 12.14 **(i) Resilient Habitat for Heritage Brook Trout,**
12.15 **Phase 2**
- 12.16 \$2,486,000 the second year is to the
12.17 commissioner of natural resources for
12.18 agreements to acquire permanent conservation
12.19 easements and to restore and enhance habitat
12.20 in targeted watersheds of southeast Minnesota
12.21 to improve heritage brook trout and coldwater
12.22 aquatic communities. Of this amount,
12.23 \$400,000 is to The Nature Conservancy,
12.24 \$612,000 is to Trout Unlimited, and
12.25 \$1,474,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to
12.26 \$168,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to
12.27 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
12.28 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
12.29 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
12.30 97A.056, subdivision 17.
- 12.31 **(j) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**
12.32 **Restoration, Phase 12**
- 12.33 \$3,052,000 the second year is to the
12.34 commissioner of natural resources for
12.35 agreements to acquire lands in fee and
12.36 permanent conservation easements and to

13.1 restore and enhance wildlife habitat on public
13.2 lands and permanent conservation easements
13.3 in southeast Minnesota as follows: \$970,000
13.4 to The Nature Conservancy, \$964,000 to Trust
13.5 for Public Land, and \$1,118,000 to Minnesota
13.6 Land Trust. Up to \$112,000 to Minnesota
13.7 Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and
13.8 enforcement fund as approved in the
13.9 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
13.10 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

13.11 **(k) Lower Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat**
13.12 **Restoration, Phase 4**

13.13 \$2,345,000 the second year is to acquire land
13.14 in permanent conservation easement and to
13.15 restore river and related habitat in the Wild
13.16 Rice River corridor. Of this amount, \$30,000
13.17 is to the commissioner of natural resources for
13.18 an agreement with the Wild Rice Watershed
13.19 District and \$2,315,000 is to the Board of
13.20 Water and Soil Resources. The Board of Water
13.21 and Soil Resources may use up to \$60,000 for
13.22 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
13.23 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
13.24 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
13.25 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subdivision 8,
13.26 paragraph (b), does not apply to this project.
13.27 A list of permanent conservation easements
13.28 must be provided as part of the final report.

13.29 **(l) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**
13.30 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition, Phase**
13.31 **16**

13.32 \$1,359,000 the second year is to the
13.33 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
13.34 in fee and restore and enhance lands for
13.35 wildlife management purposes under
13.36 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,

14.1 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee for
14.2 scientific and natural area purposes under
14.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
14.4 subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria
14.5 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
14.6 must be given to acquiring lands that are
14.7 eligible for the native prairie bank under
14.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
14.9 adjacent to protected native prairie.

14.10 **(m) Accelerating Habitat Conservation in**
14.11 **Southwest Minnesota, Phase 3**

14.12 \$2,872,000 the second year is to the
14.13 commissioner of natural resources for an
14.14 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
14.15 acquire permanent conservation easements
14.16 and to restore and enhance high-quality
14.17 wildlife habitat in southwest Minnesota. Of
14.18 this amount, up to \$168,000 is to establish a
14.19 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
14.20 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
14.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
14.22 subdivision 17.

14.23 **(n) Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection**
14.24 **and Restoration, Phase 5**

14.25 \$3,965,000 the second year is to the
14.26 commissioner of natural resources for
14.27 agreements to acquire lands in fee and
14.28 permanent conservation easements and restore
14.29 and enhance wildlife habitat in the Sauk River
14.30 watershed as follows: \$375,000 to Great River
14.31 Greening; \$1,199,000 to Sauk River
14.32 Watershed District; \$1,192,000 to Pheasants
14.33 Forever; and \$1,199,000 to Minnesota Land
14.34 Trust. Up to \$168,000 to Minnesota Land
14.35 Trust is to establish a monitoring and
14.36 enforcement fund as approved in the

15.1 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
15.2 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

15.3 **(o) Metro Big Rivers, Phase 14**

15.4 \$8,123,000 the second year is to the
15.5 commissioner of natural resources for
15.6 agreements to acquire land in fee and
15.7 permanent conservation easements and to
15.8 restore and enhance natural habitat systems
15.9 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
15.10 and St. Croix Rivers and their tributaries
15.11 within the metropolitan area as follows:
15.12 \$1,250,000 to Minnesota Valley National
15.13 Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$420,000 to
15.14 Friends of the Mississippi River; \$803,000 to
15.15 Great River Greening; \$2,750,000 to Trust for
15.16 Public Land; and \$2,900,000 to Minnesota
15.17 Land Trust. Up to \$224,000 to Minnesota
15.18 Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and
15.19 enforcement fund as approved in the
15.20 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
15.21 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

15.22 **(p) Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation,**
15.23 **Phase 9**

15.24 \$1,802,000 the second year is to the
15.25 commissioner of natural resources for
15.26 agreements to restore and enhance wildlife
15.27 habitat on public lands and easements in the
15.28 Anoka Sand Plain ecoregion and intersecting
15.29 minor watersheds as follows: \$1,508,000 to
15.30 Great River Greening and \$294,000 to
15.31 Sherburne County.

15.32 **(q) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and**
15.33 **Enhancement, Phase 7**

15.34 \$4,206,000 the second year is to the
15.35 commissioner of natural resources to restore

16.1 and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded
16.2 streams and aquatic management areas and to
16.3 facilitate fish passage.

16.4 **(r) Minnesota Statewide Trout Habitat**
16.5 **Enhancement**

16.6 \$2,308,000 the second year is to the
16.7 commissioner of natural resources for an
16.8 agreement with Trout Unlimited to restore and
16.9 enhance habitat for trout and other species in
16.10 and along coldwater rivers, lakes, and streams
16.11 throughout Minnesota.

16.12 **(s) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation, Phase 7**

16.13 \$1,572,000 the second year is to the
16.14 commissioner of natural resources for an
16.15 agreement with the Arrowhead Regional
16.16 Development Commission, in cooperation
16.17 with the Lake Superior Steelhead Association,
16.18 to restore and enhance trout habitat in the
16.19 Knife River watershed.

16.20 **(t) DNR St. Louis River Restoration Initiative,**
16.21 **Phase 11**

16.22 \$2,163,000 the second year is to the
16.23 commissioner of natural resources to restore
16.24 and enhance priority aquatic, riparian, and
16.25 forest habitats in the St. Louis River estuary.
16.26 Of this amount, \$716,000 is for an agreement
16.27 with Minnesota Land Trust.

16.28 **(u) Roseau Lake Rehabilitation, Phase 2**

16.29 \$3,054,000 the second year is to the
16.30 commissioner of natural resources for an
16.31 agreement with the Roseau River Watershed
16.32 District to restore and enhance the Roseau
16.33 Lake and Roseau River habitat complex in
16.34 Roseau County, Minnesota.

17.1 **(v) Highbanks Ravine Bat Hibernaculum**

17.2 \$2,300,000 the second year is to the
17.3 commissioner of natural resources for an
17.4 agreement with the city of St. Cloud to
17.5 enhance the Highbanks Ravine Bat
17.6 Hibernaculum in St. Cloud.

17.7 **(w) Owámmiyomni Native Landscape and River**
17.8 **Restoration, St. Anthony Falls**

17.9 \$1,918,000 the second year is to the
17.10 commissioner of natural resources for an
17.11 agreement with Friends of the Falls to restore
17.12 and enhance wildlife habitat at Upper St.
17.13 Anthony Falls. This appropriation may only
17.14 be spent for site grading, oak savanna, and
17.15 aquatic habitat portions of the project.

17.16 **(x) Silver Lake Dam Fish Passage Modification**

17.17 \$2,368,000 the second year is to the
17.18 commissioner of natural resources for an
17.19 agreement with the city of Rochester to restore
17.20 and enhance aquatic habitat in Silver Lake and
17.21 the south fork of the Zumbro River by
17.22 modifying the existing low-head dam in
17.23 Rochester.

17.24 **(y) Little Devil Track River Restoration**

17.25 \$3,000,000 the second year is to the
17.26 commissioner of natural resources for an
17.27 agreement with Cook County to restore and
17.28 enhance stream habitat in the Little Devil
17.29 Track River.

17.30 **(z) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**
17.31 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat, Phase**
17.32 **16**

17.33 \$15,000,000 the second year is to the
17.34 commissioner of natural resources for a

18.1 program to provide competitive matching
18.2 grants of up to \$500,000 to local, regional,
18.3 state, and national organizations for enhancing,
18.4 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,
18.5 prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife
18.6 in Minnesota. Unless there are not enough
18.7 eligible grant applications received, of this
18.8 amount, at least \$4,000,000 is for grants in the
18.9 seven-county metropolitan area and cities with
18.10 a population of 50,000 or more and at least
18.11 \$4,000,000 is for grants to applicants that have
18.12 not previously applied for money from the
18.13 outdoor heritage fund. Grants must not be
18.14 made for activities required to fulfill the duties
18.15 of owners of lands subject to conservation
18.16 easements. Grants must not be made from the
18.17 appropriation in this paragraph for projects
18.18 that have a total project cost exceeding
18.19 \$1,000,000. Of the total appropriation,
18.20 \$600,000 may be spent for personnel costs,
18.21 outreach, and support to first-time applicants
18.22 and other direct and necessary administrative
18.23 costs. Grantees may acquire land or interests
18.24 in land. Easements must be permanent. Grants
18.25 may not be used to establish easement
18.26 stewardship accounts. The program must
18.27 require a match of at least ten percent from
18.28 nonstate sources for all grants. The match may
18.29 be cash or in-kind. For grant applications of
18.30 \$25,000 or less, the commissioner must
18.31 provide a separate, simplified application
18.32 process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the
18.33 commissioner of natural resources must, when
18.34 evaluating projects of equal value, give
18.35 priority to organizations that have a history of
18.36 receiving, or a charter to receive, private

19.1 contributions for local conservation or habitat
19.2 projects. All restoration or enhancement
19.3 projects must be on land permanently
19.4 protected by a permanent covenant ensuring
19.5 perpetual maintenance and protection of
19.6 restored and enhanced habitat, by a
19.7 conservation easement, or by public ownership
19.8 or in public waters as defined in Minnesota
19.9 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 15.
19.10 Priority must be given to restoration and
19.11 enhancement projects on public lands.
19.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
19.13 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded
19.14 under this paragraph. This appropriation is
19.15 available until June 30, 2027. No less than five
19.16 percent of the amount of each grant must be
19.17 held back from reimbursement until the grant
19.18 recipient completes a grant accomplishment
19.19 report by the deadline and in the form
19.20 prescribed by and satisfactory to the
19.21 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The
19.22 commissioner must provide notice of the grant
19.23 program in the summary of game and fish law
19.24 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section
19.25 97A.051, subdivision 2.

19.26 **(aa) Protecting Upper Mississippi River from**
19.27 **Invasive Carp**

19.28 \$12,000,000 the second year is to the
19.29 commissioner of natural resources to fund
19.30 activities to protect the Upper Mississippi
19.31 River from invasive carp. Primary activities
19.32 within this appropriation to include agreements
19.33 with federal partners, such as the U.S. Fish &
19.34 Wildlife Service, to complete a site-specific
19.35 evaluation of deterrent effectiveness and
19.36 feasibility and to design, construct, and begin

20.1 the operation and maintenance of a structural
 20.2 deterrent for invasive carp at Lock and Dam
 20.3 No. 5 on the Mississippi River to protect
 20.4 Minnesota's aquatic habitat through an
 20.5 adaptive management approach. Funds may
 20.6 be used to supplement invasive carp tagging,
 20.7 tracking, netting, and commercial capture
 20.8 activities as well as testing technologies to
 20.9 support the future effectiveness of a deterrent
 20.10 within the Mississippi River. A detailed
 20.11 accomplishment plan must be submitted to
 20.12 and approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor
 20.13 Heritage Council prior to release of funds.
 20.14 This appropriation is available until June 30,
 20.15 2029.

20.16 **Subd. 6. Administration** -0- 1,402,000

20.17 **(a) Contract Management**

20.18 \$350,000 the second year is to the
 20.19 commissioner of natural resources for contract
 20.20 management duties assigned in this section.
 20.21 The commissioner must provide an
 20.22 accomplishment plan in the form specified by
 20.23 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
 20.24 on expending this appropriation. The
 20.25 accomplishment plan must include a copy of
 20.26 the grant contract template and reimbursement
 20.27 manual. No money may be expended before
 20.28 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
 20.29 approves the accomplishment plan. Money
 20.30 appropriated in this paragraph is available until
 20.31 June 30, 2026.

20.32 **(b) Technical Evaluation Panel**

20.33 \$160,000 the second year is to the
 20.34 commissioner of natural resources for a
 20.35 technical evaluation panel to conduct up to 25

21.1 restoration and enhancement evaluations under
21.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
21.3 subdivision 10. Money appropriated in this
21.4 paragraph is available until June 30, 2026.

21.5 **(c) Core Functions in Partner-led OHF Land**
21.6 **Acquisitions**

21.7 \$892,000 the second year is to the
21.8 commissioner of natural resources for
21.9 administering the initial development,
21.10 restoration, and enhancement of land acquired
21.11 in fee with money appropriated from the
21.12 outdoor heritage fund. This appropriation may
21.13 be used for land acquisition costs incurred by
21.14 the department in conveying parcels to the
21.15 department and for initial development
21.16 activities on fee title acquisitions. Money
21.17 appropriated in this paragraph is available until
21.18 June 30, 2032.

21.19 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**

21.20 (a) Money appropriated in this section may
21.21 not be spent on activities unless they are
21.22 directly related to and necessary for a specific
21.23 appropriation and are specified in the
21.24 accomplishment plan approved by the
21.25 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
21.26 Money appropriated in this section must not
21.27 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional
21.28 overhead charges that are not directly related
21.29 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.
21.30 Money appropriated for fee title acquisition
21.31 of land may be used to restore, enhance, and
21.32 provide for public use of the land acquired
21.33 with the appropriation. Public-use facilities
21.34 must have a minimal impact on habitat in
21.35 acquired lands.

22.1 (b) Money appropriated in this section is
22.2 available as follows:

22.3 (1) money appropriated for acquiring real
22.4 property is available until June 30, 2028;

22.5 (2) money appropriated for restoring and
22.6 enhancing land acquired with an appropriation
22.7 in this section is available for four years after
22.8 the acquisition date with a maximum end date
22.9 of June 30, 2032;

22.10 (3) money appropriated for restoring or
22.11 enhancing other land is available until June
22.12 30, 2029;

22.13 (4) notwithstanding clauses (1) to (3), money
22.14 appropriated for a project that receives at least
22.15 15 percent of its funding from federal funds
22.16 is available until a date sufficient to match the
22.17 availability of federal funding to a maximum
22.18 of six years if the federal funding was
22.19 confirmed and included in the original
22.20 approved draft accomplishment plan; and

22.21 (5) money appropriated for other projects is
22.22 available until the end of the fiscal year in
22.23 which it is appropriated.

22.24 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**
22.25 **Equipment Expenditures**

22.26 (a) All agreements referred to in this section
22.27 must be administered on a reimbursement
22.28 basis unless otherwise provided in this section.
22.29 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
22.30 16A.41, expenditures directly related to each
22.31 appropriation's purpose made on or after July
22.32 1, 2024, or the date of accomplishment plan
22.33 approval, whichever is later, are eligible for
22.34 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in

23.1 this section. For the purposes of administering
23.2 appropriations and legislatively authorized
23.3 agreements paid out of the outdoor heritage
23.4 fund, an expense must be considered
23.5 reimbursable by the administering agency
23.6 when the recipient presents the agency with
23.7 an invoice or binding agreement with a
23.8 landowner and the recipient attests that the
23.9 goods have been received or the landowner
23.10 agreement is binding. Periodic reimbursement
23.11 must be made upon receiving documentation
23.12 that the items articulated in the
23.13 accomplishment plan approved by the
23.14 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council have
23.15 been achieved, including partial achievements
23.16 as evidenced by progress reports approved by
23.17 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
23.18 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to
23.19 projects to accommodate cash-flow needs,
23.20 support future management of acquired lands,
23.21 or match a federal share. The advances must
23.22 be approved as part of the accomplishment
23.23 plan. Capital equipment expenditures for
23.24 specific items in excess of \$10,000 must be
23.25 itemized in and approved as part of the
23.26 accomplishment plan.

23.27 (b) Unless otherwise provided, no money
23.28 appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund
23.29 in this article may be used to acquire, restore,
23.30 or enhance any real property unless the
23.31 specific acquisition, restoration, or
23.32 enhancement is approved as part of the
23.33 accomplishment plan on the parcel list.

24.1 **Subd. 9. Mapping**

24.2 Each direct recipient of money appropriated
24.3 in this section, as well as each recipient of a
24.4 grant awarded pursuant to this section, must
24.5 provide geographic information to the
24.6 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for
24.7 mapping of any lands acquired in fee with
24.8 funds appropriated in this section and open to
24.9 public taking of fish and game. The
24.10 commissioner of natural resources must
24.11 include the lands acquired in fee with money
24.12 appropriated in this section on maps showing
24.13 public recreation opportunities. Maps must
24.14 include information on and acknowledgment
24.15 of the outdoor heritage fund, including a
24.16 notation of any restrictions.

24.17 **Subd. 10. Carryforward**

24.18 (a) The availability of the following
24.19 appropriations is extended to June 30, 2025:
24.20 (1) Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter
24.21 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, paragraph
24.22 (f), Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat
24.23 Enhancement and Restoration - Phase XI; and
24.24 (2) Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter
24.25 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, paragraph
24.26 (j), Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat
24.27 Restoration Program - Phase VIII.
24.28 (b) The availability of the appropriation in
24.29 Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 2,
24.30 article 1, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph
24.31 (g), Big Rice Lake Wild Rice Enhancement,
24.32 is extended to June 30, 2026.

24.33 (c) The availability of the appropriation in
24.34 Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 2,

26.1 specified in this article, fiscal year 2024
 26.2 appropriations are available until June 30,
 26.3 2025, and fiscal year 2025 appropriations are
 26.4 available until June 30, 2026. If a project
 26.5 receives federal funds, the period of the
 26.6 appropriation is extended to equal the
 26.7 availability of federal funding.

26.8 **Subd. 3. Disability Access**

26.9 Where appropriate, grant recipients of clean
 26.10 water funds, in consultation with the Council
 26.11 on Disability and other appropriate
 26.12 governor-appointed disability councils, boards,
 26.13 committees, and commissions, should make
 26.14 progress toward providing people with
 26.15 disabilities greater access to programs, print
 26.16 publications, and digital media related to the
 26.17 programs the recipient funds using
 26.18 appropriations made in this article.

26.19 **Subd. 4. Increasing Diversity in Environmental**
 26.20 **Careers**

26.21 Agencies should work to provide opportunities
 26.22 that encourage a diversity of students to pursue
 26.23 careers in environment and natural resources
 26.24 when implementing appropriations in this
 26.25 article.

26.26 **Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE** **\$** **-0-** **\$** **4,402,000**

26.27 (a) \$1,000,000 the second year is for
 26.28 monitoring and evaluating trends in the
 26.29 concentration of nitrate in groundwater;
 26.30 promoting, developing, and evaluating
 26.31 regional and crop-specific nutrient best
 26.32 management practices, cover crops, and other
 26.33 vegetative cover; assessing adoption of best
 26.34 management practices and other recommended
 26.35 practices; education and technical support

27.1 from University of Minnesota Extension;
 27.2 grants to support agricultural demonstration
 27.3 and implementation activities, including
 27.4 research activities at the Rosholt Research
 27.5 Farm; and other actions to protect groundwater
 27.6 from degradation from nitrate. This
 27.7 appropriation is added to the appropriation in
 27.8 Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 2, section 3,
 27.9 paragraph (b), and is available until June 30,
 27.10 2028.

27.11 (b) \$3,402,000 the second year is for the
 27.12 agriculture best management practices loan
 27.13 program for loans for water quality-related
 27.14 projects. Of this amount, \$3,000,000 is for
 27.15 projects in southeast Minnesota. Any
 27.16 unencumbered balance at the end of the second
 27.17 year must be added to the corpus of the loan
 27.18 fund. This appropriation is added to the
 27.19 appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 40, article
 27.20 2, section 3, paragraph (c).

27.21 **Sec. 4. POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY \$ -0- \$ 5,326,000**

27.22 (a) \$326,000 the second year is for completing
 27.23 needed statewide assessments of surface water
 27.24 quality and trends according to Minnesota
 27.25 Statutes, chapter 114D. This appropriation is
 27.26 added to the appropriation in Laws 2023,
 27.27 chapter 40, article 2, section 4, paragraph (a).

27.28 (b) \$2,000,000 the second year is for
 27.29 enhancing the county-level delivery systems
 27.30 for subsurface sewage treatment system
 27.31 (SSTS) activities necessary to implement
 27.32 Minnesota Statutes, sections 115.55 and
 27.33 115.56, for protecting groundwater. This
 27.34 appropriation is added to the appropriation in
 27.35 Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 2, section 4,

28.1 paragraph (f). Notwithstanding Minnesota
 28.2 Statutes, section 16A.28, the appropriations
 28.3 in this paragraph are available until June 30,
 28.4 2028.

28.5 (c) \$1,000,000 the second year is for activities
 28.6 and grants that reduce chloride pollution. This
 28.7 appropriation is added to the appropriation in
 28.8 Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 2, section 4,
 28.9 paragraph (g).

28.10 (d) \$2,000,000 the second year is to purchase
 28.11 and install nitrate sensors to develop a
 28.12 continuous nitrate-monitoring network to
 28.13 monitor watershed and basin pour points
 28.14 where elevated loads of nitrate have been
 28.15 measured historically.

28.16 **Sec. 5. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL**
 28.17 **RESOURCES**

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| <u>\$</u> | <u>-0-</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>90,000</u> |
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28.18 \$90,000 the second year is for assessing
 28.19 mercury and other fish contaminants,
 28.20 including PFAS compounds, and monitoring
 28.21 to track the status of impaired waters over
 28.22 time. This appropriation is added to the
 28.23 appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 40, article
 28.24 2, section 5, paragraph (c).

28.25 **Sec. 6. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL**
 28.26 **RESOURCES**

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| <u>\$</u> | <u>-0-</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>11,434,000</u> |
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28.27 (a) \$4,434,000 the second year is for a
 28.28 working lands floodplain program and to
 28.29 purchase, restore, or preserve riparian land
 28.30 and floodplains adjacent to lakes, rivers,
 28.31 streams, and tributaries, by conservation
 28.32 easements or contracts to keep water on the
 28.33 land, to decrease sediment, pollutant, and
 28.34 nutrient transport; reduce hydrologic impacts
 28.35 to surface waters; and increase protection and

29.1 recharge for groundwater. Up to \$225,000 is
29.2 for deposit in a conservation easement
29.3 stewardship account established according to
29.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.103. This
29.5 appropriation is added to the appropriation in
29.6 Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 2, section 6,
29.7 paragraph (f).

29.8 (b) \$4,000,000 the second year is to purchase
29.9 permanent conservation easements to protect
29.10 lands adjacent to public waters that have good
29.11 water quality but that are threatened with
29.12 degradation. Up to \$160,000 is for deposit in
29.13 a conservation easement stewardship account
29.14 established according to Minnesota Statutes,
29.15 section 103B.103. This appropriation is added
29.16 to the appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 40,
29.17 article 2, section 6, paragraph (k).

29.18 (c) \$2,000,000 the second year is for
29.19 developing and implementing a water legacy
29.20 grant program to expand partnerships for clean
29.21 water. Of this amount, \$500,000 is for grants
29.22 to watershed districts to reduce the costs to
29.23 landowners for green infrastructure projects
29.24 including rain gardens, permeable pavement,
29.25 rainwater harvesting and reuse, and other clean
29.26 water practices. Priority must be given to
29.27 projects in low-income and high-pollution
29.28 areas. Watershed districts may partner with
29.29 local community groups, nonprofit
29.30 organizations, and other interested parties to
29.31 perform the work and provide outreach to
29.32 communities. This appropriation is added to
29.33 the appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 40,
29.34 article 2, section 6, paragraph (m).

30.1 (d) \$1,000,000 the second year is to provide
 30.2 support to soil and water conservation districts
 30.3 and other local governments and partner
 30.4 organizations in the Lake Superior basin to
 30.5 leverage Great Lakes Restoration Initiative or
 30.6 other federal Great Lakes funding to
 30.7 implement prioritized activities.

30.8 (e) The board must require grantees to specify
 30.9 the outcomes that will be achieved by the
 30.10 grants.

30.11 (f) The appropriations in this section are
 30.12 available until June 30, 2028, except grant or
 30.13 easement funds are available for five years
 30.14 after the date a grant or other agreement is
 30.15 executed. Returned grant funds must be
 30.16 regranted consistent with the purposes of this
 30.17 section.

30.18 **Sec. 7. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH \$ -0- \$ 3,174,000**

30.19 (a) \$384,000 the second year is for developing
 30.20 health risk limits for contaminants found or
 30.21 anticipated to be found in Minnesota drinking
 30.22 water, to certify private laboratories to conduct
 30.23 analyses for these contaminants, and to
 30.24 increase the capacity of the department's
 30.25 laboratory to analyze for these contaminants.
 30.26 This appropriation is added to the
 30.27 appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 40, article
 30.28 2, section 7, paragraph (a).

30.29 (b) \$2,790,000 the second year is for
 30.30 managing a voluntary program in Dodge,
 30.31 Fillmore, Goodhue, Houston, Mower,
 30.32 Olmsted, Wabasha and Winona Counties to
 30.33 conduct an inventory of private wells, provide
 30.34 testing for nitrates, develop education and

31.1 outreach for private well owners and users,
 31.2 and develop a dashboard to communicate
 31.3 testing results and report on progress.

31.4 (c) Unless otherwise specified, the
 31.5 appropriations in this section are available
 31.6 until June 30, 2027.

31.7 **Sec. 8. UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA \$ -0- \$ 1,000,000**

31.8 \$1,000,000 the second year is for a program
 31.9 to evaluate performance and technology
 31.10 transfer for stormwater best management
 31.11 practices, to evaluate best management
 31.12 performance and effectiveness to support
 31.13 meeting total maximum daily loads, to develop
 31.14 standards and incorporate state-of-the-art
 31.15 guidance using minimal impact design
 31.16 standards as the model, and to implement a
 31.17 system to transfer knowledge and technology
 31.18 across local government, industry, and
 31.19 regulatory sectors. This appropriation is added
 31.20 to the appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 40,
 31.21 article 2, section 9, paragraph (b), and is
 31.22 available until June 30, 2030.

31.23 **ARTICLE 3**

31.24 **PARKS AND TRAILS FUND**

31.25 Section 1. Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 3, section 2, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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| 31.26 | | | | <u>64,455,000</u> |
| 31.27 | Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation | \$ | 72,155,000 | \$ <u>73,563,000</u> |

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

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

31.31 Sec. 2. Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 3, section 3, is amended to read:

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| 31.32 | Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL | | | <u>38,931,000</u> |
| 31.33 | RESOURCES | \$ | 43,580,000 | \$ <u>44,396,000</u> |

32.1 (a) \$28,572,000 the first year and ~~\$25,524,000~~
32.2 \$29,167,000 the second year are for state
32.3 parks, recreation areas, and trails to:
32.4 (1) connect people to the outdoors;
32.5 (2) acquire land and create opportunities;
32.6 (3) maintain existing holdings; and
32.7 (4) improve cooperation by coordinating with
32.8 partners to implement the 25-year long-range
32.9 parks and trails legacy plan.

32.10 (b) The commissioner may spend money
32.11 appropriated under paragraph (a) on I Can!
32.12 programs, including but not limited to
32.13 programs designed to provide underserved
32.14 youth and youth who identify as lesbian, gay,
32.15 bisexual, transgender, and queer the
32.16 opportunity to experience the outdoors with
32.17 similar peers.

32.18 (c) \$14,286,000 the first year and ~~\$12,762,000~~
32.19 \$14,584,000 the second year are for grants for
32.20 parks and trails of regional significance
32.21 outside the seven-county metropolitan area
32.22 under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.535. The
32.23 grants awarded under this paragraph must be
32.24 based on the lists of recommended projects
32.25 submitted to the legislative committees under
32.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536,
32.27 subdivision 10, from the Greater Minnesota
32.28 Regional Parks and Trails Commission
32.29 established under Minnesota Statutes, section
32.30 85.536. Grants funded under this paragraph
32.31 must support parks and trails of regional or
32.32 statewide significance that meet the applicable
32.33 definitions and criteria for regional parks and
32.34 trails contained in the *Greater Minnesota*

33.1 *Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan*
33.2 adopted by the Greater Minnesota Regional
33.3 Parks and Trails Commission on ~~April 22,~~
33.4 ~~2015~~March 24, 2021. Grant recipients
33.5 identified under this paragraph must submit a
33.6 grant application to the commissioner of
33.7 natural resources. Up to 2.5 percent of the
33.8 appropriation may be used by the
33.9 commissioner for the actual cost of issuing
33.10 and monitoring the grants for the commission.
33.11 Of the amount appropriated, \$475,000 the first
33.12 year and \$475,000 the second year are for the
33.13 Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
33.14 Commission to carry out its duties under
33.15 Minnesota Statutes, section 85.536, including
33.16 the continued development of a statewide
33.17 system plan for regional parks and trails
33.18 outside the seven-county metropolitan area.

33.19 (d) By January 15, 2024, the Greater
33.20 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
33.21 Commission must submit a list of projects that
33.22 contains the commission's recommendations
33.23 for funding from the parks and trails fund for
33.24 fiscal year 2025 to the chairs and ranking
33.25 minority members of the legislative
33.26 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
33.27 over environment and natural resources and
33.28 the parks and trails fund.

33.29 (e) By January 15, 2024, the Greater
33.30 Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails
33.31 Commission must submit a report that contains
33.32 the commission's criteria for funding from the
33.33 parks and trails fund, including the criteria
33.34 used to determine if a park or trail is of
33.35 regional significance, to the chairs and ranking

34.1 minority members of the legislative
 34.2 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
 34.3 over environment and natural resources and
 34.4 the parks and trails fund.

34.5 (f) \$722,000 the first year and \$645,000 the
 34.6 second year are for coordination and projects
 34.7 between the department, the Metropolitan
 34.8 Council, and the Greater Minnesota Regional
 34.9 Parks and Trails Commission; enhanced
 34.10 web-based information for park and trail users;
 34.11 and support of activities of the Parks and
 34.12 Trails Legacy Advisory Committee.

34.13 (g) The commissioner must contract for
 34.14 services with Conservation Corps Minnesota
 34.15 for restoration, maintenance, and other
 34.16 activities under this section for at least
 34.17 \$850,000 the first year and \$850,000 the
 34.18 second year.

34.19 (h) Grant recipients of an appropriation under
 34.20 this section must give consideration to
 34.21 contracting with Conservation Corps
 34.22 Minnesota for restoration, maintenance, and
 34.23 other activities.

34.24 (i) In addition to the requirements under
 34.25 paragraph (g), the commissioner should work
 34.26 to provide other opportunities that encourage
 34.27 a diversity of students to pursue careers in
 34.28 environment and natural resources when
 34.29 implementing appropriations in this section.

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

34.31 Sec. 3. Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 3, section 4, is amended to read:

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| 34.32 | | | | 25,524,000 |
| 34.33 | Sec. 4. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL | \$ | 28,572,000 | \$ <u>29,167,000</u> |

35.1 (a) \$28,572,000 the first year and ~~\$25,524,000~~
35.2 \$28,735,000 the second year are for
35.3 distribution according to Minnesota Statutes,
35.4 section 85.53, subdivision 3.

35.5 (b) Money appropriated under ~~this section~~
35.6 paragraph (a) and distributed to implementing
35.7 agencies must be used only to fund the list of
35.8 projects approved by the elected
35.9 representatives of each of the metropolitan
35.10 parks implementing agencies. Projects funded
35.11 by the money appropriated under this section
35.12 must be substantially consistent with the
35.13 project descriptions and dollar amounts
35.14 approved by each elected body. Any money
35.15 remaining after completing the listed projects
35.16 may be spent by the implementing agencies
35.17 on projects to support parks and trails.

35.18 (c) \$182,000 the second year is for competitive
35.19 grants to implementing agencies to provide
35.20 free or reduced-cost equipment and facility
35.21 rentals to youth and low-income users,
35.22 including but not limited to watercraft, skis,
35.23 bikes, golf clubs and green fees.

35.24 (d) \$250,000 the second year is for
35.25 competitive grants to implementing agencies
35.26 for predesign, design, construction, and
35.27 improvement of fishing piers within the
35.28 metropolitan regional parks and trails system.

35.29 ~~(e)~~ (e) Grant agreements entered into by the
35.30 Metropolitan Council and recipients of money
35.31 appropriated under this section must ensure
35.32 that the money is used to supplement and not
35.33 substitute for traditional sources of funding.

36.1 ~~(d)~~ (f) The implementing agencies receiving
 36.2 appropriations under this section must give
 36.3 consideration to contracting with Conservation
 36.4 Corps Minnesota for restoration, maintenance,
 36.5 and other activities.

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

36.7 **Sec. 4. PARKS AND TRAILS FUND APPROPRIATION EXTENSIONS.**

36.8 Subdivision 1. **Bluffs Traverse Trail; city of Winona.** The availability of the grant to
 36.9 the city of Winona for the Bluffs Traverse Trail project from the parks and trails fund
 36.10 appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3, paragraph
 36.11 (b), is extended to June 30, 2026.

36.12 Subd. 2. **Jay C. Hormel Nature Center; city of Austin.** The availability of the grant
 36.13 to the city of Austin for the Jay C. Hormel Nature Center project from the parks and trails
 36.14 fund appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3,
 36.15 paragraph (b), is extended to June 30, 2027.

36.16 Subd. 3. **Hole in the Mountain Park; Lincoln County.** The availability of the grant to
 36.17 Lincoln County for the Hole in the Mountain Park project from the parks and trails fund
 36.18 appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3, paragraph
 36.19 (b), is extended to June 30, 2027.

36.20 Subd. 4. **Alexander Ramsey Park; city of Redwood Falls.** The availability of the grant
 36.21 to the city of Redwood Falls for the Alexander Ramsey Park project from the parks and
 36.22 trails fund appropriation under Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article 3, section
 36.23 3, paragraph (b), is extended to June 30, 2027.

36.24 Subd. 5. **Coordination among partners.** The appropriations from the parks and trails
 36.25 fund under Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article 3, section 3, paragraph (e),
 36.26 are available until June 30, 2026.

36.27 **ARTICLE 4**

36.28 **ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND**

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

36.30 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the entities
 36.31 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the arts and cultural
 36.32 heritage fund and are available for the fiscal years indicated for allowable activities under

38.1 should be priorities for construction and
 38.2 building projects funded through this
 38.3 appropriation. If a project receives federal
 38.4 funds, the period of the appropriation is
 38.5 extended to equal the availability of federal
 38.6 funding.

38.7 **Subd. 3. Minnesota State Arts Board** 0 5,738,000

38.8 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are
 38.9 appropriated to the Minnesota State Arts
 38.10 Board for arts, arts education, arts
 38.11 preservation, and arts access. Grant
 38.12 agreements entered into by the Minnesota
 38.13 State Arts Board and other recipients of
 38.14 appropriations in this subdivision must ensure
 38.15 that these funds are used to supplement and
 38.16 not substitute for traditional sources of
 38.17 funding. Each grant program established in
 38.18 this appropriation must be separately
 38.19 administered from other state appropriations
 38.20 for program planning and outcome
 38.21 measurements, but may take into consideration
 38.22 other state resources awarded in the selection
 38.23 of applicants and grant award size.

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

38.25 \$4,590,000 the second year is to support
 38.26 Minnesota artists and arts organizations in
 38.27 creating, producing, and presenting
 38.28 high-quality arts activities; to preserve,
 38.29 maintain, and interpret art forms and works
 38.30 of art so that they are accessible to Minnesota
 38.31 audiences; to overcome barriers to accessing
 38.32 high-quality arts activities; and to instill the
 38.33 arts into the community and public life in this
 38.34 state. This appropriation is added to the

39.1 appropriation in Laws 2023, chapter 40, article
39.2 4, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph (b).

39.3 **(c) Arts Education**

39.4 \$861,000 the second year is for high-quality,
39.5 age-appropriate arts education for Minnesotans
39.6 of all ages to develop knowledge, skills, and
39.7 understanding of the arts. This appropriation
39.8 is added to the appropriation in Laws 2023,
39.9 chapter 40, article 4, section 2, subdivision 3,
39.10 paragraph (c).

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

39.12 \$287,000 the second year is for events and
39.13 activities that represent, preserve, and maintain
39.14 the diverse cultural arts traditions, including
39.15 folk and traditional artists and art
39.16 organizations, represented in this state. This
39.17 appropriation is added to the appropriation in
39.18 Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 4, section 2,
39.19 subdivision 3, paragraph (d).

39.20 **(e) Administrative Costs**

39.21 Up to five percent of the totals in paragraphs
39.22 (b) to (d) each year is for administering grant
39.23 programs, delivering technical services,
39.24 providing fiscal oversight for the statewide
39.25 system, and ensuring accountability in fiscal
39.26 year 2025.

39.27 **(f) Regional Arts Councils**

39.28 Thirty percent of the remaining total
39.29 appropriation to each of the categories listed
39.30 in paragraphs (b) to (d) is for grants to the
39.31 regional arts councils. Notwithstanding any
39.32 other provision of law, regional arts council
39.33 grants or other arts council grants for touring
39.34 programs, projects, or exhibits must ensure

40.1 the programs, projects, or exhibits are able to
 40.2 tour in their own region as well as all other
 40.3 regions of the state.

40.4 (g) Any unencumbered balance remaining
 40.5 under this subdivision the first year does not
 40.6 cancel but is available the second year.

40.7 **Subd. 4. Minnesota Historical Society** 0 1,612,000

40.8 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are
 40.9 appropriated to the governing board of the
 40.10 Minnesota Historical Society to preserve and
 40.11 enhance access to Minnesota's history and its
 40.12 cultural and historical resources. Grant
 40.13 agreements entered into by the Minnesota
 40.14 Historical Society and other recipients of
 40.15 appropriations in this subdivision must ensure
 40.16 that these funds are used to supplement and
 40.17 not substitute for traditional sources of
 40.18 funding. Funds directly appropriated to the
 40.19 Minnesota Historical Society must be used to
 40.20 supplement and not substitute for traditional
 40.21 sources of funding. The appropriations in this
 40.22 subdivision are onetime and available until
 40.23 June 30, 2026, and any unencumbered balance
 40.24 remaining under this subdivision in the first
 40.25 year does not cancel but is available for the
 40.26 second year.

40.27 **(b) Grants**

40.28 (1) \$50,000 the second year is for a grant to
 40.29 the Greater Litchfield Opera House
 40.30 Association to repair and update the Litchfield
 40.31 Opera House;

40.32 (2) \$287,000 the second year is for a grant to
 40.33 the Dakota County Historical Society to design

41.1 and build exhibits at the Lawshe Memorial
41.2 Museum;

41.3 (3) \$500,000 the second year is for a grant to
41.4 the Pullman Company for costs related to
41.5 preserving Minnesota's historic Justus Ramsey
41.6 Stone House and relocating it to the Jackson
41.7 Street Roundhouse property owned and
41.8 operated by the Minnesota Transportation
41.9 Museum;

41.10 (4) \$300,000 the second year is for statewide
41.11 historic and cultural grants to cultural
41.12 community organizations, historical
41.13 organizations, and veterans organizations for
41.14 activities to commemorate 50 years of
41.15 Southeast Asians in Minnesota. Money under
41.16 this paragraph must be distributed through a
41.17 competitive grant process. The Minnesota
41.18 Historical Society must administer the grants
41.19 using established grant mechanisms with
41.20 assistance from the advisory committee
41.21 created under Laws 2009, chapter 172, article
41.22 4, section 2, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), item
41.23 (ii);

41.24 (5) \$200,000 the second year is for activities
41.25 to prepare and coordinate community
41.26 commemoration programs celebrating 50 years
41.27 of Hmong Americans in Minnesota and the
41.28 arrival of the first Hmong family in Minnesota
41.29 in October 1975; and

41.30 (6) \$275,000 the second year is for a grant to
41.31 the Minnesota Military and Veterans Museum
41.32 at Camp Ripley for the restoration, relocation,
41.33 and interpretation of the USS Ward Number
41.34 Three Gun and World War II display.

- 42.1 **Subd. 5. Department of Administration** 0 450,000
- 42.2 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are
- 42.3 appropriated to the commissioner of
- 42.4 administration for grants to the named
- 42.5 organizations for the purposes specified in this
- 42.6 subdivision. The commissioner of
- 42.7 administration may use a portion of this
- 42.8 appropriation for costs that are directly related
- 42.9 to and necessary for the administration of
- 42.10 grants in this subdivision.
- 42.11 (b) Grant agreements entered into by the
- 42.12 commissioner and recipients of appropriations
- 42.13 under this subdivision must ensure that money
- 42.14 appropriated in this subdivision is used to
- 42.15 supplement and not substitute for traditional
- 42.16 sources of funding.
- 42.17 **(c) Berger Fountain Renovation**
- 42.18 \$200,000 the second year is for a grant to the
- 42.19 Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to
- 42.20 restore Berger Fountain at Loring Park and
- 42.21 for improvements to the surrounding plaza.
- 42.22 **(d) Veterans Memorial and Commemorations**
- 42.23 \$100,000 the second year is for a competitive
- 42.24 grant program to award grants for groups
- 42.25 celebrating, recognizing, and honoring the
- 42.26 sacrifices of those who served in the military,
- 42.27 including memorials, commemorations,
- 42.28 facilities, and park features.
- 42.29 Of this amount, \$30,000 is for a grant to the
- 42.30 VFW Post 5252 in Pelican Rapids for the
- 42.31 relocation of their Honor Wall, and \$15,000
- 42.32 is for a a grant to Clitherall Township for the
- 42.33 Clitherall Township Veterans Memorial in
- 42.34 Battle Lake for improvements to the grounds.

43.1 **(e) Supportive Arts Grants**

43.2 \$150,000 the second year is for a competitive
 43.3 grant program to nonprofit organizations to
 43.4 provide supportive arts programs to
 43.5 incarcerated persons and persons on
 43.6 supervised release. The commissioner must
 43.7 consult with the commissioner of corrections
 43.8 in awarding grants under this section. Grants
 43.9 must use the arts, including but not limited to
 43.10 visual art, poetry, literature, theater, dance,
 43.11 and music, to address the supportive,
 43.12 therapeutic, and rehabilitative needs of
 43.13 incarcerated persons and persons on
 43.14 supervised release and promote a safer
 43.15 correctional facility and community
 43.16 environment.

43.17 **Subd. 6. Minnesota Humanities Center**04,409,000

43.18 (a) The amounts in this subdivision are
 43.19 appropriated to the Board of Directors of the
 43.20 Minnesota Humanities Center for the purposes
 43.21 specified in this subdivision. The Minnesota
 43.22 Humanities Center may use up to 5.5 percent
 43.23 of the appropriations for the administration of
 43.24 these funds and to cover the cost of
 43.25 administering, planning, evaluating, and
 43.26 reporting these grants. The Minnesota
 43.27 Humanities Center must develop a written
 43.28 plan to issue the grants under this subdivision
 43.29 and must submit the plan for review and
 43.30 approval by the commissioner of
 43.31 administration. The written plan must require
 43.32 the Minnesota Humanities Center to create
 43.33 and adhere to grant policies that are similar to
 43.34 those established according to Minnesota
 43.35 Statutes, section 16B.97, subdivision 4,

44.1 paragraph (a), clause (1). Grants provided
44.2 under this subdivision are available until June
44.3 30, 2026.

44.4 No grants awarded under this subdivision may
44.5 be used for travel outside the state of
44.6 Minnesota. The grant agreement must specify
44.7 the repercussions for failing to comply with
44.8 the grant agreement.

44.9 **(b) Community Identity and Heritage Grant**
44.10 **Program; Administration and Capacity-Building**
44.11 **Grants; Festival Grants**

44.12 (1) \$214,000 in the second year is for outreach
44.13 and education on the grant programs in this
44.14 subdivision with a focus on reaching diverse
44.15 community organizations and providing
44.16 assistance with grant opportunities,
44.17 qualifications, and reporting requirements, and
44.18 specifically providing technical assistance and
44.19 a nontraditional application process to improve
44.20 access to grant funding for diverse
44.21 communities.

44.22 (2) \$2,000,000 the second year is for a
44.23 competitive grant program to provide grants
44.24 to organizations or individuals working to
44.25 create, celebrate, and teach the art, culture,
44.26 and heritage of diverse Minnesota
44.27 communities, including but not limited to
44.28 Asian and Pacific Island communities, the
44.29 Somali diaspora and other African immigrant
44.30 communities, Indigenous communities with
44.31 a focus on the 11 Tribes in Minnesota, the
44.32 African American community, the Latinx
44.33 community, the LGBTQIA+ community, and
44.34 other underrepresented cultural groups,
44.35 including communities of Black, Indigenous,

45.1 and people of color, to celebrate the cultural
45.2 diversity of Minnesota. An individual or
45.3 organization that receives a grant under this
45.4 clause must do at least one of the following:
45.5 (i) preserve and honor the cultural heritage of
45.6 Minnesota;
45.7 (ii) provide education and student outreach on
45.8 cultural diversity;
45.9 (iii) support the development of culturally
45.10 diverse humanities programming, including
45.11 arts programming, by individuals and
45.12 organizations; or
45.13 (iv) empower communities in building identity
45.14 and culture, including preserving and honoring
45.15 communities whose Indigenous cultures are
45.16 endangered or disappearing.
45.17 (3) Of the amount in paragraph (2), \$1,000,000
45.18 shall be used for grants for community events,
45.19 music and jazz festivals, cultural festivals for
45.20 art installations, music, and other
45.21 performances and activities that support
45.22 festivals and events. Funding under this
45.23 paragraph cannot go to parades. Amounts not
45.24 awarded under this paragraph may be used for
45.25 the purposes provided in paragraph (2).
45.26 (4) Of the amount in paragraph (3):
45.27 (i) \$150,000 is for a grant to an organization
45.28 to celebrate Minnesota's historical, cultural,
45.29 and artistic heritage to provide boxes of
45.30 essentials to mothers in the state. The
45.31 organization shall consult with the
45.32 commissioner of health to develop and
45.33 distribute the boxes;

46.1 (ii) \$100,000 is for a grant to
46.2 (Neo)Muralismos de Mexico to expand classes
46.3 and support artists; and

46.4 (iii) \$100,000 is for a grant to a nonprofit
46.5 organization that can support and facilitate the
46.6 art and music of Rondo Days.

46.7 **(c) Underrepresented Groups Cultural Studies'**
46.8 **Materials**

46.9 \$250,000 the second year is for competitive
46.10 grants to develop high-quality academic
46.11 cultural and ethnic studies materials for
46.12 communities that do not have adequate
46.13 cultural and ethnic studies materials or who
46.14 are underrepresented in those materials,
46.15 including but not limited to the Hmong, Karen,
46.16 Somali, and Oromo cultures, and cultures
46.17 without a formal writing system that are
46.18 largely oral-based. In developing these
46.19 materials, a recipient of a grant under this
46.20 paragraph must work with school districts that
46.21 intend to use the materials.

46.22 **(d) Urban Debate League**

46.23 \$250,000 the second year is for a grant to the
46.24 Minnesota Urban Debate League to expand
46.25 the Minnesota Urban Debate League program
46.26 to serve additional school districts throughout
46.27 Minnesota.

46.28 **(e) Monkeybear**

46.29 \$100,000 the second year is for a grant to the
46.30 Monkeybear's Harmolodic Workshop for
46.31 developing creative and technical skills in
46.32 contemporary puppetry.

46.33 **(f) Indigenous Roots Cultural Arts Center and**
46.34 **Cypher Side**

47.1 \$300,000 the second year is for a grant to
47.2 Indigenous Roots Cultural Arts Center to
47.3 partner with Cypher Side to provide dance and
47.4 other arts programming.

47.5 **(g) Hrvatski Dom Croatian Hall**

47.6 \$195,000 the second year is for a grant to the
47.7 Hrvatski Dom Croatian Hall in South St. Paul
47.8 for restoring and operating the hall for
47.9 community gatherings and to preserve the
47.10 history and cultural heritage of Croatian
47.11 immigrants in Minnesota.

47.12 **(h) Saint Paul Neighborhood Network (SPNN)**

47.13 \$100,000 the second year is for a grant to Saint
47.14 Paul Neighborhood Network in Saint Paul for
47.15 a grant to support their programs in
47.16 cinematography, lighting, and editing,
47.17 storytelling, documentary filmmaking, and
47.18 other artistic programming.

47.19 **(i) Arts and Music Education; ACH Learners**
47.20 **Grants**

47.21 \$1,000,000 the second year is for grants to
47.22 organizations to offer scholarships to
47.23 underserved youth and adults to pursue music,
47.24 including singing, band, and orchestral
47.25 instruments, creative writing, studio arts,
47.26 including traditional craft and folk arts, and
47.27 performing arts, including dance and theater,
47.28 throughout the state. Priorities for grants
47.29 distributed in this section must be given to:
47.30 (1) programs that have matching funding or
47.31 existing resources to help facilitate group or
47.32 individual lessons in the arts;

- 48.1 (2) high quality arts programming that helps
48.2 provide students with access to experienced
48.3 teachers, musicians, and artists;
- 48.4 (3) programs that will provide scholarships to
48.5 low-income and diverse communities that have
48.6 been underserved by traditional arts funding;
- 48.7 (4) programs that are already, or have a plan
48.8 to, partner with public schools and community
48.9 organizations to help reach students from
48.10 diverse backgrounds;
- 48.11 (5) programs that can offer scholarships to
48.12 existing high-quality arts programming
48.13 including camps, schools, and centers devoted
48.14 to teaching any of the artistic scholarships;
48.15 and
- 48.16 (6) programs that offer outreach and
48.17 transportation services, as well as on-site
48.18 services, to help communities gain access to
48.19 and use the scholarships awarded in this
48.20 section."
- 48.21 Amend the title accordingly