

# Chapter 104

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Subject Legacy

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## Overview

This act contains fiscal year 2021 appropriations from the outdoor heritage fund as well as extensions of appropriations made from the other three legacy funds and other adjustments.

## Article 1: Outdoor Heritage Fund

This article contains appropriations totaling \$117,915,000 from the outdoor heritage fund (OHF) based upon recommendations made by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC). The LSOHC is a 12-member council made up of four legislators and eight citizens tasked with making annual recommendations to the legislature on how to spend money in the OHF. The OHF is one of four funds established by the “Legacy” amendment which raised the state’s sales tax 3/8 of one percent and dedicated the receipts. The OHF receives 33 percent of those receipts and the money may be spent only “to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife.”

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**1 Outdoor heritage fund appropriation.**

Technical.

**2 Outdoor heritage fund.**

**Subd. 1. Total appropriation.** Provides a total appropriation of \$117,915,000 in fiscal year 2021 from the outdoor heritage fund.

**Subd. 2. Prairies.** Specifies appropriations totaling \$35,832,000 for various prairie projects.

**Subd. 3. Forests.** Specifies appropriations totaling \$13,669,000 for various forest projects.

**Subd. 4. Wetlands.** Specifies appropriations totaling \$12,625,000 for various wetland projects.

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**Subd. 5. Habitats.** Specifies appropriations totaling \$55,429,000 for various other habitat projects and the conservation partners legacy grant program.

**Subd. 6. Administration.** Specifies appropriations totaling \$360,000 for administration, including contract management services from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and restoration evaluations.

**Subd. 7. Availability of appropriation.** States that money appropriated may not be spent on activities unless they are directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation and are specified in the accomplishment plan and may not be spent on indirect costs or other institutional overhead charges that are not directly related to a specific appropriation. Provides for the availability of funding depending on the use of the funds and whether or not federal funds are also used.

**Subd. 8. Payment conditions and capital equipment expenditures.** Requires all agreements to be administered on a reimbursement basis unless otherwise provided. Allows reasonable amounts to be advanced in some circumstances if approved as part of an accomplishment plan. Requires capital expenditures that exceed \$10,000 to be itemized and approved as part of an accomplishment plan.

**Subd. 9. Mapping.** Requires recipients of an appropriation to submit geographic information on lands acquired in fee with the appropriation that are open to the public for hunting and fishing to the DNR for mapping.

**Subd. 10. Carryforwards.** Extends the availability of two previous appropriations.

**Subd. 11. Cancellations.** Cancels two previous appropriations.

**Subd. 12. Extension of certain appropriations.** Establishes a process for recipients to receive a one-year extension on money expiring June 30, 2020.

**Subd. 13. Extension of RIM Wetlands Partnership - Phase VII.** Extends the availability of a previous appropriation to the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) for the RIM Wetland Partnership.

**3 Open meetings.**

Requires meetings of the LSOHC held in the Capitol complex to be webcast and archived for later playback. Requires other meetings to be webcast and archived to the extent practical.

**4 Forests.**

Modifies a 2017 appropriation from the OHF for conservation easement acquisition in Washington County to increase the amount available for deposit in an easement

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monitoring and enforcement fund and extend the availability of the appropriation until June 30, 2022.

**5 Habitats.**

Modifies a 2019 appropriation from the OHF for conservation stream easements in the St. Croix River watershed to allow a portion of the money to be deposited in a conservation easement stewardship account.

**Article 2: Other Funds**

This article gives a two-year extension to arts and cultural heritage fund appropriations set to expire on June 30, 2020, and a one-year extension to clean water fund and parks and trails fund appropriations that were set to expire on June 30, 2020. This section amends the fiscal year 2020 children’s museum appropriation for the Rochester Children’s Museum and appropriates money to the Medal of Honor Commemorative Memorial at the state capitol that cancelled because the funding could not be used in fiscal year 2019. This section also extends the availability of general fund money for one year that was appropriated to the state arts board to relocate their offices.

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**1 Availability of appropriations. (Amending 2017 Session Law)**

Extends the availability of arts and cultural heritage fund appropriations expiring June 30, 2020, for two years.

**2 Availability of appropriation. (Amending 2019 Session Law)**

Extends the availability of arts and cultural heritage fund appropriations expiring June 30, 2020, for two years, and extends the appropriations expiring June 30, 2021, for one year. This section provides that recipients of arts and cultural heritage funding, to the extent allowed by the constitution, may use funding to maintain financial stability due to COVID-19 peacetime emergency.

**3 Minnesota Humanities Center. (Amending 2019 Session Law)**

Provides that the fiscal year 2021 funding provided to the Minnesota Children’s Museum for the Rochester Children’s Museum will go to the Rochester Children’s Museum.

**4 Operations and services. (Amending 2019 Session Law)**

Provides the State Arts Board with one additional year to use the funding appropriated in fiscal year 2020 for moving and relocation expenses to a new office.

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- 5      **Extension of availability of certain appropriations; other legacy funds.**  
Provides a one-year extension to clean water fund and parks and trails fund appropriations that were set to expire on June 30, 2020.
- 6      **Appropriation; Minnesota medal of honor commemorative memorial.**  
\$250,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2020 for the Minnesota Medal of Honor Commemorative Memorial. This appropriation is a replacement for the appropriation in Laws 2017, chapter 91, article 4, section 2, subdivision 6, paragraph (p), which canceled at the close of fiscal year 2019.



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