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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill would remove the match requirement and prohibit a maximum grant amount from being applied to the parks and trails grant program. The parks and trails grant program is administered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and is funded by the parks and trails fund, which receives 14.25 percent of the revenues raised from the increased sales tax passed as part of the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment in 2008. The program provides grants to parks and trails of regional or statewide significance, and was limited to parks and trails in Greater Minnesota for fiscal years 2012 and 2013.

- 1 Grant amount.** Amends § 85.535, subd. 3. Removes the match requirement for the parks and trails grant program and prohibits a maximum grant amount from being applied. (Under current law, the program requires a non-state cash match of 25 percent; however, some flexibility in the match requirement was authorized by law for the 2012 and 2013 fiscal years, including a ten percent match requirement for 2012. No maximum grant amount is provided in law. The DNR is currently limiting the grant amounts to \$500,000 for the fiscal year 2013 funding cycle.)