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Article 1: Appropriations

Overview

See the spreadsheet prepared by Andrew Lee, House Fiscal Analyst, for amounts and sources of appropriations.

1 Capital improvement appropriations. Provides that the money:

- is appropriated from state general obligation bond proceeds unless otherwise stated;
- must be spent on purposes allowed by the state constitution;
- may be used for state agency staff costs that are directly attributable to the capital program or project, subject to Minnesota Management and Budget policy;
- is available until the project is completed or abandoned subject to the statute governing cancellation of capital funding;
- for asset preservation should not be used for work that can be done in a reasonable time using existing energy improvement financing programs; and
- for a grant to a political subdivision is available after the commissioner of management and budget determines that an amount sufficient to complete the project as described in this act has been committed to the project, as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.502.

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University of Minnesota. For asset preservation, renovation of Pillsbury Hall on the Minneapolis campus; renovation of teaching, research, and learning spaces on the Duluth, Morris, and Crookston campuses; and renovation of the historic Glensheen estate. The University is responsible for one-third of project costs except for asset preservation, which is funded entirely by the state, and Glensheen, which is for half the project costs. Allows unused money for a completed project to be used for asset preservation. Requires notice to MMB and the legislature.

- **Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.** For systemwide asset preservation, and for capital projects on the following campuses:
 - Anoka-Ramsey Community College in Coon Rapids
 - Bemidji State University
 - Century College
 - Inver Hills Community College
 - Minnesota State University, Mankato
 - Minnesota State University, Moorhead
 - Normandale Community College
 - Riverland Community College in Albert Lea
 - Rochester Community and Technical College

Except for asset preservation, Minnesota State is responsible for paying debt service on one-third the principal amount issued for the projects in this section.

Allows unused money for a completed project to be used for asset preservation on the same campus. Requires notice to MMB and the legislature.

- **Education.** For library construction grants; school safety grants; a maximum effort school loan to ISD 38, Red Lake for the early learning childhood center and the elementary school; a grant to renovate the Cosmos elementary school for use by the regional educational program for autistic students, emotionally or behaviorally disturbed students, and other students with specific educational needs; and a grant to the Warroad school district for expansion of the Northwest Angle School.
- 5 Minnesota State Academies. For asset preservation on both campuses.
- 6 Natural Resources.
 - **Subd. 1. Total appropriation.** Provides that appropriations in the section are subject to the general natural resources capital improvement program under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.12, unless otherwise specified.
 - Subd. 2. Natural Resources Asset Preservation.
 - **Subd. 3. Flood Hazard Mitigation.**
 - Subd. 4. Acquisition and betterment of buildings.

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- Subd. 5. State Park and Recreation Area Accessibility improvements.
- **Subd. 6. Glendalough State Park.** For the visitor and trail center.
- **Subd. 7. State trail.** For the Blufflands trail system from Harmony to the Iowa border.
 - Subd. 8. Cohasset Tioga Recreation Area.
 - Subd. 9. Northwood ATV trail; Mille Lacs-Malmo east loop.
- **Subd. 10. Unspent appropriations.** Allows unused money for a project that is completed to be used for asset preservation. Requires notice to MMB.
- 7 Pollution Control Agency.
 - Subd. 2. WDE landfill.
 - Subd. 3. Lake Redwood reclamation.
 - Subd. 4. Clay County solid waste transfer station.
- 8 Board of Water and Soil Resources.
 - Subd. 2. Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Reserve.
 - Subd. 3. Local Government Roads Wetland Replacement.
 - Subd. 4. South St. Paul Seidl's Lake.
- 9 Rural Finance Authority.
- **Minnesota Zoological Garden.** For asset preservation.
- 11 Administration.
 - Subd. 2. CAPRA.
 - Subd. 3. Capitol Complex Monuments and Memorials.
 - Subd. 4. Capitol Complex Physical Security Upgrades.
- **Military Affairs.** For renovation of the St. Cloud readiness center.
- Public Safety. For the HERO center in Cottage Grove, the Safety and Mental health Alternative Response Training (SMART) center in Dakota County, and MERIT center in Marshall.
- 14 Transportation.
 - **Subd. 2. Local Road Improvement grants.** Includes a grant for Brockton Lane in Dayton, and Argenta Trail in Dakota County.
 - Subd. 3. Hennepin CSAH 9/I-494 Rockford Road.
 - **Subd. 4. Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority.** Rail grade crossing separation.
 - Subd. 5. Trunk highways 55, 29 grade separation in Pope County.

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- 15 Metropolitan Council.
 - Subd. 2. Metropolitan Regional Parks and Trails Capital Improvements.
 - **Subd. 3. Inflow and Infiltration grants.**
 - Subd. 4. New Hope 50 Meter Pool.
 - Subd. 5. St. Paul Wakan Tipi Center.
- 16 Human Services.
 - **Subd. 2. Asset preservation.**
 - **Subd. 3. Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center Roof and HVAC Replacement.**
 - Subd. 4. Regional Behavioral Health Crisis facility grants.
 - Subd. 5. Minneapolis The Family Partnership.
 - **Subd. 6. Scott County Regional Crisis Stabilization and Intensive Residential Treatment Services facility.**
 - Subd. 7. White Earth opiate treatment facility.
- 17 Veterans Affairs. Asset Preservation.
- 18 Corrections.
 - Subd. 2. Asset Preservation.
 - Subd. 3. St. Cloud. Interior fence.
 - **Subd. 4. Moose Lake.** Control center renovation and expansion.
 - **Subd. 5. Unspent appropriation.** Allows unused money for a project that is completed to be used for asset preservation. Requires notice to MMB.
- 19 Employment and Economic Development.
 - Subd. 2. Greater Minnesota Business Development Public Infrastructure Grants (BDPI).
 - **Subd. 3. Transportation Economic Development.**
 - Subd. 4. Innovative Business Development Public Infrastructure Grants.
 - Subd. 5. Austin Public TV.
 - Subd. 6. Brooklyn Park Second Harvest.
 - Subd. 7. Duluth steam plant.
 - Subd. 8. Hennepin County Children's Theatre.
 - Subd. 9. Itasca County Northern community radio infrastructure.
 - Subd. 10. Jackson Memorial Park.
 - Subd. 11. Litchfield opera house.

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Subd. 12. Minneapolis – upper harbor terminal redevelopment.

Subd. 13. Pipestone County – dental care facility.

Subd. 14. Polk County - North Country Food Bank.

Subd. 15. Silver Bay – Black Beach campground.

Subd. 16. St. Paul – Conway Recreation Center.

Subd. 17. St. Paul – Humanities Center.

Subd. 18. St. Paul - Minnesota Museum of American Art.

Subd. 20. Wabasha - National Eagle Center and Wabasha Rivertown Resurgence.

Subd. 19. Waite Park - Quarry redevelopment.

- **20** Public Facilities Authority.
 - Subd. 2. State Match for Federal Grants.
 - **Subd. 3. Water Infrastructure Funding.**
 - **Subd. 4. Point Source Implementation Grants.**
- 21 Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. For public housing rehabilitation.
- 22 Minnesota Historical Society.
 - Subd. 2. Historic Sites asset preservation.
 - **Subd. 3. Historic Fort Snelling.** For the new visitor center.
- Bond sale expenses.
- 24 Bond sale authorization.
- 25 Cancellation; bond sale authorization reduction.
- **Bond sale schedule.** Amends the 2017 law setting the limit on the amount that may be transferred from the general fund to the state bond fund to pay debt service during the biennium and directs MMB to time selling the bonds so as to not exceed that amount.
- **Effective date.** Effective the day after enactment unless otherwise specified in the article.

Article 2: Miscellaneous

Funding (capital grants to political subdivisions). Strikes an obsolete reference (subdivision 3 was repealed in 2009). New language relates to the new language in article 1, section 1, grants to political subdivisions. Minn. Stat. § 16A.502 is an implicit waiver of the 50 percent requirement in this section if the actual appropriation in the bill is for more than 50 percent of the project costs. Including reference to Minn. Stat. § 16A.502 in the bill also makes it clear in the bill that no matter what the appropriation is, including if it is for less

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than 50 percent, there has to be sufficient money from all sources to be able to complete the project described in the rider before state capital funding is released.

- **Construction and major remodeling.** Adds freight rail projects to the list of capital projects exempt from the legislative review of project plans, specifications, and cost estimations.
- 3 Eligible project (hazardous materials rail safety program). Adds relocation of publicly owned utilities to what may be paid for under the program.
- **Exemptions** (state building code). Exempts the house of representatives and senate from code requirements for locks so they may install door locks within their chambers in the State Capitol that meet their needs.
- Supplemental grant award (point source implementation program). Provides that if money is specifically appropriated for supplemental grants, a supplemental grant is awarded under the point source implementation grant program. Applies if the combined sources of funding from the Water Infrastructure Funding (WIF) program, the point source implementation grant program, and any other state or federal grants, is less than (1) 50 percent of total project costs, or (2) the amount needed to reduce the annual cost per household for the wastewater system in the project service area to no more than twice what it is in the metropolitan area. The supplemental grant would be an amount so that the combined total of grants is at least one of those measures. Under the current point source implementation grant program, the maximum grant amount is \$7 million to cover up to 80 percent of project costs. Minn. Stat. § 446A.073, subd. 1.
- **Estimated funding needs (point source implementation program).** Requires the Public Facilities Authority to estimate and report to the legislature each year the amount needed to cover WIF and point source implementation grants.
- 7 **Definitions (Housing Infrastructure Bonds, MHFA).** Defines "senior housing."
- Authorization (Housing Infrastructure Bonds, MHFA). Adds senior housing and manufactured home parks to the purposes for which housing infrastructure bond proceeds may be used. For manufactured home parks, the money may be used for grants or loans. Provides criteria for prioritizing comparable proposals for senior housing projects. Requires balancing loans made between projects in the metropolitan area and outside of it, to the extent practicable. In areas outside the metropolitan area, requires balancing loans made for projects in cities with a population of 20,000 or greater and areas with fewer people than that.
- **9** Additional authorization (Housing Infrastructure Bonds, MHFA). Authorizes \$50,000,000.
- Additional appropriation (debt service Housing Infrastructure Bonds, MHFA). Appropriates from the general fund in fiscal year 2021, \$2,000,000 and then beginning in fiscal year 2022 and after, \$4,000,000 per year to pay debt service on the bonds issued by the MHFA.
- Veterans cemeteries. Amends the 2009 appropriation for veterans cemeteries. Allows for seeking federal funding for the capital improvements. Extends availability of the money to December 31, 2022. Provides that federal reimbursement for predesign and design of veterans cemeteries may be used for asset preservation at veterans homes after design is

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completed for the cemeteries in Redwood, St. Louis, and Fillmore Counties, instead of after all legislatively authorized veterans cemeteries are completed.

- New Residence Hall (Minnesota State Academy). Allows money remaining from the 2014 appropriation for a project on the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf campus to be used for asset preservation.
- Minneapolis Brian Coyle Community Center. Extends availability of the 2014 appropriation to June 30, 2020.
- **City of Rice Lake Water Main Replacement.** Changes the name of the grantee to reflect incorporation of the town in 2015 and extends availability to June 30, 2020.
- **Corrections.** Allows money remaining from the 2014 appropriation for the St. Cloud state prison to be used for the project authorized in 2017 (as amended in this article), and extends its availability to 2020.
- **Local road improvement fund grants.** Allows the 2015 appropriation for the Willmar Wye project to be used for predesign, design, right-of-way acquisition, and engineering as well as for construction and reconstruction of the roads.
- 17 State Trail, Recreation Area, and Park Acquisition and Development. Corrects the 2017 appropriation amount for the subdivision.
- **Local road improvement fund grants.** Clarifies the intended use of money appropriated in 2017 for the Columbus interchange project to include design, land acquisition, engineering, and construction for the improvements and realignment.
- **Rail service improvement.** Changes the name of the program in the 2017 appropriation to align with the statutory program change in the Transportation Finance provisions of H.F. 3138, 3rd engrossment, article 12, section 69 creating Freight Rail Economic Development grants (FRED). This change is effective when the statutory change is effective, if it is enacted.
- **20 Grand Rapids Pedestrian Bridge.** Provides that the 2017 appropriation is for construction as well as design.
- **Eden Prairie Rail Grade Crossings.** Allows the 2017 appropriation to include rail crossing safety devices for a pathway.
- White Bear Lake Multiuse Trails. Modifies and corrects the 2107 project description and allocation of money.
- 23 Minneapolis the Family Partnership. Strikes the match requirement in the 2017 appropriation for predesign and design. Allows any money remaining from this appropriation to be used for the next phase of the project.
- 24 Minnesota Correctional Facility St. Cloud. Clarifies the 2017 appropriation.
- **St. Paul Minnesota Museum of American Art.** Allows the 2017 appropriation to be used for acquisition.
- **Dennison Sewage Treatment System Improvements.** Clarifies the 2017 appropriation.

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- Historic Fort Snelling. Allows money remaining from the 2017 appropriation to be used for the next phase of the project, which includes demolition of the existing visitor center, and to renovate, construct, furnish, and equip a new visitor center at Historic Fort Snelling.
- **Behavioral Health Crisis Facilities Grants.** Establishes the grant program for facilities and requires biennial reports on projects funded.
- Appropriation; analyzing costs and ratepayer impacts of water quality regulations. Appropriates \$500,000 from the general fund in each of fiscal years 2020 and 2021 for the commissioner of administration for a grant to the Minnesota Environmental Science and Economic Review Board (MESERB) to review water quality regulations and national pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) permits.
- **Effective date.** Effective the day after enactment unless otherwise specified in the article.