

Subject LCCMR Funding Recommendations

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Overview

This bill includes fiscal year 2019 and 2020 appropriations from the environment and natural resources trust fund (a constitutionally dedicated trust fund funded by proceeds from the Minnesota State Lottery). The bill is largely based upon the recommendations for fiscal year 2020 approved by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR). The bill also includes additional appropriations for fiscal years 2019 and 2020 that would spend money that became available when Laws 2019, chapter 2 passed. Chapter 2 switched projects funded with appropriation bonds payable from the environment and natural resources trust fund to general obligation bonds.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Appropriations. Technical.
2	Minnesota resources. Subd. 1. Total appropriation. Provides a total appropriation of \$2,940,000 in fiscal year 2019 and \$61,387,000 in fiscal year 2020 from the environment and natural resources trust fund. Subd. 2. Definition. Technical. Subd. 3. Foundational natural resource data and information. Provides a total appropriation for natural resource data and information projects of \$636,000 in fiscal year 2019 and \$9,918,000 in fiscal year 2020. Subd. 4. Water resources. Provides a total appropriation for water resources projects of \$5,066,000 in fiscal year 2020. Subd. 5. Technical assistance, outreach, and environmental education. Provides a total appropriation for technical assistance, outreach, and environmental education projects of \$250,000 in fiscal year 2019 and \$886,000 in fiscal year 2020.

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	<p>Subd. 6. Aquatic and terrestrial invasive species. Provides a total appropriation for invasive species projects of \$3,100,000 in fiscal year 2020.</p> <p>Subd. 7. Air quality and renewable energy. Provides a total appropriation for air quality and renewable energy projects of \$1,485,000 in fiscal year 2020.</p> <p>Subd. 8. Methods to protect or restore land, water, and habitat. Provides a total appropriation for projects for protection, restoration, and enhancement methods of \$5,233,000 in fiscal year 2020.</p> <p>Subd. 9. Land acquisition, habitat, and recreation. Provides a total appropriation for land acquisition projects of \$1,724,000 in fiscal year 2019 and \$33,661,000 in fiscal year 2020.</p> <p>Subd. 10. Administration and contract agreement reimbursement. Provides a total appropriation of \$330,000 in fiscal year 2019 and \$1,538,000 in fiscal year 2020 for contract administration expenses of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and administrative expenses of the LCCMR.</p> <p>Subd. 11. Wastewater treatment recommendations. Provides a total appropriation of \$500,000 for wastewater treatment related projects in fiscal year 2020. Also allows up to \$6,500,000 of the environment and natural resources trust fund to be invested in loans through the Public Facilities Authority's clean water revolving fund.</p> <p>Subds. 12 to 19. Provides project requirements that apply to all recipients. The LCCMR recommends similar requirements each year, which include: specifying the availability of appropriations; data requirements; specific project requirements, including requiring ecological restoration and management plans; and requiring easements to be permanent and have a long-term monitoring and enforcement plan. Also extends several previous appropriations set to expire.</p>
3	<p>Exceptions.</p> <p>Removes language passed last session allowing money from the environment and natural resources trust fund to be spent on municipal water pollution control in municipalities with a population less than 5,000.</p>
4	<p>Land acquisition for habitat and recreation.</p> <p>Reduces the amount of acres of land to be acquired within the metropolitan regional park system under a previous appropriation from 2015.</p>
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	for scientific and natural area (SNA) purposes, and the amount of acres to be enhanced and acquired under the native prairie bank easement program.
6	Transfer. Transfers the unencumbered money from a previous appropriation from 2017 for the LCCMR administrative expense to an appropriation from 2016 for a grants management system.
7	Effective date. States that sections 1 to 6 are effective the day following final enactment.



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