

**Subject** Children's Museum Funding

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## Overview

The K-12 finance budget contains an appropriation for grants to certain children's museums. The appropriations for fiscal years 2022 and 2023 totaled \$610,000 each year. These annual appropriations included:

- \$269,000 each year for the Minnesota Children's Museum in St. Paul;
- \$50,000 each year for the Children's Museum of Rochester (Spark), the Duluth Children's Museum, and the Headwaters Science Museum;
- \$41,000 each year for the Minnesota Academy of Science; and
- for fiscal years 2022 and 2023 only, three grants of \$50,000 each annually for the Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota, the Works Museum in Bloomington, and the Children's Discovery Museum of Grand Rapids.

Some museum programs also receive funding from Legacy funds.

H.F. 1364 annually appropriates \$500,000 for ten \$50,000 grants to Children's Museums including: The Works in Bloomington; WonderTrek in Brainerd-Baxter; Duluth Children's Museum; Otter Cove in Fergus Falls; Children's Discovery Museum in Grand Rapids; Wheel and Cog in Hutchinson; Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota in Mankato; Great River Children's Museum in St. Cloud; Village Children's Museum in Willmar; and the Children's Discovery Museum in Breckenridge.

## Summary

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1	<b>Appropriations for children's museums and education centers.</b>
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	Appropriates \$500,000 per year in fiscal years 2024 and 2025 from the state general fund to the commissioner of education for annual grants of \$50,000 to each of ten
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	children's museums and education centers. Sets the budget base for this program at \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2026 and later.
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