

**Subject** Public land survey system monument grant program priority criteria amended; appropriating money

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## Overview

This bill adds Tribal governments as qualified applicants to the public land survey system monument grant program and amends prioritization criteria for applicants to the program. The bill also appropriates \$10,000,000 in fiscal years 2026 and thereafter for the program.

The public land survey system monument grant program was established in 2023. A onetime appropriation of \$9,700,000 in fiscal year 2024 from the general fund was appropriated for the program, including program administration, and for grants to counties to employ technical staff to aid surveyors making land survey corners.

The most recent report on the program was submitted to the legislature in October 2023. At that time, less than half of the public land survey system corners in Minnesota had been certified by a licensed land surveyor. The estimated cost to complete monument recertification statewide through the program was \$350,000,000.

All sections are effective July 1, 2025.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<p><b>Grant program.</b></p> <p>Adds Tribal governments as qualified applicants to the public land survey system monument grant program. Requires priority to be given to county applicants that demonstrate financial need for assistance and meet one or more of the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) the county has public land survey system monuments that are at risk of being destroyed, lost, or obscured;</li></ol>

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2) the county has a low percentage of certified public land survey system monument corners; or</li><li>3) the county can demonstrate that remonumentation will support economic development in the county.</li></ul> |
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2	<b>Appropriation; public land survey system monument grant program.</b>
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	Appropriates \$10,000,000 from the general fund in fiscal years 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter for the public land survey system monument grant program. Up to \$350,000 of the appropriation in each fiscal year may be used by the chief geospatial information officer for program administration.
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