

Section 1. Outdoor Heritage Appropriation

The sums shown in the columns marked “Appropriations” are appropriated to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this act. The appropriations are from the outdoor heritage fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The figures “2018” and “2019” used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and June 30, 2019, respectively. The “first year” is fiscal year 2018. The “second year” is fiscal year 2019. The “biennium” is fiscal years 2018 and 2019, respectively. The appropriations in this act are one-time.

Section 2. Outdoor Heritage Fund

	2018	2019
Subd. 1. Total Appropriation	\$0	\$107,250,000

This appropriation is from the outdoor heritage fund. The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following subdivisions.

Subd. 2. Prairies	\$0	\$35,288,000
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(a) DNR Wildlife Management Area and Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition, Ph. X

\$2,786,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire in fee and restore lands for wildlife management purposes under Minnesota Statutes 86A.05, subdivision 8 and to acquire land in fee for scientific and natural area purposes under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquisition of lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(b) Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Acquisition, Ph. X

\$5,740,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire in fee and restore lands for wildlife management area purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquisition of lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(c) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project, Ph. VIII

\$2,001,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with The Nature Conservancy to acquire land in fee and restore and enhance native prairie, grasslands, wetlands, and savanna. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquisition of lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. Annual income statements and balance sheets for income and expenses from land acquired with this appropriation must be submitted to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council no later than 180 days following the close of The Nature Conservancy’s fiscal year. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan and must be consistent with the priorities identified in the Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition, Ph. IX

\$1,893,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with The Nature Conservancy, in cooperation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee or permanent conservation easements and restore lands within the Northern Tallgrass Prairie Habitat Preservation Area in western Minnesota for addition to the Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquisitions of lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as

part of the required accomplishment plan and must be consistent with the priorities in the Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

(e) Cannon River Headwaters Habitat Complex, Ph. VII

\$1,345,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with The Trust for Public Land, in cooperation with the Great River Greening, to acquire in fee and restore and enhance lands in the Cannon River watershed for wildlife management purposes under Minnesota Statutes 86A.05, subdivision 8; to acquire land in fee for scientific and natural areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 5, to acquire land in fee for state forest purposes under 86A.05, subdivision 7; as follows: \$945,000 to The Trust For Public Lands; and \$400,000 to Great River Greening. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquisition of lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions and restorations must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(f) Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection, Ph. VII

\$1,490,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire permanent conservation easements to implement the Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan to protect and restore native prairie. Of this amount, up to \$176,000 is for establishing monitoring and enforcement funds as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquisitions of lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the final report.

(g) Reinvest In Minnesota (RIM) Buffers for Wildlife and Water, Ph. VIII

\$5,000,000 in the second year is to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to acquire permanent conservation easements and restore habitat under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515 in order to protect, restore, and enhance habitat by expanding the clean water fund riparian buffer program for at least equal wildlife benefits from buffers on private land. Of this amount, up to \$745,000 is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the final report.

(h) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley, Ph. IV

\$1,162,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Pheasants Forever, in cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie Chicken Society, to acquire land in fee, and restore and enhance lands in the southern Red River Valley for wildlife management purposes under Minnesota Statutes 86A.05, subdivision 8 or to be designated and managed as waterfowl production areas in Minnesota, in cooperation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquisitions of lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(i) Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition, Ph. II

\$2,447,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc., in cooperation with Ducks Unlimited and The Conservation Fund, to acquire land in fee and restore and enhance strategic prairie grassland, wetland, and other wildlife habitat within Martin County for wildlife management area purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8 as follows: \$1,978,000 to Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc., \$400,000 to Ducks Unlimited, and \$69,000 to the Conservation Fund. A list of proposed acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(j) Protect and Restore Minnesota's Important Bird Areas

\$829,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements to acquire

conservation easements and enhance wildlife habitat within important bird areas identified in the Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan, to be used as follows: : \$209,000 is to Audubon Minnesota and \$620,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to \$120,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is for establishing monitoring and enforcement funds as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquisitions of lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of permanent conservation easements and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(k) Grassland Conservation Partnership - Phase III

\$1,468,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with The Conservation Fund, in cooperation with Minnesota Land Trust, to acquire permanent conservation easements and restore and enhance high priority grassland, prairie, and wetland habitats as follows: \$69,000 to The Conservation Fund; and \$1,399,000 to Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to \$72,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund, as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquisition of lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of proposed acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan and must be consistent with the priorities in the Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

(l) Accelerating the USFWS Habitat Conservation Easement Program

\$2,960,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Ducks Unlimited, in cooperation with Pheasants Forever and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to acquire permanent conservation “working land” easements and restore wetlands and prairie grasslands as follows: \$2,000,000 to Ducks Unlimited; and \$960,000 to Pheasants Forever. A list of proposed acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(m) DNR Grassland Enhancement, Phase X

\$4,007,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources to accelerate the restoration and enhancement of prairies, grasslands, and savannas on wildlife management areas, scientific and natural areas, Native Prairie Bank land, bluff prairies on State Forest land in southeastern Minnesota, and United States Fish and Wildlife Service waterfowl production area and refuge lands. A list of proposed land restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(n) Enhanced Public Land Grasslands - Phase III

\$2,160,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance and restore grassland and wetland habitat on public lands. A list of proposed land restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

Subd. 3. Forests **\$0** **\$9,131,000**

(a) Camp Ripley Partnership - Phase VII

\$1,229,000 in the second year is to the Board of Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with the Morrison County Soil and Water Conservation District and The Conservation Fund, to acquire permanent conservation easements and restore forest wildlife habitat within the boundaries of the Minnesota National Guard Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape Compatible Use Buffer as follows: \$39,000 to Morrison County Soil and Water Conservation District; \$207,000 to The Conservation Fund; and \$983,000 to Board of Water and Soil Resources, of which up to \$45,500 to the Board of Water and Soil Resources is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund, as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the final report.

(b) Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration, Ph. VI

\$2,142,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire lands in fee for wildlife management purposes under Minnesota Statutes 86A.05, subdivision 8; to acquire land in fee for scientific and natural areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 5; to acquire land in fee for state forest purposes under 86A.05, subdivision 7; to acquire permanent conservation easements; and to restore and enhance prairie, grasslands, forest, and savanna for agreements, as follows: \$742,000 to The Nature Conservancy; \$700,000 to The Trust for Public Land; \$700,000 to Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to \$120,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund, as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. Annual income statements and balance sheets for income and expenses from land acquired with this appropriation must be submitted to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council no later than 180 days following the close of The Nature Conservancy’s fiscal year. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(c) Minnesota Forests for the Future, Ph. V

\$1,473,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire land in fee, and to acquire easements for forest, wetland, and shoreline habitat through working forest permanent conservation easements under the Minnesota forests for the future program pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 84.66. A conservation easement acquired with money appropriated under this paragraph must comply with Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 13. The accomplishment plan must include an easement monitoring and enforcement plan. Of this amount, up to \$25,000 is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan. A list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the final report.

(d) State Forest Acquisitions, Richard J. Dorer Memorial Forest, Ph. V

\$1,255,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire in fee and enhance for wildlife habitat purposes lands in the Richard J Dorer State Forest under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 7. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(e) Critical Shoreland Protection Program, Ph. V

\$1,094,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Minnesota Land Trust to acquire permanent conservation easements along rivers and lakes in the northern forest region. Of this amount, up to \$120,000 is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund, as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(f) Minnesota Moose Habitat Collaborative - Phase III

\$1,938,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association to restore and enhance public forest lands in the northern forest region for moose habitat purposes. A list of proposed land restoration and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan. .

Subd. 4. Wetlands **\$0** **\$28,116,000**

(a) Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Acquisition, Ph. X

\$5,061,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire land in fee and restore and enhance wetlands and grasslands to be designated and managed as waterfowl production areas in Minnesota, in cooperation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection Program, Ph. VII

\$4,770,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire land in fee and restore and enhance prairie lands, wetlands and land buffering shallow lakes for wildlife management purposes under Minnesota Statutes 86A.05, subdivision 8. A list of proposed acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(c) RIM Wetlands Partnership, Ph. IX

\$10,000,000 in the second year is to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to acquire permanent conservation easements and to restore wetlands and native grassland habitat under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515. Of this amount, up to \$292,500 is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the final report.

(d) Wetland Habitat Protection Program - Phase III

\$1,786,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to acquire permanent conservation easements and restore and enhance high-priority wetland habitat complexes in the prairie and forest/prairie transition regions. Of this amount, up to \$240,000 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund, as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed conservation easement acquisitions and restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(e) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetlands Enhancement, Ph. X

\$2,759,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources to enhance and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat statewide. A list of proposed land restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(f) Living Shallow Lakes and Wetland Initiative, Ph. VI

\$3,740,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Ducks Unlimited to restore and enhance shallow lakes and wetlands on public lands and wetlands under permanent conservation easement for wildlife management purposes. A list of proposed shallow lake enhancements and wetland restorations must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

Subd. 5. Habitats **\$0** **\$34,305,000**

(a) Metro Big Rivers, Ph. VIII

\$2,630,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements to acquire land in fee and permanent conservation easements and to restore and enhance natural systems associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota, and St. Croix Rivers within the metropolitan area as follows: \$500,000 to Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$300,000 to Friends of the Mississippi River; \$700,000 to Great River Greening; and \$1,130,000 to Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to \$120,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed land acquisitions and permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(b) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Partnership, Ph. IV

\$2,073,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire lands in fee and restore wildlife habitat in the Mississippi Headwaters and for agreements as follows: \$73,000 to Mississippi Headwaters Board; and \$2,000,000 to The Trust for Public Land. \$925,000 in the second year is to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to acquire lands in permanent conservation easements and to restore wildlife habitat, of which up to \$65,000 is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed acquisitions must be included as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(c) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes, Ph. IV

\$2,801,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire land in permanent conservation easements to sustain healthy fish habitat on cold water lakes in Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard Counties for agreements as follows: \$1,005,000 to Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation; and \$1,796,000 to Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to \$120,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(d) DNR Trout Stream Conservation Easements

\$642,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire land in permanent conservation easements to protect trout stream aquatic habitat. Up to \$52,500 is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(e) Metro Wildlife Management Areas

\$1,174,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with The Conservation Fund to acquire land in fee within the Metro Section Planning region for wildlife management area purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan

(f) Dakota County Habitat Protection/Restoration, Ph. VI

\$2,288,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Dakota County to acquire permanent conservation easements and land in fee and to restore and enhance riparian and other habitats within Dakota County. A list of proposed land acquisitions and restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(h) Hennepin County Habitat Conservation Program

\$1,514,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for a contract with Hennepin County, in cooperation with Minnesota Land Trust, to acquire permanent conservation easements and to restore and enhance habitats in Hennepin County as follows: \$194,000 Hennepin County; and \$1,320,000 to Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to \$192,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed permanent conservation easements and restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(i) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement and Restoration, Ph. X

\$2,291,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited to acquire permanent conservation stream easements using the payment method prescribed in Minnesota Statutes, 84.0272, subdivision 2, and to restore and enhance habitat for trout and other species in and along cold water rivers, lakes, and streams in Minnesota. Up to \$20,000 is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed land acquisitions and restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(i) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative, Ph. V

\$2,013,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources to restore aquatic habitats in the St. Louis River estuary. Of this appropriation, up to \$1,350,000 is for an agreement with Minnesota Land Trust. A list of proposed restorations must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(j) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation, Ph. III

\$927,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Zeitgeist, in cooperation with the Lake Superior Steelhead Association, to enhance trout habitat in the Knife River watershed. A list of proposed enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(k) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program, Ph. VII

\$1,421,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Shell Rock River Watershed District to acquire land in fee, restore, and enhance aquatic habitat in the Shell Rock River watershed. A list of proposed acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(l) Lake George Dam and Rum River Erosion

\$539,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Anoka County to enhance aquatic habitat within and adjacent to Lake George in Anoka County and restore and enhance aquatic habitat on the Rum River. A list of proposed habitat enhancements and restorations must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(m) Buffalo River Watershed Stream Habitat Program

\$1,195,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Buffalo-Red Watershed District to restore and enhance aquatic and upland habitat associated with the South Branch of the Buffalo River and Whisky Creek in the Buffalo-Red watershed. A list of proposed restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(n) Two Rivers Fish Passage Restoration and Habitat Enhancement

\$1,700,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the City of Hallock to restore and enhance fish passage and habitat in the South Branch Two Rivers. A list of proposed restorations must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(o) Six Mile Creek – Halsted Bay Habitat Restoration

\$567,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District to restore and enhance fish habitat in the South Branch Two Rivers. A list of proposed restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(p) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement

\$2,834,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources to restore and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded streams and aquatic management areas, and to facilitate fish passage. A list of proposed land restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(q) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat, Ph. X

\$6,771,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for a program to provide competitive, matching grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional, state, and national organizations for enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife in Minnesota. Of this amount, up to \$1,500,000 is for grants in the seven-county metropolitan area and cities with a population of 50,000 or greater. Grants shall not be made for activities required to fulfill the duties of owners of lands subject to conservation easements. Grants shall not be made from the appropriation in this paragraph for projects that have a total project cost exceeding \$575,000. Of the total appropriation, \$536,000 may be spent for personnel costs and other direct and necessary administrative costs. Grantees may acquire land or interests in land. Easements must be permanent. Grants may not be used to establish easement stewardship accounts. Land acquired in fee must be open to hunting and fishing during the open season unless otherwise provided by law. The program shall require a match of at least ten percent from non-state sources for all grants. The match may be cash or in-kind resources. For grant applications of \$25,000 or less, the commissioner shall provide a separate,

simplified application process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner of natural resources shall, when evaluating projects of equal value, give priority to organizations that have a history of receiving or charter to receive private contributions for local conservation or habitat projects. If acquiring land in fee or a conservation easement, priority shall be given to projects associated with or within one mile of existing wildlife management areas under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and natural areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or aquatic management areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02. All restoration or enhancement projects must be on land permanently protected by a permanent covenant ensuring perpetual maintenance and protection of restored and enhanced habitat, by a conservation easement, or by public ownership or in public waters as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 15. Priority shall be given to restoration and enhancement projects on public lands. Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded under this paragraph. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2022. No less than five percent of the amount of each grant must be held back from reimbursement until the grant recipient has completed a grant accomplishment report by the deadline and in the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The commissioner shall provide notice of the grant program in the game and fish law summary prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.051, subdivision 2.

Subd. 6. Administration

\$0 \$410,000

(a) Contract Management

\$210,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for contract management duties assigned in this section. The commissioner shall provide an accomplishment plan in the form specified by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council on the expenditure of this appropriation. The accomplishment plan must include a copy of the grant contract template and reimbursement manual. No money may be expended prior to Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council approval of the accomplishment plan.

(b) Technical Evaluation Panel

\$150,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources for a technical evaluation panel to conduct up to twenty five restoration and enhancement evaluations under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 10.

(c) High Priority Pre-Transaction Service Acceleration for Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

\$50,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources to provide land acquisition pre-transaction services including but not limited to appraisals, surveys, or title research for acquisition proposals under consideration by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. A list of activities must be included in the final accomplishment plan.

Subd. 7 Availability of Appropriation

Money appropriated in this section may not be spent on activities unless they are directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation and are specified in the accomplishment plan approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. Money appropriated in this section must not be spent on indirect costs or other institutional overhead charges that are not directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation. Unless otherwise provided, the amounts in this section are available until June 30, 2021. For acquisition of real property, the amounts in this section are available until June 30, 2022, if a binding agreement with a landowner or purchase agreement is entered into by June 30, 2021, and closed no later than June 30, 2022. Funds for restoration or enhancement are available until June 30, 2023, or five years after acquisition, whichever is later, in order to complete initial restoration or enhancement work. If a project receives at least 15% of its funding from federal funds, the time period of the appropriation may be extended to equal the availability of federal funding to a maximum of six years provided the federal funding was confirmed and included within the second draft accomplishment plan. Funds appropriated for fee title acquisition of land may be used to restore, enhance, and provide for public use of the land acquired with the appropriation. Public use facilities must have a minimal impact on habitat in acquired lands.

Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital Equipment Expenditures

All agreements referred to in this section must be administered on a reimbursement basis unless otherwise provided in this section. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.41, expenditures directly related to each appropriation's purpose made on or after July 1, 2018, or the date of accomplishment plan approval, whichever is later, are eligible for reimbursement unless otherwise provided in this section. For the purposes of administering appropriations and legislatively authorized agreements paid out of the outdoor heritage fund an expense must be considered reimbursable by the administering agency when the recipient presents the agency with an invoice, or binding agreement, with the landowner and the recipient attests that the goods have been received or the landowner agreement is binding. Periodic reimbursement must be made upon receiving documentation that the items articulated in the accomplishment plan approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council have been achieved, including partial achievements as evidenced by progress reports approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. Reasonable amounts may be advanced to projects to accommodate cash flow needs, support future management of acquired lands, or match a federal share. The advances must be approved as part of the accomplishment plan. Capital equipment expenditures for specific items in excess of \$10,000 must be itemized in and approved as part of the accomplishment plan.

Subd. 9. Mapping

Each direct recipient of money appropriated in this section, as well as each recipient of a grant awarded pursuant to this section, must provide geographic information to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for mapping of any lands acquired in fee with funds appropriated in this section and open to the public taking of fish and game. The commissioner of natural resources shall include the lands acquired in fee with money appropriated in this section on maps showing public recreation opportunities. Maps shall include information on and acknowledgement of the outdoor heritage fund, including a notation of any restrictions.

Subd. 10. Carryforward of Appropriation

(a) The availability of the appropriation in Laws 2014, chapter 256, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (e), for Mustinka River Fish and Wildlife Habitat Corridor Rehabilitation is extended to June 30, 2022.

(b) Paragraph (a) is effective the day following final enactment.

Subd. 11. Carryforward of Appropriation

(a) The availability of the appropriation in Laws 2015, First Special Session, chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (j), for Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat Restoration is extended to June 30, 2021.

(b) Paragraph (a) is effective the day following final enactment.