

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

MEMO: **Agenda Item #5**
DATE: August 30, 2023
SUBJECT: Preliminary Allocation Target, ML 2024/FY 2025
PRESENTER: Mark Johnson, Executive Director

Suggested Action:

By consensus, or motion and vote, the Council should agree upon an initial benchmark figure for their ML2024/FY2025 allocation recommendations. This benchmark will serve to guide Members' allocation recommendations that are due for return to LSOHC staff by Monday, September 18, 2023.

Background & Information:

MS97a.056, subd. 24, "In any fiscal year, at least five percent of that year's projected tax receipts determined by the most recent forecast for the outdoor heritage fund must not be appropriated."

MMB will provide an updated forecast for the Council's December 7, 2023 meeting for final fiscal guidance for recommendations within the ML24 OHF bill language. The Council's total allocation recommendation is required to fall within the "most recent" forecast (February 2024) with at least the statutorily mandated 5% reserve. In recent years, the Council has utilized a conservative 6% reserve target to accommodate potential downward forecast fluctuation. However, recent years' November and February forecasts have provided additional monies for allocation. As a result, to avoid resulting difficulties, staff recommends the Council start this year's recommendations using the 5% reserve figure.

The following calculation guidance has been provided by Ryan Mertz, Executive Budget Officer, MMB:

Outdoor Heritage Fund
 Minnesota Management and Budget
 8/15/2023

(\$ thousands)

Unobligated Carry Forward from Prior Year
 Sales Tax Receipts
 Investment Income & Other Revenue
Total Resources
Total Uses
 Budgetary Balance

Estimated Remaining Amount Available to Appropriate

Estimate of Amount Available to Appropriate	
End-of-Session 2023 Forecast	
FY25	
	8,226
	148,723
	2,502
	159,451
	655
	158,796
5% Reserve	6% Reserve
7,436	8,923
151,360	149,873

Attachments:

- Allocations Process Guidelines