

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to arts and cultural heritage; establishing a grant program for historic
1.3 sites; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
1.4 chapter 138.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[138.0375] HISTORY EDUCATION LEARNING PROGRAM**
1.7 **GRANTS.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **History education learning program established.** The history
1.9 education learning program (HELP) is established to augment the preservation of historic
1.10 sites in Minnesota with funding from the arts and cultural heritage fund created by the
1.11 Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 15.

1.12 Subd. 2. **Eligible projects.** (a) HELP funding must be for one or more of the
1.13 following purposes:

1.14 (1) code compliance at a historic site, including, but not limited to, health and safety,
1.15 Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, hazardous material abatement, access
1.16 improvement, or air quality improvement;

1.17 (2) building, grounds, or infrastructure repairs or maintenance necessary to preserve
1.18 or protect the historic site; or

1.19 (3) capital improvements or modernization for interactive, interpretive, or cultural
1.20 purposes at a historic site.

1.21 (b) Up to ten percent of an appropriation awarded under this section may be used for
1.22 design and administrative costs.

2.1 Subd. 3. **State-owned historic sites.** Money appropriated for purposes of this
2.2 subdivision is for state-owned historic sites and must be used for the purposes described in
2.3 subdivision 2.

2.4 Subd. 4. **County and local historical societies; match requirement.** The
2.5 Minnesota Historical Society may make HELP grants to political subdivisions and county
2.6 or local historical societies to pay up to 50 percent of the costs of eligible projects
2.7 described in subdivision 2. The political subdivision or county or local historical society
2.8 receiving a grant must provide for the remainder of the costs of the project.

2.9 Subd. 5. **Project priorities; report to legislature.** (a) The Minnesota Historical
2.10 Society shall establish criteria for prioritizing HELP projects.

2.11 (b) By January 15 of each year, the Minnesota Historical Society shall submit
2.12 a prioritization plan to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of
2.13 representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over arts and
2.14 cultural heritage finance. The prioritization plan must separately prioritize projects under
2.15 subdivisions 3 and 4, and it must include, without limitation, a list of the projects that have
2.16 been paid for during the preceding calendar year with HELP funding, a prioritized list of
2.17 projects for which HELP funding will be sought during the next ten fiscal years, and a
2.18 summary of the need and estimated costs for each project.

2.19 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.20 \$..... in fiscal year 2010 and \$..... in fiscal year 2011 is appropriated from the arts
2.21 and cultural heritage fund to the Minnesota Historical Society for HELP projects under
2.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 138.0375, subdivision 3. \$..... in fiscal year 2010 and \$.....
2.23 in fiscal year 2011 is appropriated to the Minnesota Historical Society for HELP grants to
2.24 political subdivisions and county or local historical societies under Minnesota Statutes,
2.25 section 138.0375, subdivision 4.