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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to arts and cultural heritage; appropriating money for county fairs.
1.3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.4 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; COUNTY FAIR GRANTS.**

1.5 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated from the
1.6 arts and cultural heritage fund to the commissioner of agriculture for grants to county
1.7 agricultural societies to enhance arts access and education and to preserve and promote
1.8 Minnesota's history and cultural heritage as embodied in its county fairs. The grants must
1.9 be distributed in equal amounts to each of the 95 county fairs. The grants are in addition to
1.10 the aid distribution to county agricultural societies under Minnesota Statutes, section 38.02.
1.11 The commissioner of agriculture must develop grant-making criteria and guidance for grants
1.12 under this section to provide funding for projects and events that provide access to the arts
1.13 or the state's agricultural, historical, and cultural heritage. The commissioner must seek
1.14 input from all interested parties.