

In 2008, Minnesota's voters passed the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment (Legacy Amendment) to the Minnesota Constitution to: protect drinking water sources; to protect, enhance, and restore wetlands, prairies, forests, and fish, game, and wildlife habitat; to preserve arts and cultural heritage; to support parks and trails; and to protect, enhance, and restore lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater.

Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund Overview:

Preservation of the arts and cultural heritage is accomplished through the State of Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, which represents a 19.75% portion of the larger Legacy Fund. The Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund Cultural Heritage Fund is also commonly referred to as the Legacy Fund.

The Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund is intended to create a strong arts legacy in Minnesota and will exist for a period of twenty-five years.

Vision:

In 25 years, Minnesotans will have made a significant investment in the arts.

As a result:

In Minnesota, the arts define who we are. This is a place where people are transformed by quality arts experiences, and see the arts as essential to their communities. The arts in Minnesota connect people of all ages and cultures, fostering understanding and respect.

Arts and culture are central to Minnesota's educational system and lifelong learning opportunities. The arts develop creative minds that maximize new opportunities and find solutions to life's challenges.

In Minnesota, the arts are an integral part of the economy. Because of the arts,

Minnesota communities are successful, dynamic, attractive places to live and work.

Minnesota is a recognized national arts leader, a magnet for artists and arts enthusiasts, and a destination for tourists. Residents and visitors are assured a world-class quality arts experience.

Minnesotans appreciate, create, attend participate or invest in the arts. Minnesota's effective, innovative, vibrant, public-private support for the arts is the strongest in the country. Universal support and appreciation for the arts help ensure the state's exceptional quality of life.