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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to capital investment; providing relief for public and private property  
1.3 damaged by the Browns Valley flooding of March 2007; authorizing flood  
1.4 mitigation projects in Browns Valley; appropriating money; amending Laws  
1.5 2005, chapter 20, article 1, section 7, subdivision 2; Laws 2006, chapter 258,  
1.6 section 7, subdivision 3.

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

1.8 Section 1. **BROWNS VALLEY FLOOD RELIEF APPROPRIATION.**

1.9 \$2,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of public  
1.10 safety for a grant to the city of Browns Valley to be used to mitigate damage to public  
1.11 and private property caused by the flooding of March 2007. Grant money may be used to  
1.12 repair, buy, or replace private property damaged by flooding.

1.13 Sec. 2. **HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY.**

1.14 The Housing Finance Agency may use the disaster relief contingency fund  
1.15 established under Minnesota Statutes, section 462A.21, subdivision 29, to assist with  
1.16 the rehabilitation or replacement of housing damaged as a result of the Browns Valley  
1.17 flooding of March 2007, notwithstanding that the area is not included in a presidential  
1.18 declaration of major disaster.

1.19 Sec. 3. Laws 2005, chapter 20, article 1, section 7, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.20 Subd. 2. **Flood Hazard Mitigation Grants** 27,000,000

1.21 For the state share of flood hazard  
1.22 mitigation grants for publicly owned capital  
1.23 improvements to prevent or alleviate flood

2.1 damage under Minnesota Statutes, section  
2.2 103F.161.

2.3 The commissioner shall determine project  
2.4 priorities as appropriate based on need.

2.5 This appropriation includes money for  
2.6 the following projects: Ada, Austin,  
2.7 Breckenridge, Browns Valley, Canisteo  
2.8 Mine, Cannon Falls, Crookston, Dawson,  
2.9 East Grand Forks, Grand Marais Creek,  
2.10 Granite Falls, Green Meadow Dam, Inver  
2.11 Grove Heights, Little McDonald Lake,  
2.12 Malung, Manston Slough, Minneapolis,  
2.13 Montevideo, Oakport, Palmville, Roseau  
2.14 River, St. Louis Park, Two River Ross  
2.15 Impoundment, Warren, and Whiskey Creek.

2.16 \$2,000,000 is for Austin for identified  
2.17 capital improvement projects, and any  
2.18 other authorized federal or state flood  
2.19 mitigation projects in the area designated  
2.20 under Presidential Declaration of Major  
2.21 Disaster, DR-1569, whether included in the  
2.22 original declaration or added later by federal  
2.23 government action. The area currently  
2.24 included in DR-1569 includes territory  
2.25 within the counties of Dodge, Faribault,  
2.26 Freeborn, Martin, Mower, Olmsted, and  
2.27 Steele.

2.28 \$175,000 is for the state share of a grant to  
2.29 the city of Cannon Falls for predesign and  
2.30 design of capital improvements to alleviate  
2.31 flooding caused by runoff from the bluffs and  
2.32 the flooding of the Little Cannon River and  
2.33 the Cannon River.

2.34 For any project listed in this subdivision that  
2.35 is not ready to proceed or does not expend all

3.1 the money allocated to it, the commissioner  
 3.2 may allocate that project's money to a project  
 3.3 on the commissioner's priority list.

3.4 To the extent that the cost of a project in  
 3.5 Ada, Austin, Breckenridge, Browns Valley,  
 3.6 Dawson, East Grand Forks, Granite Falls,  
 3.7 Montevideo, Oakport Township, Roseau, or  
 3.8 Warren exceeds two percent of the median  
 3.9 household income in the municipality  
 3.10 multiplied by the number of households in  
 3.11 the municipality, this appropriation is also  
 3.12 for the local share of the project.

3.13 There is no local share required for the  
 3.14 Canisteo Mine project.

3.15 For grants for Roseau River wildlife  
 3.16 management area, Palmville, and Malung,  
 3.17 the state share must be \$3 for each \$1 of  
 3.18 nonstate contribution.

3.19 Notwithstanding the grant expiration date of  
 3.20 June 30, 2002, the commissioner of natural  
 3.21 resources shall extend until June 30, 2007,  
 3.22 the expiration date of a grant made to the  
 3.23 city of Stillwater under Minnesota Statutes,  
 3.24 section 103F.161, used to match certain  
 3.25 federal appropriations for flood hazard  
 3.26 mitigation.

3.27 Sec. 4. Laws 2006, chapter 258, section 7, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

3.28 **Subd. 3. Flood Hazard Mitigation Grants** 25,000,000

3.29 For the state share of flood hazard  
 3.30 mitigation grants for publicly owned capital  
 3.31 improvements to prevent or alleviate flood  
 3.32 damage under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 3.33 103F.161.

- 4.1 The commissioner shall determine project  
 4.2 priorities as appropriate, based on need.
- 4.3 This appropriation includes money for the  
 4.4 following projects:
- 4.5 (a) Austin
- 4.6 (b) Albert Lea
- 4.7 (c) Browns Valley
- 4.8 (d) Crookston
- 4.9 ~~(d)~~ (e) Canisteo Mine
- 4.10 ~~(e)~~ (f) Delano
- 4.11 ~~(f)~~ (g) East Grand Forks
- 4.12 ~~(g)~~ (h) Golden Valley
- 4.13 ~~(h)~~ (i) Grand Marais Creek
- 4.14 ~~(i)~~ (j) Granite Falls
- 4.15 ~~(j)~~ (k) Inver Grove Heights
- 4.16 ~~(k)~~ (l) Manston Slough
- 4.17 ~~(l)~~ (m) Oakport Township
- 4.18 ~~(m)~~ (n) Riverton Township
- 4.19 ~~(n)~~ (o) Roseau
- 4.20 (p) Shell Rock Watershed District
- 4.21 ~~(o)~~ (q) St. Vincent
- 4.22 ~~(p)~~ (r) Wild Rice River Watershed District
- 4.23 For any project listed in this subdivision  
 4.24 that the commissioner determines is not  
 4.25 ready to proceed or does not expend all the  
 4.26 money allocated to it, the commissioner may  
 4.27 allocate that project's money to a project on  
 4.28 the commissioner's priority list.
- 4.29 To the extent that the cost of a project in Ada,  
 4.30 Breckenridge, Browns Valley, Crookston,  
 4.31 Dawson, East Grand Forks, Granite Falls,

5.1 Montevideo, Oakport Township, Roseau,  
5.2 St. Vincent, or Warren exceeds two percent  
5.3 of the median household income in the  
5.4 municipality multiplied by the number  
5.5 of households in the municipality, this  
5.6 appropriation is also for the local share of the  
5.7 project. The local share for the St. Vincent  
5.8 dike may not exceed \$30,000.

5.9       Sec. 5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

5.10       This act is effective the day following final enactment.