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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 arts; creating regional capital fund for arts organizations; appropriating
1.3 money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 129D.

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

1.5 Section 1. **[129D.18] REGIONAL ARTS CAPITAL GRANT FUND.**

1.6 The regional arts capital grant fund is created within the state treasury, to be
1.7 administered by the Board of the Arts. This fund shall provide grants to arts organizations
1.8 located outside of the seven-county metropolitan area for projects involving repairing,
1.9 reconstructing, rehabilitating, constructing, equipping, or refinancing facilities used for the
1.10 arts and for arts education. Eligible projects under this section must promote job growth,
1.11 economic development, or tourism related to arts and arts education. The Board of the
1.12 Arts shall establish criteria for selection of worthy projects.

1.13 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATIONS; REGIONAL ARTS CAPITAL GRANT FUND.**

1.14 \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the arts and cultural heritage fund to the regional arts
1.15 capital grant fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 129D.18, to be deposited in the fund
1.16 at a level of \$1,000,000 per year in each of the five years beginning in fiscal year 2010.