

**Subject** Rochester Children's Museum

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## Overview

The K-12 finance budget contains an appropriation for grants to certain children's museums. The appropriations for fiscal years 2022 and 2023 totaled \$610,000 each year. These annual appropriations included:

- \$269,000 for the Minnesota Children's Museum in St. Paul;
- \$50,000 each year for the Children's Museum of Rochester (Spark);
- \$50,000 each year for the Duluth Children's Museum;
- \$41,000 each year for the Minnesota Academy of Science;
- \$50,000 each year for the Headwaters Science Museum;
- \$50,000 each year for the Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota;
- \$50,000 each year for the Works Museum in Bloomington; and
- \$50,000 each year for Children's Discovery Museum of Grand Rapids.

Some museum programs also receive funding from Legacy funds. The base budget for grants to support children's museums is \$460,000 each year as funding for Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota, the Works Museum in Bloomington, and the Children's Discovery Museum of Grand Rapids were one-time only for fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

H.F. 1023 appropriates \$50,000 each year in fiscal years 2024 and 2025 for a grant to the Rochester Children's Museum which also goes by the name "Spark."

## Summary

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| 1 | <b>Rochester Children's Museum.</b><br>Appropriates \$50,000 per year from the state general fund to the commissioner of education for grants to the Rochester Children's Museum (Spark). |
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