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The University of Minnesota Morris received \$2 million in Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement (HEAPR) funding as a result of the capital investment bonding bill signed last week by Governor Tim Walz. UMN Morris will utilize the funding to address utility repairs and upgrades, HVAC control upgrades, water infiltration issues and accessibility enhancements.

This commitment by Governor Tim Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan, the state Legislature, and the University of Minnesota to UMN Morris will improve historic campus buildings for future generations and strengthen a regional asset.

“HEAPR funding will enable us to improve our beautiful, historic campus and provide our students, faculty, staff, and community with spaces that support the teaching, learning, and research activities that move our state forward,” says Chancellor Michelle Behr. “We're grateful for this investment in our campus and in the future of the region.”

HEAPR funding is available to maximize the effectiveness and life of the University of Minnesota's 29 million square feet of infrastructure. The University of Minnesota allocates HEAPR funding in four categories: health, safety and accessibility; building systems; utility infrastructure; and energy efficiency. The bonding bill includes \$38.5 million in HEAPR improvements to the University of Minnesota System campuses, research and outreach centers and field stations.

The capital investment bonding bill was passed during a four-day special session of the Minnesota Legislature beginning Monday, October 12. In total, the bill includes more than \$104 million in funding for the University of Minnesota System.