



City of Saint Paul

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Resolution: RES 23-1072

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Authorizing the City's Office of Neighborhood Safety to apply for \$50,000 grant funding from the Saint Paul and Minnesota Foundation to support its Project PEACE and St. Paul Public Schools Summer Schools Initiative.

WHEREAS, Chapter 10 of the Saint Paul City Charter recognizes the City Council's authority over the budget and spending of the City of Saint Paul; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 86 of the Saint Paul Administrative Code requires all contracts be authorized by the Saint Paul City Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 86.12 of the Saint Paul Administrative Code requires City Council approval prior to submission of grant applications; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul has established the Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS) within the Office of the City Attorney (Ord 22-9); and

WHEREAS, ONS is a community-justice, equity, and safety-focused office that leads Project PEACE, a City of St. Paul initiative focused on deterring gun violence in the community through prevention, environmental design, accountability, community action, and enforcement; and

WHEREAS, ONS is aware that St. Paul Public Schools (SPPS) will merge all St. Paul Public Schools summer school programs to three buildings for six weeks during the summer 2023 school term for intensive credit recovery and learning; and

WHEREAS, ONS anticipates that merging the SPPS summer school programs will increase the risk of violence among summer school students, especially those affiliated with rival groups; and

WHEREAS, ONS has partnered with St. Paul Public Schools (SPPS) and created the Project PEACE and SPPS Summer School Initiative that will provide community-first lead strategic engagement at SPPS summer schools and nearby violent hotspots with the aim of reducing youth violence; and

WHEREAS, The Project PEACE and SPPS Summer School Initiative needs funding to hire a team of workers to support the initiative, specifically a Violence Interrupter, a School Support Liaison, and Community Support Liaisons; and

WHEREAS, the St. Paul & Minnesota Foundation supports violence reduction efforts by community agencies and has grant funding available in the amount of \$50,000 to assist the Project Peace and SPPS Summer School Initiative to hire team members; and

WHEREAS, receiving the grant funds would support ONS's overall mission to "establish,

coordinate, and/or advance violence prevention, interruption, and reconciliation strategies in order to increase safety"; and

RESOLVED, that the City of Saint Paul City Council, upon recommendation of the Mayor, does authorize the Office of Neighborhood Safety to apply to the Saint Paul and Minnesota Foundation for a discretionary grant in the amount of \$50,000 to hire workers for the Project PEACE and SPPS Summer School Initiative.

At a meeting of the City Council on 7/19/2023 this resolution was adopted.

Yea: 7 Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, and Councilmember Balenger

Nay: 0

Vote Attested by
Council Secretary



Shari Moore

Date 7/19/2023

Signed by Mayor



Melvin Carter III

Date 7/20/2023