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Peter F. Jackson
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Dear Peter:

The City of Saint Paul is excited to submit a request for funding to the F.R. Bigelow Foundation to support our *Right Track* youth employment initiative.

Right Track brings together the City of Saint Paul, Saint Paul Public Schools, local businesses, community organizations to provide employment opportunities and professional skills training for low-income youth.

The City has a longstanding record of providing subsidized summer employment for youth at parks, libraries, and nonprofits throughout Saint Paul. With support from the Saint Paul and F.R. Bigelow Foundations we were able to pilot the Right Track YJ02 initiative in the summer of 2013 to provide low-income Saint Paul youth with professional internships in the private and public sector.

The response to Right Track has been overwhelming and we have grown from 21 youth internships during our first summer to over 100 internships last summer. Right Track has become one of my key education and workforce development strategies.

We ask the F.R. Bigelow Foundation for \$10,000 in support to provide scholarships to small businesses and non-profits that might want to hire a Right Track intern for the summer but can't bear the entire cost. \$10,000 in support would allow us to provide 10 small businesses or non-profits with an intern and provide 10 Saint Paul youth with valuable work experience.

Trenton Henspeter, Right Track Director, is the project lead. Please contact him if you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

Best,

Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor
City of Saint Paul