

**HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA**

**REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONERS**

**DATE: MAY 27, 2020**

**REGARDING: AUTHORIZING THE HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS THAT WILL HELP THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL TO PLAN, PREPARE FOR, OR RESPOND TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK, CITYWIDE**

**Requested Board Action**

Authorize the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) to apply for and accept grant funds to help the City of Saint Paul (City) plan, prepare for, or respond to the COVID-19 outbreak.

**Background**

On March 13, 2020, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz issued Executive Order 20-01, “Declaring a Peacetime Emergency and Coordinating Minnesota’s Strategy to Protect Minnesotans from COVID-19,” and on March 15, 2020, Mayor Melvin Carter issued an emergency declaration, directing City departments to review operations and legal proceedings to determine whether any such operations or proceedings need adjusted or suspended, among other directions. On March 17, 2020, the Saint Paul City Council extended the emergency declaration for ninety (90) days until June 15, 2020.

The necessary resources to respond to and recover from this pandemic will exceed those resources available within the City and the HRA, and additional resources will be needed. This resolution would allow the HRA to apply for and accept all COVID-19 related grant funds during the pandemic that will help the City to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Staff will bring to the HRA Board notice of any grant applications and/or awards at the next regularly-scheduled meeting.

**Budget Action**

Not applicable.

**Future Action**

HRA budget amendments will be needed for grant funds accepted by the HRA.

**Financing Structure**

Gifts and donations

**PED Credit Committee Review**

Not applicable.

**Compliance**

Would apply based on how grant funds are used.

**Green/Sustainable Development**

Not applicable.

**Environmental Impact Disclosure**

Not applicable.

**Historic Preservation**

Not applicable.

**Public Purpose/Comprehensive Plan Conformance:**

The public purpose of these grant funds is to help the HRA protect the health, welfare, and safety of the public.

**Statement of Chairman (for Public Hearing)**

Not applicable.

**Recommendation:**

Approve resolution that authorizes the HRA to accept gifts and donations to help the City plan, prepare for, or respond to the COVID-19 outbreak.

**Sponsored by:**

HRA Board Chair Chris Tolbert

**Staff:**

Rhonda Gillquist

**Attachments**

None