

**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 ACCEPT GIFTS AND DONATIONS 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 accept gifts and donations 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 accept all COVID-19 related gifts and donations 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 gifts and donations at the next regularly-scheduled meeting.

Budget Action

Not applicable.

Future Action

HRA budget amendments will be needed for gifts and donations accepted by the HRA.

Financing Structure

Gifts and donations

PED Credit Committee Review

Not applicable.

Compliance

Would apply based on how gifts and donations 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 gifts and donations 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