

JPA PROPOSAL

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OVERVIEW

1. Project background and description

The City of Saint Paul operates the city, there are multiple situations where there may be two government entities that have a share interest and need to work together.

State Law, Section 471.59, reads, two or more governmental units, by agreement entered into through action of their governing bodies, are authorized to enter into agreements to exercise jointly or cooperatively governmental powers common to each and to permit one governmental entity to perform services or functions for another governmental unit.

Joint Power Agreements come before council for approval as they are needed. There are many JPA's the city enters, but there is not one consolidated list of all the JPA's. The city council is interested in learning if the current JPA's are meeting the anticipated goals and covers the city's costs

2. Project scope -

This list will include potential scoping topics, **the focus needs to be narrowed**.

- 1) Department focus
- 2) Municipality focused
- 3) Service focused
- 4) Age of JPA

Examples of JPA –

- Authorizing the City of Saint Paul (the “City”) to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with Ramsey County (the “County”) to use the City’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to support joint Workforce Initiative Programs in response to populations negatively impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Authorizing the City of Saint Paul to enter into the Fencing Consortium Joint Powers Agreement for the purpose of leasing anti-scalable fencing as a de-escalation tool and a public safety measure.
- Authorizing the Fire Department to enter into a joint powers agreement with the State Patrol for helicopter operation training.
- Authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with Metropolitan Council for the operation and maintenance of the Metropolitan Council’s Transit Signal Priority System.
- Giving host approval to the issuance by the City of Mounds View of conduit Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds on behalf of 115 Plato LP, approving a Joint Powers Agreement and authorizing the execution of documents relating thereto, all for the Plato Apartments at Farwell Yards Project, at 115 Plato Boulevard West. (District 3, Ward 2)
- Authorizing and approving a Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Saint Paul and Saint Paul Public Housing Agency regarding compliance review for the Stryker Senior Housing project that received City of Saint Paul and/or Housing and Redevelopment Authority funding and Saint Paul Housing Agency Project Based Voucher funding (Districts 3, Ward 2).
- Approving the execution of the Joint Powers Agreement with Ramsey County for Immigrant and Refugee Services.

- Authorizing the proper City officials to enter into an Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement with Ramsey County for the administration of Emergency Solutions Grant funds.
- Authorizing (i) execution of a Joint Powers Agreement with Ramsey County for housing efforts at Interfaith Action's Project Home located at 1880 Randolph Avenue, and (ii) an HRA budget amendment, District 15, Ward 3
- Authorizing the Department of Public Works to enter into a statewide mutual aid agreement jointly with other government municipalities and entities for the leasing of equipment.
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- Authorizing and approving a joint powers agreement between the City of Saint Paul and Saint Paul Public Housing Agency regarding compliance review for the Parkway Apartments project that received City of Saint Paul and/or Housing and Redevelopment Authority funding and Saint Paul Housing Agency project based voucher funding. (Districts 2, Ward 7)
- Authorizing the Police Department (SPPD) to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) to become a member of Minnesota Financial Crimes Task Force (MNFCTF).
- Authorizing the Police Department to amend the 2022 Grant Fund for the sub-grant received from Ramsey County for the Violent Crime Enforcement Team (VCET).
- Pertaining to a Joint Powers Agreement with Ramsey County and VLAWMO regarding maintenance contributions of each party following the removal of invasive buckthorn vegetation at Vadnais-Sucker Lakes Regional Park.
- Authorizing the Police Department to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) for three one-day training sessions.
- Authorizing the City of Saint Paul to enter into and execute a Cooperative Funding Agreement for Rice Street and Larpenteur Avenue Gateway Alliance Consulting Services with the City of Roseville and the City of Maplewood in accordance with the Rice-Larpenteur Vision Plan.
- Authorizing the execution of a joint powers agreement with the City of Minneapolis, Ramsey County, and Hennepin County and application to the Economic Development Administration's Good Jobs Challenge.
- Allocating Round Two Federal Emergency Rental Assistance funds to the Saint Paul - Ramsey County Tenant Assistance Program and authorizing the execution of necessary agreement.
- Authorizing the City to enter into a Joint Powers and Construction Cooperation Agreement with the Metropolitan Council for the Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project.
- Authorizing the execution of a Joint Powers Agreement with the Port Authority of the City relating to the EAB Project.
- Approving a transfer agreement with the Metropolitan Council to accept ten traffic signal controllers for installation on University Avenue.
- Pursuing a Joint Shared Mobility RFP with the City of Minneapolis.
- Authorizing the City to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of West St. Paul for the reconstruction of Annapolis Street from Smith Avenue to Kansas Avenue.

3. Risk

- The city may not be recovering full costs for services.
- If we are not covering our costs, where is that money coming from.
- The city may be receiving more revenue than their cost.
- An increase in fees may create financial hardship.
- Fee study may not capture in-kind or agreements between municipalities

4. Deliverables

Phase	What	Estimated Time
Research (Phase 1)		
Documentation (Phase 2)		
Recommendation (Phase 3)		
Report (Phase 4)		

5. Affected parties

- *City Departments*
- *Other municipalities – State, County, School Districts*
- *Non-Profits*
- *District Councils*

6. Specific exclusions from scope

This is not a city-wide project; this project is only related to the fees mentioned.

7. High-level timeline/schedule:

Estimate 134 hours to complete. I estimate this project taking 3 months, taking in account department head schedules and coordination.

