

of color and who are looking for innovators in city and county government who want to take a leadership role in advancing fair and just policies to champion racial equity and smart government; and

WHEREAS, the Initiative will help cities and counties identify and implement reforms that make a difference in the lives of low-income residents and are feasible for government to implement, with the long-term goal to create a cohort of cities and counties that are acting as national leaders by creating models of innovative and effective reforms and inspiring localities across the country to do the same; and

WHEREAS, the Initiative will provide support - including technical assistance, research, best practices, budgeting/revenue forecasting, messaging, and press outreach - to help localities examine and reform fines and fees imposed in their communities if selected to join the Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Initiative will provide participating localities with grant support of \$50,000 ("Grant"), which can be used for any purpose related to advancing fine and fee reform, if selected to join the Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the goals and objectives of the Cities and Counties for Fines and Fee Justice initiative and capacity building grant aligns with the goals and objectives of the Office of Financial Empowerment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of Saint Paul does hereby authorize the Office of Financial Empowerment to apply for the Grant in the amount of \$50,000 and join the Cities and Counties for Fines and Fee Justice Initiative.