



# City of Saint Paul

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## Legislation Text

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Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for a grant from the Minnesota Association for Volunteer Administration.

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Association for Volunteer Administration (MAVA) is a Minnesota non-profit, 501(c) (3), organization whose mission is to inspire excellence in the leadership of volunteers to impact communities; and

WHEREAS, MAVA has received \$52,000 from the Bush Foundation to convene conversations with partners, cities, volunteer managers, volunteers and citizens interested in building new strategies to engage a diverse citizenry in community problems, and to develop strategies and curriculum to train cities throughout Minnesota to increase citizen volunteerism in problem solving and public service; and

WHEREAS, through an existing partnership with MAVA, the Department of Parks and Recreation was extended an opportunity to submit a grant proposal; and

WHEREAS, receipt of a grant would include \$2,000 in funding to enhance the Saint Paul Natural Resources volunteer program, participation in a cohort of city volunteer managers and MAVA and Bush Foundation administrators, up to four hours of consulting time from MAVA, and the opportunity to become a visible example for other Minnesota cities; and

WHEREAS, receipt of a grant would allow the City to enhance the Saint Paul Natural Resources volunteer program, providing support and resources for current volunteers and tools to engage new volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation requests permission to apply for \$2,000 in funding from MAVA to support volunteer programs serving residents; regional individuals; and corporate, nonprofit and civic partners who complete restoration, conservation, beautification and educational projects in Saint Paul regional parks; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Department of Parks and Recreation is hereby authorized to apply for grant funding from MAVA and, if successful, appropriate city officials may enter into an agreement to accept the funds on behalf of the City.