



Legislation Text

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Authorizing Mayor Carter's Office and the Office of Financial Services to submit a McKnight Foundation Climate and Energy Program Grant proposal.

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul's Climate Action and Resilience Plan (CARP) adopted in 2019 includes the goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 50% community-wide by 2030 and achieving net zero emissions in Saint Paul by 2050, while also making city operations carbon neutral by 2030; and

WHEREAS, the McKnight Foundation's Midwest Climate and Energy Program aims to foster and support climate and energy leadership in the Midwest, making the region a model for the world by reducing energy-related greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul is determined to make significant progress toward the goals of the Climate Action and Resilience Plan and to better communicate that progress and the City's work to the public; and

WHEREAS, The City of Saint Paul is planning to create a new Climate Action Coordinator position in the Office of Financial Services, to help the City take advantage of new federal and state funding for coordinated action on climate change consistent with the Saint Paul Climate Action and Resilience Plan; and

WHEREAS, the new Climate Action Coordinator will: coordinate across city Departments and with partner organizations in seeking federal and state grants to accelerate climate action; lead the City's climate action and sustainability reporting to CDP and ACEEE, and the City's new Climate Dashboard; and staff the City's Climate Justice Advisory Board, among other duties; and

WHEREAS, the McKnight Foundation has expressed a willingness to consider a proposal from the City of Saint Paul to apply for \$150,000 for the above purpose, in order to advance the goals of the City's Draft Climate Action and Resilience Plan; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul City Council authorizes Mayor Carter's office and the Office of Financial Services to submit, on behalf of the City of Saint Paul, an application to the McKnight Foundation for \$150,000 for the purposes outlined herein; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the grant funds are awarded, the City Council authorizes Mayor Carter's office to enter into a grant agreement with the McKnight Foundation.