



## Legislation Text

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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.

WHEREAS, 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," declaring a peacetime emergency under Minn. Stat. § 12.31, subd. 2; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Saint Paul City Council extended the emergency declaration for ninety (90) days until June 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control has labeled COVID-19 as a pandemic illness; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses a risk to the health, welfare, and safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, the necessary resources to respond to and recover from this pandemic will exceed those resources available within the City and the Housing Redevelopment Authority, and additional resources will be needed; and

WHEREAS, organizations have approached the Housing Redevelopment Authority and offered to make gifts and donations to the Bridge Fund and other projects in efforts to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Redevelopment Authority would like to accept all COVID-19 related gift and donations during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, once a financial gift or donation is made and the amount is known, the Housing Redevelopment Authority will submit an HRA Board resolution to amend the budget in the amount specified by said gift or donation; and

WHEREAS, the public purpose of these gifts and donations is to help the Housing Redevelopment Authority protect the health, welfare, and safety of the public; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the HRA Board authorizes the Housing Redevelopment Authority to accept gifts and donations to plan, prepare for, or respond to the COVID-19 outbreak, and thanks donors for their generous gift.