



Legislation Text

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Approving the 2018 Round 1 Cultural Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) Loan and Grant Program awards.

WHEREAS, on July 13, 1994, the City Council of the City of Saint Paul established the Cultural Capital Investment ("Cultural STAR") Program, and

WHEREAS, the Cultural STAR Program is funded with ten percent of an additional one-half of one percent sales tax on sales transactions that occur within the City, pursuant to Minnesota Laws 1993, Chapter 375, Article 9, Section 46, as amended, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Cultural STAR Program is to promote economic growth in Saint Paul by strengthening the arts and cultural sector and by supporting downtown as a vital cultural center, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Laws 1998, Chapter 389, Article 8, Section 37, Subdivision 1, a citizen review panel, commonly known as the Cultural STAR Board, has completed its biannual review of all proposals for the expenditure of funds in Round 1 of Cycle 24 of the Cultural STAR Program and has made recommendations regarding the proposed expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has reviewed the applications for funds in Round 1 of Cycle 24 of the Cultural STAR Program and has made recommendations, which are listed in the report attached to this resolution entitled "2018 Round 1 Cultural STAR Board and Mayoral Recommendations" ("Recommendations"), and

WHEREAS, none of the recommended grants listed in the "Recommendations" require a public hearing due to provisions in the Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 116J, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby approves the projects and amounts listed in Financial Analysis attached hereto for the funding in Round 1 of Cycle 24 of the Cultural STAR Program, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that eligible expenses incurred on or after April 1, 2018, for the approved projects are eligible for reimbursement, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council extends its gratitude to the members of the Cultural STAR Board for their hard work in reviewing the proposals and making recommendations to the Mayor and City Council in this first round of 2018.