



Legislation Text

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Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept grant funding in the amount of \$2,000,000 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program) and amending the financing and spending plan in the Department for forestry planning, planting, and management of the tree canopy throughout the City.

WHEREAS, The City of Saint Paul has been awarded with grant funding in the amount of \$2,000,000 from U.S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) Program; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation wishes to accept these funds for the continuation and expansion of the forestry training and jobs program, increased long-term urban forestry and natural resource planning and assessment, and opportunities to protect, enhance and expand equitable urban tree canopy cover in disadvantaged communities; and

WHEREAS, grant funds would allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to increase and enhance existing efforts to successfully manage Saint Paul's aging urban tree canopy; and

WHEREAS, the match requirement has been waived under the provision of Public Law 117-169 (Inflation Reduction Act) and based on assurance that 100% of the work and funding will benefit disadvantaged communities; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation wishes to accept said grant funds and amend the financing and spending plan in the 2024 Grant Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, pursuant to Section 10.07.1 of the Charter of the City of Saint Paul, does certify that there are available for appropriation, funds of \$2,000,000 in excess of those estimated in the 2024 Budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Saint Paul, that \$2,000,000 is available for appropriation in the 2024 budget, and said 2024 budget, as heretofore adopted by the Council, is hereby further amended as indicated on the attached financial analysis; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Council accepts the grant funding and authorizes the appropriate City officials to enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the aforementioned funding.

See Attachment