



Legislation Text

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Joining the American Lung Association's application to the Department of Energy for funding of the Twin Cities Electric Vehicle Community Mobility Network and a multifamily housing electric vehicle carshare pilot.

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul is developing a network of curbside hubs featuring electric vehicle carshare and public electric vehicle charging in partnership with the City of Minneapolis, Xcel Energy, and HOURCAR; and

WHEREAS, the network of charging hubs will be deployed in Saint Paul and Minneapolis, where the new electric vehicle carshare service operated by HOURCAR will provide an additional transportation option, complementing transit, biking, & walking. The public charging component will enable more drivers to convert to electric vehicles. Renewable energy will be sought to power the hubs, and overall project goals are to improve air quality, reduce car ownership, and provide transportation options in line with the Saint Paul Climate Action Resilience plan; and

WHEREAS, the American Lung Association is applying for Department of Energy funds for the Twin Cities Electric Vehicle Community Mobility Network and a multifamily housing electric vehicle carshare pilot; and

WHEREAS, the American Lung Association, as the applicant, will be responsible for all reporting requirements on the Department of Energy funds; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds, if awarded, will - among other elements -- help fill the funding gap in the Twin Cities Electric Vehicle Community Mobility Network, diversify the electric vehicle carshare fleet, fund community engagement and outreach about the new network, and enable additional fast charging capabilities in the network; and

WHEREAS, there is a 50% match requirement of these funds by the partners; and

WHEREAS, most of the match will be met by Xcel Energy's contribution of electrical infrastructure to the project; and

WHEREAS, the City's component of the match over the 39-month grant period would come from \$245,300 in in-kind staff hours from the Mayor's office providing oversight for the project and from Public Works street operations, from where the charging network operations will be managed; and

WHEREAS, that upon approval of the funding application by the Department of Energy, the City of Saint Paul will work with the American Lung Association in complying with all applicable laws and regulations as required receipt of said grant; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul City Council hereby consents to being included in the American Lung Association's application for Department of Energy funding, and authorizes further applications for grants to other agencies and groups as are necessary to implement the Twin Cities Electric Vehicle Community Mobility Network, as described above, on behalf of the City.