



Legislation Text

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Authorizing the City to enter into a professional services agreement with Lockridge Grindel Nauen, PLLP for lobbying activities.

WHEREAS, Saint Paul Administrative Code §45.03 requires that all contracts for lobbying activities be first authorized by resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Office wishes to contract with Lockridge Grindel Nauen, PLLP to provide federal legislative lobbying services in 2016, including but not limited to:

- Advocate for continued CDBG, HOME, Emergency Shelter Grant, and Promise Neighborhood grant funding for City programs;
- Monitor, analyze and advocate for grant funding for the Kellogg/3rd Street Bridge reconstruction project;
- Monitor and analyze grant funding opportunities related to parks, including dredging, trails and the City's Great River Passage plan, among others;
- Monitor and analyze activities related to the federal budget and congressional appropriations process and their impact on Saint Paul;
- Advocate for inclusion of high speed rail alignment coming from Chicago to Saint Paul's Union Depot in any federal transportation authorization or appropriation bills;
- Advocate for funding for Violence Against Women Act grants;
- Grants review and identification for City priorities, including: St. Paul Police Services Building, RockTenn Fire Station, Department of Homeland Security Initiatives identified projects, among others;
- Strategy to address federal housing program concerns including issues pertaining to HUD purchased homes and Section 8 Housing programs;
- Advocate for the 2016 TIGER application;
- Other legislative priorities as needed.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the appropriate City officials to enter into the attached professional services agreements with Lockridge Grindel Nauen, PLLP.