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Accepting the gift of membership dues for the City of Saint Paul, and of conference registration, air transportation, and lodging in the total amount of \$2,710.00 from the Springboard for the Arts for Joe Spencer to attend the Grantmakers In the Arts Conference in San Francisco, California, October 9 - 13, 2011.

WHEREAS, Grantmakers In the Arts is a national organization of individuals, foundations, and corporations who make grants in support of the arts; and

WHEREAS, the kinds of support, best practices, and publications offered by the Grantmakers In the Arts organization will strengthen the City of Saint Paul's Cultural STAR program; and

WHEREAS, Springboard for the Arts, with funding from new national funder, ArtPlace, has offered to pay the City's membership dues so the City can join Grantmakers In the Arts; and

WHEREAS, Grantsmakers In the Arts is hosting a national conference in San Francisco, California on October 9 - 13, 2011 entitled Americans for the Arts; and

WHEREAS, Joe Spencer, Mayor Chris Coleman's Office and Arts and Culture Director for the City of Saint Paul, has been invited to represent the City of Saint Paul; and

WHEREAS, this conference is attended by officials across the country doing similar work in order to learn and share innovative programs and best practices; and

WHEREAS, Springboard for the Arts, with funding from the new national funder, ArtPlace, has offered to pay expenses incurred by attending this conference; and

WHEREAS, this opportunity is a result of the work the City is doing in arts-based economic development work and may further create new grant opportunities for Saint Paul; and

WHEREAS, Joe Spencer's attendance at this will serve a public purpose in allowing him to meet with other people in his field to discuss policies and programs around leveraging Saint Paul's creative communities for economic vitality; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul City Council accepts the gift of conference registration, lodging, and travel for the Americans for the Arts Conference and appropriates it to the intended use for Joe Spencer to attend the conference, and thanks Springboard for the Arts for their generous gifts.