



## Legislation Text

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Authorizing the City to transfer \$250,000 in CDBG-CV funds to a specific account for COVID related activities.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Saint Paul is an entitlement grantee that receives direct funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the following programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Home Investment Partnership (HOME); and

**WHEREAS**, Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) on March 27, 2020 in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 2, 2020, the City of Saint Paul as an entitlement grantee was awarded a special allocation of \$4,054,659 in CDBG-CV funding through HUD under the CARES Act based on the fiscal year 2020 CDBG formula to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 11, 2020, the City of Saint Paul as an entitlement grantee was awarded another special allocation of \$2,007,169 in CDBG-CV funding through HUD under the CARES Act at the discretion of the Secretary of HUD to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, these funds must meet all of the CDBG program requirements unless specifically waived under the CARES Act including meeting one of three national objectives: benefitting low- and moderate- income persons, preventing or eliminating slums or blight, or meeting other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the CARES Act, these CDBG-CV funds must address impacts to residents and businesses from the COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic.

**WHEREAS**, on December 9<sup>th</sup>, via resolution 20-278, the City accepted these grants and amended the 2020 federal grants budget and increased the CDBG grant budget by \$6,061,828; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has identified the following activity, that is consistent with CDBG program requirements, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 for a total of \$250,000:

Emergency Rental Assistance Community Navigators: \$250,000

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 10.07.4 of the Charter of the City of Saint Paul, the Mayor recommends the transfer of the unencumbered CDBG-CV funds to the project activity codes as outlined in the attached financial analysis; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Saint Paul does hereby authorize the City to transfer \$250,000 from the federal grants budget CDBG-CV holding account to the project activity code as outlined in the attached financial analysis.

See attachment.