



Legislation Text

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Accepting the gift of airfare, transportation, and food expenses from the Heartland Alliance and Mott Foundation for Muneer Karcher-Ramos, Director of the Office of Financial Empowerment, and Ikram Koliso, College Savings Account Program Manager, to attend the Upper Midwest College Savings Account (CSA) Consortium convening in Indianapolis, Indiana on July 31-August 1, 2019.

WHEREAS, Muneer Karcher-Ramos, Director of the Office of Financial Empowerment, and Ikram Koliso, College Savings Account Program Manager, have been invited by the Heartland Alliance and Mott Foundation to attend the Upper Midwest CSA Consortium convening to participate in meetings to learn from other College Savings Account ("CSA") program administrators held in Indianapolis, Indiana on July 31-August 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul is formally part of the Upper Midwest College Savings Account Consortium; and

WHEREAS, this will be an opportunity for the City of Saint Paul to hear from national leaders on CSAs and asset building, as well as hearing and learning best practices from other CSAs programs that are in their design, implementation, launch, and operation phases; and

WHEREAS, the convening will be attended by administrators and partners that have expertise and experience in key policy elements for successful programs, research implications, and best practices in providing guidance on how to implement College Savings Accounts in Saint Paul; and

WHEREAS, the convening will build knowledge of different incentive models and features that help CSA programs build equity; support their programs' long-term goals, growth, and sustainability; and are also administratively feasible; and

WHEREAS, the Heartland Alliance and Mott Foundation have offered to cover all expenses related to airfare, transportation, hotel reservation, and food expenses for Muneer Karcher-Ramos and Ikram Koliso, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul City Council accepts the offer for Heartland Alliance and Mott Foundation Upper Midwest CSA Consortium to cover expenses related to airfare, transportation, hotel, and food expenses for Muneer Karcher-Ramos and Ikram Koliso to attend the Upper Midwest CSA Consortium meetings and thanks them for their generosity.