



## Legislation Text

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Authorizing the City to accept a \$210,750 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Diesel Emissions Reduction Act and authorizing a corresponding budget amendment.

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul City Council and Mayor Melvin Carter are dedicated to making Saint Paul one of the most sustainable cities in the United States and to protecting our city's air, water, and urban landscape; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) coordinates "The Clean Diesel Program" which provides support for projects that protect human health and improve air quality by reducing harmful emissions from diesel engines and provides grants and rebates funded under the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA); and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul partnered again with the Environmental Initiative, a nonprofit organization that builds partnerships to develop collaborative solutions to Minnesota's environmental problems, on an application to the EPA's DERA program; and

WHEREAS, the City has been notified that it has been recommended for \$210,750 of funding, which will be distributed through Environmental Initiative and will directly offset the cost of replacing identified vehicles, thus reducing the City's cost for their replacement; and

WHEREAS, by replacing this equipment with cleaner and more fuel efficient ones, there will be significant lifetime reduction of nitrogen oxide, particulate matter, hydrocarbon, and carbon monoxide reductions, and help protect human health; and

WHEREAS, the City authorized the City to apply for and execute a grant agreement, which includes an indemnification clause, as outlined in RES 17-1930 and RES 18-674; and

WHEREAS, the financing and spending plans have not been established for the reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor pursuant to Section 10.07.1 of the Charter of the City of Saint Paul, does certify that there are available for appropriations funds of \$210,750 in excess of those estimated in the 2019 budget; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council, that:

- 1) the City is authorized to accept the above-mentioned grant; and
- 2) \$210,750 is available for appropriation in the 2019 budget, and said budget, as heretofore adopted by Council, is hereby amended as outlined in the attached financial analysis.

See Attachment.