



Legislation Text

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Authorizing the Department of Planning and Economic Development to apply to the Metropolitan Council's Livable Communities Demonstration Account - Transit-Oriented Development Pre-Development Fund for Keystone Community Services.

WHEREAS the City of Saint Paul is a participant in the Livable Communities Act's Local Housing Incentives Account Program for 2020 as determined by the Metropolitan Council, and is therefore eligible to apply for Livable Communities Demonstration Account funds; and

WHEREAS the City has identified the Keystone Community Services project meets the Demonstration Account's purposes and criteria and is consistent with and promotes the purposes of the Metropolitan Livable Communities Act and the policies of the Metropolitan Council's adopted metropolitan development guide; and

WHEREAS the City has the institutional, managerial and financial capability to ensure adequate project administration; and

WHEREAS the City certifies that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the grant agreement; and

WHEREAS the City agrees to act as legal sponsor for the project contained in the grant application submitted on May 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS the City acknowledges Livable Communities Demonstration Account grants are intended to fund projects or project components that can serve as models, examples or prototypes for development or redevelopment projects elsewhere in the region, and therefore represents that the proposed project or its key components can be replicated in other metropolitan-area communities; and

WHEREAS only a limited amount of grant funding is available through the Metropolitan Council's Livable Communities Demonstration Account during each funding cycle and the Metropolitan Council has determined it is appropriate to allocate those scarce grant funds only to eligible projects that would not occur without the availability of Demonstration Account grant funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, after appropriate examination and due consideration, the Mayor and Saint Paul City Council, which are the governing body of the City:

- 1) Finds that it is in the best interests of the City's development goals and priorities for the proposed project or projects to occur at these particular sites and at this particular time.
- 2) Finds that the project components for which Livable Communities Demonstration Account funding is sought:
 - will not occur solely through private or other public investment within the reasonably foreseeable future;
 - and will occur within two years after a grant award only if Livable Communities Demonstration Account funding is made available for this project at this time.
- 3) Authorizes the Director of the Department of Planning and Economic Development to submit on behalf of the City an application for Metropolitan Council Livable Communities Demonstration Account grant funds for the Keystone Community Services, and to execute such agreements as may be necessary

to implement the project on behalf of the City.