



## Legislation Text

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Authorizing application and acceptance of a grant from the State of Minnesota to predesign and design the Playwrights' Center facility in an amount up to \$850,000; amending the 2021 City budget upon acceptance of said grant; and approving and authorizing execution of a State Grant Agreement and other necessary documents in connection therewith (District 12, Ward 4).

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature approved a GO Bond Grant in an amount up to \$850,000 (the "Grant") to the City of Saint Paul (City) to predesign and design the playwrights center facility in St. Paul for use as a comprehensive play development program and workshop facility (the "Project"), in Minnesota Laws 2020, 5th Special Session, Ch.3, Art 1, Sec. 21, Subd. 41; and

WHEREAS, the non-profit entity, The Playwrights' Center, Inc. ("PWC"), will manage the above-referenced Project on behalf of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City, as the legal sponsor for the Project must submit an application to the State of Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for receipt of the Grant, said application to be submitted by the City's Department of Planning and Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, the City, as legal sponsor and applicant, has the legal authority to apply for the Grant, and the institutional, managerial, and financial capability to oversee the Project; and

WHEREAS, the City has not violated any Federal, State, or local laws pertaining to fraud, bribery, kickbacks, collusion, conflict of interest or other unlawful or corrupt practice; and

WHEREAS, to complete the Project, the City of Saint Paul must enter into a grant agreement and other related documents with the Department of Employment and Economic Development for the State of Minnesota (collectively the "State Grant Documents"); and

WHEREAS, the State Grant Documents contain provisions wherein the City of Saint Paul must indemnify and hold harmless the State of Minnesota, the Department of Employment and Economic Development, the Commissioner of MMB, and their agents and employees and provisions ensuring compliance with all applicable laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, pursuant to Section 10.07.1 of the Charter of the City of Saint Paul, does hereby certify that upon acceptance of the Grant there are available for appropriation revenues in excess of those estimated in the 2021 budget and recommends the changes to the 2021 budget identified on the attached Financial Analysis; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on this resolution was held before the City Council on this date, April 14, 2021, and the Saint Paul City Council finds a public purpose for the actions taken in this resolution; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City of Saint Paul, through the Saint Paul City Council, hereby:

1. Authorizes application to the State of Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development through the City's Department of Planning and Economic Development.
2. Accepts the Grant from the State of Minnesota and approves the Project for purposes of the

Governmental Program as described in the State Grant Documents.

3. Approves the changes to the 2021 budget as identified in the attached Financial Analysis.
4. Approves the State Grant Documents, which include indemnification and hold harmless obligations, and such other agreements necessary to carry out the Project and this Resolution and authorizes the proper City officials to execute the same on behalf of the City.
5. Authorizes City staff and legal counsel for the City to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution and authorizes the City's Director of Department of Planning and Economic Development to execute documents, consents, and instruments in connection therewith including, without limitation, annual approvals of operating budgets of the Project's operations and other actions required by the State Grant Documents.