



Legislation Text

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Authorizing expenditures for the Plan, Eat, Save. Food: Too Good to Waste Project, action kits and incentives to encourage progress toward the City's adopted sustainability goals.

WHEREAS, the SCORE Grant Agreement between Ramsey County and the City of Saint Paul, Public Works as accepted per RES PH 20-249 includes \$75,923 in incentive grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the incentive grant funds will pay for the Plan, Eat, Save. Food: Too Good to Waste Project (the Project); and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul City Council set a goal of 50% waste diversion for households with 1-4-unit dwellings by 2021 and by preventing food from entering the waste stream the City of Saint Paul may increase its current diversion rate from 29% to 36%; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul City Council recognizes the importance of the Project in achieving its waste diversion goals through food waste prevention strategies and increasing public awareness of environmental and economic impacts of food waste; and

WHEREAS, Public Works will use a portion of the incentive grant funds to purchase action kits and incentives for the Project; and

WHEREAS, as part of the challenge, participants will weigh their food waste each week, using the provided action kit which includes an indoor food waste bin, compostable liners and a luggage/hand scale.

WHEREAS, the City will purchase 375 action kits for the Program for an amount not to exceed \$6,200; and

WHEREAS, residents will keep their action kits once the Project is completed; and

WHEREAS, to encourage participation throughout the duration of the challenge, participants will have the chance to win incentives weekly; and

WHEREAS, the City will purchase incentives including cookbooks, meal prep items, reusable food storage containers, passes to Saint Paul aquatic center and a food vacuum sealer for an amount not to exceed \$3,500; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul City Council finds a public purpose for providing both the action kits and the incentives to achieve the goals of the Project and the City's Adopted Sustainability Goals; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Department of Public Works is hereby authorized to expend an amount not to exceed \$9,700 for the purpose of providing the action kits and incentives for the Project.