



Legislation Text

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Allocating 2022 Community Engagement funding in District Councils.

WHEREAS, community engagement through a network of seventeen District Councils is a cornerstone of Saint Paul's planning, policy development, neighborhood revitalization and crime prevention efforts, with the District Councils established to play a central role in engaging the public, especially residents and business owners that are traditionally underrepresented in civic dialogue; and

WHEREAS, a Census-based funding formula for the allocation of citizen participation funds to district councils was adopted by the City through Resolution 05-123 Amending the 2005 Saint Paul Budget to Address Citizen Participation Formula Allocation; and

WHEREAS, that Citizen Participation Formula provides resources to District Councils on the basis of population, percentage of residents living in poverty, percentage of residents who speak a language other than English at home, and number of jobs, recognizing that areas with these characteristics require more resources for meaningful and inclusive engagement, and includes a minimum amount of funding support for all District Councils; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 13-1724 Creating the Saint Paul Community Engagement Grant Program and allocated funding increased the minimum funding for District Councils through the funding formula; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 21-1701 Adopting the 2022 Budget merged the District Council Innovation Fund budget into the Community Engagement budget;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in 2022 each District Council will receive \$5,000 based on a 2019 funding increase plus \$6,049 carried forward from the Innovation Fund program, and Community Engagement program funds that are allocated based on the funding formula, and

AND FINALLY RESOLVED that the \$1,441,211 adopted in the 2022 budget for Community Engagement be allocated among the district councils as indicated on the attached Table 1.