

Legislation Text

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Authorizing the Police Department (SPPD) to submit an application for funds under a Request for Proposals issued by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Enforcement Grant Program.

WHEREAS, Chapter 10 of the Saint Paul City Charter recognizes the City Council's authority over the budget and spending of the City of Saint Paul; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 86 of the Saint Paul Administrative Code requires all contracts be authorized by the Saint Paul City Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 86.12 of the Saint Paul Administrative Code requires City Council approval prior to submission of grant applications; and

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2022, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS), Office of Traffic safety (OTS) released a Request for Proposals for the Enforcement Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the SPPD has received similar grants from this program for several years, including an award for \$615,150 in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the application submitted will be for the SPPD to fund a traffic safety program in 2022-23 that works with other law enforcement agencies to reduce crashes and the deaths, injuries and property damage resulting from those crashes; and

WHEREAS, the application will include subgrants to eight other Ramsey County law enforcement agencies with whom the Police Department will partner in this work; and

WHEREAS, the potential grant has a requirement that the grantee provide matching funds, of an unspecified but minimal amount that can be fulfilled with already-budgeted funds or matching funds reported by the partner agencies; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Saint Paul, upon recommendation of the Mayor, that the SPPD may submit an application for funds under the Request for Proposals available from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Enforcement Grant Program