



Legislation Text

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Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$378,700 to reflect additional 2023 funding expected from Como Friends.

WHEREAS, Como Friends is a registered not-for-profit organization formed to promote, support, preserve and enhance the Como Zoo and Marjorie McNeely Conservatory; and

WHEREAS, the Como Friends' mission is to advance Como Park Zoo and Conservatory as a destination where people from all walks of life can gather, learn and enjoy the natural world; and

WHEREAS, Como Friends is donating an additional \$378,700 to support and enhance the Japanese Garden and the Como Zoo and Marjorie McNeely Conservatory; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation wishes to establish new budgets in the Grant Fund to receive the projected contribution and donation revenues of \$15,000 for the Tropical Encounters Leaf Cutter Ants, \$50,000 for the Tropical Encounters Soil Replacement, \$30,000 for the Conservation Champions, \$53,000 for the Conservation Strategic Plan, \$4,000 for the Apprentice Program Supplies, \$58,000 for the Integrated Pest Management - Biological Controls & Scouting Software, \$50,000 for the Victorian Water Garden Design, \$14,600 for the North Garden Lights, \$20,000 for the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory Sound System, \$12,000 for the Visitor Banners, \$4,500 for the Freezer & Dish Washer, \$15,000 for the Cats Restraint Crate/Scale, \$5,000 for the Enrichment Items Wish List, \$6,000 for the Polar Bear Head Training Crate, \$6,200 for the Spectrophotometer, \$4,400 for the Tonovet Plus Tonometer, \$21,000 for the Powell 2023, \$10,000 for the Service Road Trees; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, pursuant to Section 10.07.01 of the Charter of the City of Saint Paul, does certify that there are available for appropriation, funds of \$378,700 in excess of those estimated in the 2023 budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Saint Paul approves these amendments to the 2023 budget, and thanks Como Friends for its ongoing support