



## Legislation Text

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Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$813,236 to reflect additional 2024 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 \$813,236 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 \$70,000 for the Tree Pruning, \$30,000 for Conservation Champions Program, \$35,000 for the Nature Walk Support & Supplies, \$30,000 for the Ambassador Animal, \$30,000 for the Zoo Safety and Locks, \$25,000 for the Animal Care and Welfare, \$23,000 for the Hort Safety, \$20,000 for the Vet Care, \$20,000 for the Bus Scholarships, \$25,000 for the Campus Benches, \$20,000 for the Campus Plants, \$20,000 for the Zoo Grounds Trees, \$20,000 for the Orangutan Outdoor Habitat Facelift, \$20,000 for the Bird Wall and Patio, \$20,000 for the Lactation Pod, \$15,000 for the Aquatics Holding Supplies, \$15,000 for the Orangutan Camera System, \$15,000 for the New Ed Programs & Marketing, \$15,000 for the Nuala Yard Update, \$10,000 for the Orangutan Skylights, \$9,000 for the Interp Signs, \$6,929 for the Salt Spreader & Tires, \$3,500 for the Bathroom Inclusion, \$2,500 for the Interp Biofacts, \$1,000 for the Wood Chipper, \$61,325 for the Auditorium Sound, \$151,000 for the Sunken Garden Vents, \$4,300 for the Volunteer Uniforms, \$36,440 for the Woodland Park Wolf Woods Signs, \$59,242 for the Woodland Curriculum; 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 \$813,236 in excess of those estimated in the 2024 budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Saint Paul approves these amendments to the 2024 budget, and thanks Como Friends for its ongoing support