



Council Agenda Item 25-0854R

MEETING DATE: November 11, 2025

SUBJECT/TITLE: 25-0854R; A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AND ACCEPT NOT MORE THAN \$100,000 IN FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY TO CREATE A REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP HUB FOR THE NORTHEAST REGION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NORTHEAST MINNESOTA OFFICE OF JOB TRAINING.

SUBMITTED BY: Mallory Dalquist, Duluth Workforce Development, Information Technician

RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BACKGROUND:

As part of a nationwide push to increase the number of registered apprenticeship programs, members of the Duluth Workforce Development Board, along with staff from Duluth Workforce Development, participated in a Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry Registered Apprenticeship Technical Assistance Cohort in the first half of 2025. Over the course of the Cohort, participants learned how to work with employers and sponsors to build registered apprenticeship programs.

As a next step in this project, the Department of Labor and Industry has awarded the City of Duluth a grant to create a registered apprenticeship hub in partnership with the Northeast Minnesota Office of Job Training for the Northeast region. Under the terms of this grant agreement, Duluth Workforce Development will work with employers interested in creating apprenticeship programs, and will train workforce staff, high school teachers and counselors, and others about apprenticeship opportunities in the area. The effective date of this agreement will be the date the State obtains all required signatures on the agreement through June 30, 2027 or until all obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: Execution of this grant agreement will result in the collection of not more than \$100,000.00 for the provision of deliverables. Once established, the work of the hub will be sustained through other resources, and may be expanded or enhanced by seeking out additional grant funds.



OPTIONS: Authorize the grant agreement to develop and maintain a new registered apprenticeship hub within the agreed upon budget of not more than \$100,000.00, or forego authorization declining to provide the designated deliverables for the corresponding budgeted funds.

NECESSARY ACTION: Authorize the grant agreement

ATTACHMENTS: MN DLI Regional Apprenticeship Hub Grant 2025-2027 FINAL DRAFT Duluth