

Council Agenda Item: 25-0721R



MEETING DATE: September 22, 2025

SUBJECT/TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO ACCEPT A \$510,000 GRANT FROM THE STATE OF MINNESOTA FOR THE LAKE SUPERIOR ZOO.

SUBMITTED BY: Joshua Bailey, City Auditor

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Not applicable.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: City Council approved resolution 23-0554R authorizing proper city officials to accept a \$510,000 grant from the State of Minnesota for the Lake Superior Zoo.

BACKGROUND: As a result of direct appropriation from the State legislature, a grant was awarded to the City of Duluth for the Lake Superior Zoo by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The Zoo is managed and operated by the Arrowhead Zoological Society. This is a biennial allocation that the City has received from the State since 2001 for funding Lake Superior Zoo operations.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: If accepted, the grant of \$510,000 will be used to cover a portion of the operating expenses of the Lake Superior Zoo in Duluth Minnesota, specifically personnel costs.

OPTIONS: Authorize acceptance of the grant that would continue to support Lake Superior Zoo operations.

NECESSARY ACTION: Approve

ATTACHMENTS: Exhibit A Grant Contract Agreement, Exhibit B Duluth Zoo Work Plan, Exhibit C Reimbursement Activity Form, Exhibit D Conflict of Interest