



Council Agenda Item 25-0856R

MEETING DATE: November 11, 2025

SUBJECT/TITLE: 25-0856R, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AND ACCEPT \$970,416.10 IN FUNDS FROM ST. LOUIS COUNTY TO PROVIDE MINNESOTA FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM AND DIVERSIONARY WORK PROGRAM EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SERVICES.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:

Duluth Workforce Development has operated the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) and Diversionary Work Program (DWP) for many years. Two of the most recent contracts adopted by City Council are detailed below:

December 16, 2024 - City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the acceptance of not less than \$1,023,146.24 from St. Louis County for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 to provide Minnesota Family Investment Program and Diversionary Work Program employment and training services.

November 13, 2023 – City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the acceptance of funds from St. Louis County to provide Minnesota Family Investment Program and Diversionary Work Program employment and training services in an amount not less than \$843,742.77 for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

BACKGROUND: About a third of people served out of the CareerForce location in Duluth are Minnesota Family Investment Program recipients – more than 700 unduplicated individuals in 2024. Our goal is to help them move beyond poverty into economic self-sufficiency. A team of 6 MFIP Navigators within Duluth Workforce Development provides wraparound case management, education support, and job search assistance. Many MFIP participants are co-enrolled with other Duluth Workforce Development programs.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: Execution of this Purchase of Service Agreement will result in the collection of not more than \$970,416.10 to provide Minnesota Family Investment Program and Diversionary Work Program employment and training services.



OPTIONS: Authorize the Purchase of Services Agreement and continue to provide to provide Minnesota Family Investment Program and Diversionary Work Program employment and training services, or forego authorization and decline to provide these services from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

NECESSARY ACTION: Authorize the Purchase of Services Agreement

ATTACHMENTS: City of Duluth 2026 MFIP DWP Contract 17957