Council Agenda Item 26-0536R

MEETING DATE: June 15,2026

SUBJECT/TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S GREAT LAKES RESTORATION INITIATIVE PROGRAM FOR A GRANT OF UP TO $750,000 FOR THE CODY STREET STORMWATER FILTRATION BASIN.

SUBMITTED BY: Ryan Granlund, Public Works and Utilities, Engineering Division

RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Grant Committee Approved on 5/27/2026

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BACKGROUND: The City of Duluth Public Works and Utilities is proposing a project to install a new stormwater filtration basin at the intersection of Cody Street and Westgate Boulevard to remove bacteria, sediment, nutrients and trash from stormwater runoff prior to draining to Keene Creek trout stream. Keene Creek is impaired for excess levels of bacteria and chloride, and the City must implement measures to reduce these pollutants per the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) permit. The department intends to apply for grant funding to offset the cost of this infrastructure and accept the funding if awarded.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: If awarded, the working fund for this project is Stormwater Utility Fund (535), with Federal Grant funds paying for most of the project. There is not a match requirement for the grant, though excess costs beyond the award will be the responsibility of the City. The maximum grant award available is $750,000 and Public Works and Utilities estimates the total construction cost to be $1,080,000. This project is for 2027.

OPTIONS: Approve or deny.

NECESSARY ACTION: Consent to apply for grant and accept funding.

ATTACHMENTS: Concept Design.