



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR A HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT OF UP TO \$3,000,000 FOR RESTORATION OF SECTIONS OF CANAL PARK AND THE LAKEWALK.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to submit an application to the United States Department of Homeland Security for a Hazard Mitigation Grant of up to \$3,000,000 for restoration of sections of Canal Park and the Lakewalk.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the city of Duluth has the legal authority to apply for the money, and the financial, technical and managerial capacity to ensure proper planning and maintenance of the project.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the city will provide the required twenty-five percent match.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Duluth city council names the fiscal agent for this project as Wayne Parson, City of Duluth Chief Financial Officer, 411 West First Street, Duluth, MN 55802.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes application to the US Department of Homeland Security for a Hazard Mitigation grant of up to \$3,000,000 to restore shoreline segments along Canal Park and the Lakewalk that were not damaged by the October 2018 storm but are vulnerable to future harm from similar storms.

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program helps local governments reduce or eliminate risk to property and loss of life from future natural disasters following a Presidential major disaster declaration. The amount of funds available is computed as a percentage of eligible project reimbursement costs from the October 2018 storm surge damage to Canal Park and the Lakewalk. The requested Hazard Mitigation funds will help to cover the cost to restore the sections of shoreline along Canal Park and the Lakewalk that were not severely damaged by the October 2018 storm but will be at severe risk of failure in the inevitable event that similar storms hit Duluth in the future. The estimate of funds available in the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program was provide by FEMA as of 8/13/19 and must be matched with a 25% state or local match. The city intends to separately solicit state support to cover the match.