



## Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO ACCEPT A REIMBURSEMENT GRANT FOR TREATMENT AND REMOVAL OF EMERALD ASH BORER (EAB) INFESTED TREES FROM THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (MDA) NOT TO EXCEED \$65,000.

**CITY PROPOSAL:**

WHEREAS, the City of Duluth authorized a EAB management plan in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the state is in need of implementing activities to suppress EAB populations in the City of Duluth in order to slow the spread of EAB from the city into surrounding areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to accept Federal funds from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) in the amount of up to \$65,000, such funds to be used to reimburse costs associated with the activities related to the removal of EAB infested trees and as well as treatment in infested areas, and to execute a joint powers agreement, Exhibit A, funds to be deposited in Fund 205-130-1221-5225 (Parks Fund - Community Resources - Park Maintenance - Park/Landscape Materials) with matching funds in the amount of \$65,000 to be provided from Funds 205-121-1221-5225 (Parks Fund - Community Resources - Park Maintenance - Park/Landscape Materials) and 205-121-1221-5103 (Parks Fund - Community Resources - Park Maintenance - Other Wages).

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** This resolution authorizes the proper city officials to accept Federal funds from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to remove or treat Emerald Ash Borer infested trees and further authorizes city officials to execute the grant agreement to receive said funds.

MDA is the state agency that has received Federal funding. The City will act as a subrecipient for the Federal funds and agrees to provide documentation of expenses paid for qualifying activities for all matching funds up to \$65,000 and expenses additionally incurred to be reimbursed up to \$65,000 for a total of \$130,000. The authority requires a match of 50/50. This grant requires an equal local matching amount which will be provided from Park Maintenance's existing budget for staff time, equipment and materials.

The effective date of the grant period is January 1, 2021 (or the date the recipient obtains all required signatures, whichever is later). The grant will expires on December 31, 2023 or when all obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first.