



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO AND, IF OFFERED, ACCEPTANCE OF A \$385,000 PARKS AND TRAILS LEGACY GRANT TO CONTINUE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HARTLEY PARK MINI-MASTER PLAN.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the city of Duluth act as a legal sponsor for the project contained in the Parks and Trails Legacy Grant request, consistent with the pre-application attached hereto as exhibit A, to be submitted on or before September 2, 2016, and that the city of Duluth is hereby authorized to apply to the greater Minnesota regional park and trail commission (GMRPTC) for funding of this project.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city of Duluth has the legal authority to apply for the money, and the financial, technical, and managerial capacity to ensure proper construction, operation, and maintenance of the project for no less than 20 years.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city of Duluth has not incurred any development costs and has not entered into a written purchase agreement to acquire the property described in the funding request.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the city of Duluth is awarded aforesaid grant, the city of Duluth agrees to accept the grant award and the proper city officials are authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the GMRPTC substantially in the form of the Park Legacy Grant Agreement PL14-002, attached hereto as exhibit B, agreeing to the project with grant funds to be deposited in fund 205-130-1220-4220-01 (parks fund, community resources, parks capital, state of Minnesota capital).

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city of Duluth has or will acquire fee title or permanent easement over the land described in the funding request and therefore, as stated in the grant application for regional parks and has or will acquire fee title, perpetual easement or a minimum of a 20 year lease over the land described in the funding request and therefore, as in the grant application for regional trails.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city of Duluth estimates the total project cost to be \$490,000 including the grant amount of \$385,000, as well as matching funds as follows: \$30,000 from city of Duluth fund 110-121-1217-2145-5310 (general fund, public administration, maintenance operations, park maintenance, contract services) and \$75,000 from Hartley Nature Center, a Duluth-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city of Duluth will comply with all applicable laws, environmental requirements, and regulations stated in the grant agreement including dedicating the park property for uses consistent with the funding grant program into perpetuity.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Lindsay Dean, manager of parks and recreation, is hereby authorized to execute such agreements as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the application.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes the application and, if offered, acceptance by the proper city officials of a grant for \$385,000 from the Greater Minnesota Regional Park and Trail Commission Legacy Parks and Trails grant program for the purpose of implementing portions of the council-approved Hartley Park Mini-Master Plan including wayfinding signage, development and implementation of a park-wide ecological restoration plan, planning for potential acquisition of a portion of the Duluth Public Schools land adjacent to the park, construction of a picnic pavilion/outdoor classroom, and development of a facility plan for Hartley Nature Center. The application includes a \$105,000 local match with Hartley Nature Center providing \$75,000 for facility planning, pavilion construction, and restoration plan implementation and the City of Duluth providing \$30,000 for restoration plan implementation. No City of Duluth dollars will be expended to plan or implement Hartley Nature Center facility improvements.