

Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION ACCEPTING \$201,400 FROM THE KNIGHT CITIES CHALLENGE FUND FROM THE JOHN S. AND JAMES L. KNIGHT FOUNDATION FOR THE MAKING CANAL PARK POP DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the city council accepts \$201,400 from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation as a part of the Knight Cities Challenge Fund that is deposited in to Fund 210 (special projects) 030 (finance) 3195 (Knight Cities Challenge Grant) 4270 (Other grants) and hereby authorizes the proper city officials to execute the grant agreements.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The project objective is to enhance local community members' activity in Canal Park year round. The pop-ups will capitalize on and make effective use of existing open spaces, roadways, and create common public plazas to encourage people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and neighborhoods to gather and interact. Activities will entail:

- Hosting extensive community engagement processes that canvas residents and neighbors about what they want to see in Canal Park.
- Launching a series of pop-up installments in Canal Park. Different programming will be tested in different seasons. Results and data will be gathered.

Collecting quantitative measures and qualitative feedback to inform Imagine Duluth's Canal Park 2.0 comprehensive plan.

The project period will commence in July 2017 and run through December 2018 with a final public report to be issued. The project team will be collaborating with Zeitgeist Center for Arts & Community, the Duluth Transit Authority, the Canal Park Business Association, Visit Duluth, and 8 80 Cities.