



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT AWARD FOR THE CITY OF DULUTH TO PREPARE DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR THE DULUTH COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$24,000.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the city of Duluth is hereby authorized to accept a grant from the State Historic Preservation office of \$24,000 to prepare design guidelines for the Duluth Commercial Historic District. The city will establish a planning project boundary from 1st Street bound by 1st Avenue West to allow for guidelines focusing on the unique built form, based on historic building massing, height and character within the smaller planning area of the Duluth Commercial Historic District. The Duluth Economic Development Authority is requested to match 40% of the grant in an amount of \$9,600.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are authorized to act as legal sponsor of said grant and to execute any documents required to be executed to accept such a grant. The grant will be accounted for in Fund 110-132-1301-4210-02 (General Fund, Planning and Construction Services, Planning and Development, Pass-thru Federal Grants).

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: On March 2, 2020, the heritage preservation commission made a motion to formally submit this CLG application at a special meeting. The purpose of this resolution is to authorize the city to accept a \$24,000 certified local government (CLG) grant from the Minnesota State Historic Preservation office (SHPO) to establish design guidelines for the Duluth commercial historic district. The city plans to contract with a firm specializing in historic preservation planning, architectural history or cultural resources management that will develop a detailed, cohesive set of design guidelines that will apply to designated contributing structures in the historic district. The Duluth Economic Development Authority (DEDA) will be requested to fund 40% of this grant in an amount of \$9,600. The purpose of the grant is to create detailed standards that will protect and promote historic structures in the downtown commercial district into the future.