



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION DECLARING A NEED FOR ST. LOUIS COUNTY HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE POWERS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF DULUTH BY PROVIDING FUNDING TO CHURCHES UNITED IN MINISTRY/ST. FRANCIS APARTMENTS, LLC TO PURCHASE THE DULUTH INN MOTEL FOR SHORT-TERM HOUSING FOR INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

CITY PROPOSAL:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the city of Duluth hereby declares a need for the St. Louis county housing and redevelopment authority ("St. Louis county HRA") to exercise powers within the boundaries of the city of Duluth by providing \$1,000,000 in funding to Churches United in Ministry/St. Francis Apartments, LLC, which is needed to purchase the Duluth Inn motel to provide short-term housing for individual experiencing homelessness who are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19. .

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution declares a need for the St. Louis county HRA to exercise powers within the city of Duluth by providing funding for a housing project within the boundaries of the city.

St. Louis county community assistance program has approved an investment of \$1,000,000 into a Churches United in Ministry's (CHUM) project to purchase the Duluth Inn motel for conversion to transitional or short-term housing for individuals experiencing homelessness who are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19. The funds have been transferred to the St. Louis county HRA by the county board. The St. Louis county HRA board has approved a grant of \$1,000,000 to CHUM/St. Francis Apartments, LLC.

Minnesota Statute, Section 469.005 Area of Operation, Subdivision 1, states: "a county authority...shall not undertake any project within the boundaries of any city...unless a resolution has been adopted by the governing body of the city declaring that there is a need for the county...authority to exercise its powers in the city." This resolution allows the St. Louis County HRA to exercise its powers within the city's boundaries and provide the committed funds.