



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE LEGISLATIVE CITIZENS COMMISSION ON MINNESOTA RESOURCES (LCCMR) FOR UP TO \$2,750,000 FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND TO PROVIDE IMPROVED RECREATIONAL ACCESS TO THE RESTORED ST LOUIS RIVER ESTUARY

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to apply for up to \$2,750,000 from the Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund through the Legislative Citizens Commission on Natural Resources.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the city of Duluth has the legal authority to accept the money and financial, technical, and managerial capacity to ensure proper planning and maintenance of the project. There is no match required.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Duluth City Council names the fiscal agent for this project as Jennifer Carlson, City of Duluth Finance Director, 411 West 1st Street, Duluth MN 55802.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes application to the Legislative Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) for funds from the Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund for up to \$2,750,000 to provide improved recreational access to the restored St. Louis River Estuary.

If awarded, funds will be used to implement portions of three integrated Council-approved plans for, respectively, a riverfront bike/pedestrian trail (Waabizheshikana - The Marten Trail), the federally designated St. Louis River Estuary National Water Trail, and riverfront interpretive signage.

The grant would be used to:

- Improve the accessibility of the original 3.3-mile bike/pedestrian trail (Segment 0).
- Extend the bike/pedestrian trail by constructing all or portions of Segments 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7.
- Implement the Waabizheshikana-The Marten Trail interpretive plan on the existing trail (Segment 0) and Segments 1, 2, 3, 6 & 7.
- Purchase a small watercraft to be owned and utilized by the St. Louis River Alliance - the lead local agency for the National Water Trail - to maintain riverfront stopping points and trailheads on both sides of the estuary.

There is no required local match for this grant program.

The City submitted a similar request to the same state grant program last year. The state legislature is expected to make a final decision on last year's application in the next week. The City expects the legislature to provide partial funding for that request.