



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF AN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND GRANT FROM ST. LOUIS COUNTY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE AND CHALET IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE CHESTER BOWL PARK AREA.

CITY PROPOSAL:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the proper City officials are hereby authorized to accept and execute the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) grant agreement with St. Louis County, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, to support construction of a bridge and chalet improvements in an amount not to exceed \$125,000, with said funds to be deposited into fund 205-130-1220-4210-01-CM205-CHSTER-MMPIMP (parks fund, community resources, parks capital, pass-thru federal grants capital, capital maintenance fund 205, Chester Park, mini master plan implementation).

FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Duluth has the legal authority to accept these funds and the financial, technical, and managerial capacity to ensure proper planning and maintenance of the project. Matching funds are not required under this grant agreement.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes acceptance of a \$125,000 grant from St. Louis County under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF), to support construction of a bridge and chalet improvements at the Chester Bowl park area.

The Chester Bowl Improvement Club (Chester Bowl) operates under a management agreement with the City of Duluth to implement programming of the many recreational opportunities within the park. The existing chalet is no longer suitable to meet the expanding needs of park staff and visitors. Due to the small building footprint, lack of ADA accessibility, energy inefficiency, and damages to the roof, a total replacement of the chalet is necessary.

A permanent bridge across Chester Creek is likewise deemed integral to the continued programming and use of the entire park area. A temporary, seasonal bridge has been erected each year to enable access, but this process has proven to be unsustainable and unsafe for the amount of foot traffic and presence of young children.

In addition to this ARPA grant, Chester Bowl has initiated a "Growing Up Chester" Capital Campaign to raise additional funds and has been awarded a CDBG Public Facilities grant.