

Business Item

Community Development Committee



Committee Meeting Date: October 7, 2024

For the Metropolitan Council: October 23, 2024

Business Item: 2024-271

Signature Authorization for City of St. Paul Pass-Through Grant – Wakan Tipi

District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minn. Const. Article XI; Minn. Laws 2024, Regular Session, Chapter 88, Article 1, Section 24, Subd. 73; 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan Finance Policy, Strategies 2 and 3; Council Business Item 2024-110 JT, 2024 Budget Amendment – 2nd Quarter Community Development; FM 14-2 Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Erin Acton, Parks Grant Administrator, 651-602-1938
Division/Department:	Community Development / Finance and Administration

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Community Development Executive Director to execute the grant agreement and amendment(s) for SFY 2024 Legislatively Designated Pass-through Program grant to the City of St. Paul for the Wakan Tipi Center (SG-24P6-07-02), in accordance with Table 1.

Background

This action pertains to a legislatively designated parks grant.

The Council executes grant agreements with Regional Parks Implementing Agencies, or other legislatively named grant recipients, to pass through funding granted by the legislature. The Community Development Executive Director is currently authorized to execute agreements and amendments up to \$500,000, Council action is required for execution of grant agreements and amendments exceeding \$500,000.

Legislatively named pass-through projects do not allow or require Council review or approval, but rather are legislatively directed. The Council acts as the fiscal agent for these grants.

This funding was initially appropriated to Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) in SFY23 for a grant to the City of St. Paul for this project. After mutual agreement of all parties it was transferred, by an amendment to the appropriation, to be managed by the Metropolitan Council as part of the 2024 legislative session. This brings this funding into alignment with other Pass-through funding managed by the Metropolitan Council for grants for the same project.

Table 1. SFY2024 Legislatively Designated Pass-Through Grant Project

Grantee	Project Description	Amount
Saint Paul, City of	Construct the Wakan Tipi Center	\$2,500,000
TOTAL		\$2,500,000

Rationale

This action will allow the Community Development Executive Director to execute the grant agreement on behalf of the Metropolitan Council.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Regional Parks funding advances the Thrive outcomes of Livability by enhancing the quality of life in the region through increasing access to nature and outdoor recreation.

Funding

This project is funded with State General Fund funds. The Council has approved the funding through its authorized capital program.

Small Business Inclusion

There are no small business contracting goals associated with this action.

