

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

08-0690R

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$250,000 FOR THE DULUTH AIRPORT NORTH BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AREA PROJECT AND COMMITTING LOCAL MATCH.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to accept a public infrastructure grant from the Minnesota department of employment and economic development (DEED) in the amount of \$250,000 and to execute a grant agreement, on file with the clerk as Public Document No. _____ in connection therewith. Such funds shall be deposited into City Fund 255.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the required local match to the granted funds, estimated at a total value of \$2,612,066, shall be provided by funds committed by the federal economic development administration, St. Louis County, Minnesota, department of transportation, and a private developer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city certifies that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in all contract agreements it accepts.

Approved:

Approved for presentation to council:

Department Director

Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:

Approved:

Attorney

Auditor

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This purpose of this resolution is to allow for the acceptance of a \$250,000 DEED infrastructure fund grant related to the North Business Development Area at the Duluth airport.

Matching funds will be provided through funding commitments already made by the Mn/DOT (\$560,000), St. Louis County (\$250,000), a private developer (\$371,033), and the federal economic development administration (\$1,431,033). Altogether, a project budget of \$2,862,066 will provide the site improvements and public infrastructure necessary to make this 12.38 acre site ready for development—most likely for the aviation sector.

City staff will be responsible for administering the state grant. The Duluth Airport Authority will be the overall project's lead agent and as such, will be the entity to enter into professional and construction contracts and to administer all other project grants.