

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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REPLACEMENT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FROM THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT THROUGH THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS IN AN AMOUNT ESTIMATED TO BE \$300,000 FOR A BLIGHT AND NUISANCE CRIMES PREVENTION PROJECT.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are authorized to accept a justice assistance grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act through the Minnesota department of public safety, office of justice programs in an amount estimated to be \$300,000 for the project entitled: *Blight and Nuisance Crimes, A Project to Improve Public Safety*, funds to be deposited in Fund 215-025-2289-4210-02, and to execute any documents required to be executed to accept such grant.

Approved:

Approved for presentation to council:

Department Director

Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:

Approved:

Attorney

Auditor

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes the proper city officials to accept a justice assistance grant from the Minnesota department of public safety, office of justice programs with funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in an amount estimated to be \$300,000. This grant will fund a project entitled: *Blight and Nuisance Crimes, A Project to Improve Community Safety*. The original grant amount expected to be awarded was \$344,772, however that amount has now been amended to \$300,000.

This is a collaborative project between the Duluth police department and the city attorney's office, these departments expect to hire three positions, a community police officer, a community prosecutor and a clerical support technician, for a two year term. These positions will work together to reduce blight and nuisance crimes, improve prosecution and access to statistics, increase victim willingness to testify and citizens sense of safety within a target Duluth neighborhood. There is no match to grant.