

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

10-0399R

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$664,780 TO DEED ON BEHALF OF J&S
PARTNERSHIP, LLP'S INDUSTRIAL PARK PROJECT.

CITY PROPOSAL:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the city of Duluth (the city) act as the legal sponsor for the project contained in the redevelopment grant program application to be submitted no later than August 2, 2010, and that the mayor and the city clerk are hereby authorized to apply to the department of employment and economic development (DEED) for a grant in the amount of \$664,780 for funding of this project on behalf of the J&S Partnership, LLP, industrial park project, subject to receipt of a binding commitment from J&S Partnership, LLP, to fund the city's local share commitment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city has the legal authority to apply for financial assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability to ensure adequate project administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city hereby commits to provide no less than \$664,780 in a qualified matching contribution to be provided by J&S Partnership, LLP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city has not violated any federal, state, and local laws pertaining to fraud, bribery, graft, kickbacks, collusion, conflict of interest, or other unlawful or corrupt practices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of its application by the state, the mayor and clerk may enter into a grant agreement with the state of Minnesota

for the above referenced project, and that the city certifies that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulation as stated in the grant agreement.

Approved:

Approved for presentation to council:

Department Director

Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:

Approved:

Attorney

Auditor

BD HTB:tmf 7/13/2010

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to authorize an application for Redevelopment Grant Program funding from DEED on behalf of J&S Partnership, LLP's, proposed industrial park project in West Duluth. The property to be redeveloped is located between 44th and 46th Avenues West and between Grand Avenue and West First Street (see map). It is anticipated that approximately seven acres of vacant and underutilized property will be redeveloped over the next several years as a light manufacturing "campus."

This is an important location for redevelopment due to its proximity to I-35, Downtown and West Duluth. If funded, grant proceeds will be used for the construction of public streets, utilities, and environmental infrastructure and for the acquisition of easements for such.