

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

10-0542R

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE NORTHLAND FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF HELPING SPONSOR AN AMERICORPS VISTA FELLOW THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA TO WORK ON A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND COMMUNITY PROSECUTION INITIATIVE WITHIN THE CITY OF DULUTH THROUGH THE CITY ATTORNEYS OFFICE.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to accept a grant from the Northland Foundation in the amount of \$5,000 and to execute any documents required to be executed to accept such grant, grant funds shall be used to help sponsor an Americorps VISTA fellow from the University of Minnesota to work on a domestic violence and community prosecution initiative through the Duluth city attorney's office, funds to be deposited in Fund 210-030-3118-4270.

Approved for presentation to council:

Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:

Approved:

Attorney

Auditor

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes the acceptance of a grant from the Northland Foundation in the amount of \$5,000 to help sponsor an Americorps VISTA fellow from the University of Minnesota to work with the Duluth city attorney's office on a new domestic violence and community prosecution initiative.

The University of Minnesota sponsors recent law school graduates to become Americorps VISTA fellows and work throughout Minnesota. VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) commit to serve full-time for a year at a nonprofit or local government agency to help improve health services, create businesses, strengthen community groups in addition to other community service initiatives.

The Duluth city attorneys office, in cooperation with community justice system partners, is developing a new domestic violence community prosecution initiative which seeks to combat domestic violence and related crime within the city of Duluth by seeking, through interagency involvement, a more coherent and direct approach to intervention, prevention and consequences. The Americorps VISTA fellow will work directly with the city attorney's office on this exciting new initiative.

The city would like to express its sincere gratitude to the Northland Foundation for helping bring this initiative to fruition.