



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

ALASKA

RESOLUTION 22-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL TO APPLY FOR US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL GRANT FUNDS IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ALEUT COMMUNITY OF SAINT PAUL AND THE CITY OF SAINT GEORGE ISLAND

WHEREAS, the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) FY 2022 grant program will make funding available to support planning, infrastructure, behavioral, and operational initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets involving all roadway users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation, motorists; and commercial vehicle operators; and

WHEREAS, two types of grants are available under the SS4A grant program: Action Plan grants and Implementation grants. To apply for an Implementation Grant, an eligible applicant must have a qualifying Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the goal of an Action Plan is to develop a holistic, well-defined strategy to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries in a locality; and

WHEREAS, USDOT seeks to fund applications that target benefits towards low-income and underserved communities and pursue a comprehensive approach to advancing equity for all, including people of color, rural communities, and others who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality; and

WHEREAS, while there have not been a large number of motor vehicle fatalities on the two islands in recent years, serious injuries resulting from motor vehicle accidents do occur. Prevention of further serious injuries is critical to our two isolated, remote communities which lack immediate trauma facilities and whereby access for medical evacuations are limited under diverse weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, an Action Plan would help our communities address specific road network locations where low-cost, high-impact and evidence-based strategies could improve safety, and how the adoption of innovative technologies or strategies could further promote safety and equity; and

WHEREAS, USDOT encourages joint applications that engage multiple jurisdictions in the same region; and

WHEREAS, the Aleut Community of Saint Paul Island and the City of Saint George Island have agreed to collaborate with the City of Saint Paul on a joint regional application; and

WHEREAS, the City would serve as the Lead Applicant; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Saint Paul hereby authorizes applying for grant funds in the amount of \$200,000 from the USDOT and authorizes the City Manager to sign all documents relating to the SS4A grant proposal; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul City Council hereby commits to provide a local in-kind match of at least \$40,000 which equals the 20% match required by the USDOT.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED BY APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL THIS 11th DAY OF AUGUST, 2022 BY ___ IN FAVOR ___ OPPOSED AND ___ ABSTAIN.

ATTEST:

Jacob N. Mercurief, Mayor

Monique Baker, City Clerk