



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: September 13, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: Consider adopting a resolution accepting a \$50,000 Blandin Foundation Arrowhead Intelligent Region grant for the Minnesota Autonomous Rural Transit Initiative Smart Rural Mobility Seminars.

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BACKGROUND:

The Blandin Foundation, in collaboration with IRRR has awarded the City's request for a \$50,000 Arrowhead Intelligent Region grant for funding costs associated with the Smart Rural Mobility Seminars to be provided through the Minnesota Autonomous Rural Transit Initiative (MARTI) project.

The Smart Rural Mobility Seminars is a planned series of five outreach seminars designed to highlight the first rural on-demand shuttle pilot in the country. The seminars will be designed to inform other regional, state and national rural community leaders and government agencies of the technologies deployed in the project and the knowledge gained through the experiences of the pilot.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion to adopt a resolution accepting a \$50,000 Blandin Foundation Arrowhead Intelligent Region grant for the Minnesota Autonomous Rural Transit Initiative Smart Rural Mobility Seminars.