



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: July 28, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: Consider adopting a resolution authorizing a grant application to the IRRR Development Partnership Grant Program for goMARTI 2.0

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BACKGROUND:

The City of Grand Rapids, in support of GoMarti, is proposing to submit grant application to the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Development Partnership Grant Program.

The proposal for July 2025-June 2026 includes our discovery and research phase, GET SMART and Ecosystem Mapping & Coalition Building phase, GET OUT. The first phase, GET SMART, is meant to gather an in-depth understanding of (1) local and state funding, (2) funding sources for emerging transportation technologies piloting and/or long-term, (3) identify the surrounding ecosystem of stakeholders. After we complete the research phase we will move into GET OUT, where we will convene a group of select stakeholders from our ecosystem map. The stakeholders will participate in a future-proofing workshop "rapid brewing session", where we will rapidly brew innovative ideas of sustainable models and collect feedback on the viability of funding models proposed. Finally, we will run a secondary validation analysis from insights gathered during the workshop and provide a final report with strategic recommendations for viable funding models for GoMarti.

The grant request is for \$150,000, with match funds from goMARTI Attain/MnDOT IJJA. No City funds will be used for this project.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion adopting a resolution authorizing a grant application to the IRRR Development Partnership Grant Program