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McCollum, Saint Paul Leaders to Hold Press Conference on New Community Safety Funding
\$2.9 million in federal funding procured by Rep. McCollum to directly benefit Saint Paul, Ramsey County

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04), joined by Ramsey County Attorney John Choi, Saint Paul Mayor Melvin Carter, Saint Paul Police Chief Todd Axtell, and other local leaders will on Tuesday hold a press conference on the **\$2.9 million** in new federal funding to boost public safety in our community. This funding is the result of McCollum’s successful Community Project Funding (CPF) requests within the Fiscal Year 2022 funding agreement, H.R. 2741, recently signed into law by President Biden.

Who:

- Congresswoman Betty McCollum
- Ramsey County Attorney John Choi
- Saint Paul Mayor Melvin Carter
- Saint Paul City Council President Amy Brendmoen
- Ramsey County Commissioner Toni Carter
- Saint Paul Police Chief Todd Axtell

What: In-person press conference

When: Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 9:00am Central Time

Where: Ramsey County Attorney’s Office, 345 Wabasha St N #120, St Paul, MN 55102

“Bringing federal taxpayer dollars back into the Fourth District for projects that will boost our community safety needs will benefit our neighbors and our families,” Congresswoman McCollum said. “This funding will help ensure St. Paul Police officers have the equipment needed to communicate quickly and effectively in responding to emergencies. The Ramsey County Community Violence Prevention Project will employ a community-led effort and provide 24/7 support to help those involved in serious violence. I have heard directly from constituents about the need to invest in addressing this critical issue, and I look forward to continuing to work with the City of Saint Paul and Ramsey County to help keep our communities safe.”

Two Community Project Funding (CPF) requests made by Rep. McCollum will benefit Minnesota's Fourth Congressional District by investing community safety:

- Project: Saint Paul Police Department Portable Radio Replacement Project (**\$2,000,000**)
- Project: Ramsey County Community Violence Prevention Project (**\$900,000**)

Learn more about these projects [here](#). In total, all 10 of Rep. McCollum's CPFs were included in the FY 22 funding bill (H.R. 2471), bringing a total of **\$12 million** to MN-04 for specific projects that met the requirements for Community Project Funding. The FY 22 bill includes the first such projects, also known as earmarks or congressionally-directed spending, in more than a decade.

Reporters wishing to attend in person should reply to this email to RSVP.