

# Business Item

Management Committee



Committee meeting date: May 13, 2026

For the Metropolitan Council: May 27, 2026

## Business Item: 2026-82

Joint Powers Agreement with State of Minnesota, Department of Management and Budget for Strategic Plan Support

- District(s), member(s):** All
- Policy/legal reference:** Minnesota Statutes, Sections 43A.09, 43A.21, and 471.59
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- Division/department:** Finance and Human Resources Regional Administration

### Proposed action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota, Department of Management and Budget for services provided by the State Office of Inclusion.

### Background

This is an annual agreement with the State of Minnesota, Department of Management and Budget (MMB).

The scope of work for services provided by MMB are as follows:

The Office of Inclusion will lead the development and implementation of proactive diversity, equity, and inclusion programs which will support the State's diversity and inclusion strategic plan. The Office of Inclusion will also provide strategic guidance and direction across the enterprise and support the Governor's Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity Council, and coordinate with enterprise leadership on statewide issues of equity and inclusion.

### Rationale

Minnesota Statutes § 471.59 and Council Procurement Policy 14-1 require that all joint powers agreements be authorized by the Council.

### Thrive lens analysis

This action advances the Thrive outcome of equity by leveraging the MMB Employee Experience Unit to provide services contemplated in the agreement.

### Funding

Funding for this agreement comes from the Human Resources annual budget. The amount of this agreement will not exceed \$90,398.

### **Small business inclusion**

This is a Joint Powers Agreement with a government entity; therefore, the Office of Civil Rights and Small Business Programs did not assign a Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business goal.

