

Public Law 107-316
107th Congress

An Act

Dec. 2, 2002
[S. 3156]

To provide a grant for the construction of a new community center in St. Paul, Minnesota, in honor of the late Senator Paul Wellstone and his beloved wife, Sheila.

Paul and Sheila
Wellstone Center
for Community
Building Act.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Paul and Sheila Wellstone Center for Community Building Act”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) Senator Paul Wellstone was a tireless advocate for the people of Minnesota, particularly for new immigrants and the economically disadvantaged.

(2) Paul and Sheila Wellstone loved St. Paul, Minnesota, and often walked the neighborhoods of St. Paul to better understand the needs of the people.

(3) Neighborhood House was founded in the late 1800's in St. Paul, Minnesota, by the women of Mount Zion Temple as a settlement house to help newly arrived Eastern European Jewish immigrants establish a new life and thrive in their new community.

(4) Paul and Sheila Wellstone were very committed to Neighborhood House and its mission to improve the lives of its residents.

(5) When Senator Wellstone became aware that the Neighborhood House Community Center was no longer adequate to meet the needs of the St. Paul community, he suggested that Neighborhood House request Federal funding to construct a new facility.

(6) As an honor to Paul and Sheila Wellstone, a Federal grant shall be awarded to Neighborhood House to be used for the design and construction of a new community center in St. Paul, Minnesota, to be known as “The Paul and Sheila Wellstone Center for Community Building”.

SEC. 3. CONSTRUCTION GRANT.

(a) **GRANT AUTHORIZED.**—The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall award a grant to Neighborhood House of St. Paul, Minnesota, to finance the construction of a new community center in St. Paul, Minnesota, to be known as “The Paul and Sheila Wellstone Center for Community Building”.

(b) **MAXIMUM AMOUNT.**—The grant awarded under this section shall be \$10,000,000.

(c) **USE OF FUNDS.**—Funds awarded under this section shall only be used for the design and construction of the Paul and Sheila Wellstone Center for Community Building.

(d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2003, which shall remain available until expended, to carry out this Act.

Approved December 2, 2002.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 3156:

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