

Federal Environmental Assessment

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Preservation Act (36 CFR Part 800)
For the

Minneapolis Fiscal Year 2012 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development

Responsible Entity
City of Minneapolis

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Introduction

This document is a federal Environmental Assessment (EA) completed by the City of Minneapolis regarding the projects, activities, and programs outlined in the City of Minneapolis 2012 Consolidated Plan (Plan) that physically impact the environment. On 10/14/96, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development delegated its responsibilities to complete the required EA for these activities to the City of Minneapolis, the recipient of the grant funds. The City has completed the EA in compliance with all applicable rules and regulations at both the federal and state levels including the National Environmental Policy Act (most specifically 24 CFR Part 58). Consistent with 36 CFR Part 800.8 (c), it is also intended to meet the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Background Information

The Consolidated Plan is the City of Minneapolis' application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Housing for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funding. The City uses these funding resources for housing, economic development and public services primarily for the benefit of low and moderate income persons. Attachment 1 includes the executive summary of the 2012 Consolidated Plan. This information applies to the development, distribution, and procedures for commenting on this Environmental Assessment as well:

- Contact person for obtaining copies and additional information, for filing comments, and for gaining access to the records.
- A description of the Plan's purpose, its development, and the schedule for its completion and implementation.
- Description of the citizen participation process for the development and review of the Plan, the public notice procedures followed to publicize it, and the procedure to obtain technical assistance.

Federal Environmental Review Categories

This report contains four environmental assessment Forms that have been authorized by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Minneapolis Office. The Forms address the four types of federal categories described in 24 CFR Part 58 (Attachment 2 includes the applicable excerpts from the federal regulations). Form 5 for full Environmental Assessments is not included in this packet as there are no specific project sites identified at this time for 2012 Consolidated Plan funding. However there is a listing of programs that may require a full Environmental Assessment for a future identified project.

1. **Section 58.34—Exempt activities:** Includes projects or programs that are exempt from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements because they do not physically affect property or land, per Section 58.34 of the NEPA (Attachment 2). Also exempt are projects consisting of “[a]ssistance for temporary or permanent improvements that do not alter environmental conditions and are limited to protection, repair or restoration activities necessary only to control or arrest the effects from disasters, imminent threats or physical deterioration” [Section 58.34 (a)(10)]. Form 1 addresses the exempt activities.

2. **Section 58.35 (a)—Categorical exclusions subject to Section 58.5:** The following lists activities that are “categorically excluded” per the NEPA but may be subject to review by other authorities such as the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office (MnSHPO). Form 2 addresses these activities. Activities include the following:
- Acquisition, repair, improvement, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of public facilities and improvements (other than buildings) when the facilities and improvements are in place and will be retained in the same use without change in size or capacity more than 20%.
 - Removal of material and architectural barriers restricting access by elderly people and people with handicaps.
 - Rehabilitation of multi-family residential buildings and improvements when the following conditions are met:
 - Unit density is not changed more than 20%.
 - No change in land use from residential to non-residential.
 - The cost of rehabilitation will be less than 75% of the total cost of replacement after rehabilitation. (Therefore, the cost of the rehabilitation must be less than three times the value of the property before rehabilitation.)
 - Rehabilitation of non-residential buildings and improvements when the following conditions are met:
 - The facilities and improvements are in place and will not be changed in size or capacity by more than 20%.
 - No change in land use.
 - An individual action on a one-to-four unit dwelling, or on a project of five or more units developed on scattered sites when the sites are more than 2,000 feet apart and there are not more than four units on any one site.
3. **Section 58.35 (b)—Categorical exclusions not subject to Section 58.5:** The following lists activities that are “categorically excluded” per the NEPA. Form 3 addresses these activities. Activities include the following:
- Tenant-based rental assistance.
 - Supportive services.
 - Operating costs including maintenance, utilities, equipment, etc.
 - Economic development activities.
 - Activities to assist homeownership of existing or new dwelling units.
 - Affordable housing redevelopment costs.
4. **Tiered projects:** Federal regulations (58.15) allow Responsible Entities (i.e. the City) to tier their environmental reviews and assessments to eliminate repetitive discussions of the same issues at subsequent levels of review. Tiering is appropriate when there is a requirement to evaluate a proposal in the early stages of development or when site-specific analysis or mitigation is not currently feasible and a more focused analysis is better done at a later date. A tiering approach can be used for meeting environmental review requirements in areas designated for special focus in local Consolidated Plans.

The Consolidated Plan describes programs that could affect property or land, however, specific sites are not yet known for these projects. An example is the Vacant and Boarded Housing Program. The program includes physical effects to property (demolition, rehabilitation, new construction, etc.), but as a program that can be undertaken city-wide, the specific sites are not yet known. Consistent with past practice and agreements among the appropriate staff of HUD, the City and the MnSHPO, the City intends to complete the review of specific properties as they become known for these projects. For example, the City informs MnSHPO of the addresses of the properties proposed for treatment and offers a 30-day review period prior to the initiation of activities that affect property or land consistent with 36 CFR Part 800.5 (b). Form 4 addresses projects that are classified as “tiered” projects per Section 58.15 and are receiving a Tier I level review in this Environmental Assessment. The Request for Release of Funds issued in response to this Federal Environmental Assessment for the 2012 Consolidated Plan will cover these programs unless a specific project within the program involves issues that are extraordinary to the scope of this current review. In those project instances (anticipated to be rare), an individual environmental assessment review will be conducted by the City.

5. **Environmental Assessment (EA):** If a project is not exempt or categorically excluded under Sections 58.34 and 58.35, the responsible entity must prepare an EA in accordance with federal regulations. Some years, individual projects are known at the time of publication and the Consolidated Plan Environmental Assessment includes a separate form, EA Form 5, for each of these projects. For the 2012 Consolidated Plan, no individual projects are known at this time. However, the City is identifying in this environmental assessment review the following program where in the future individual projects identified may be subject to either this type of review, or a Part 58.35 (a) review:

- *Affordable Housing Trust Fund (multifamily developments financed through CDBG and HOME Investment Partnerships)*

SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

Current environmental conditions in some of the City’s neighborhoods, particularly in inner-city neighborhoods where most program activities will occur, are characterized by conditions of general deterioration of residential structures, pockets of blight, and soil contamination including contamination from lead-based paint. Older housing stock is prone to disinvestment by market forces. Most projects are intended to address these conditions on an individual neighborhood basis.

Also, the current environmental conditions in many of the City’s commercial centers are characterized by physically deteriorating buildings, dilapidated or vacant storefronts, a lack of adequate off-street parking, a limited range of goods and services offered, soil contamination, and a general lack of amenities. These are environmental conditions that can be addressed with Consolidated Plan funds. Since Minneapolis has been a fully-developed city for many decades with fully developed public infrastructure, most federally funded projects are for rehabilitation or new development on sites that require demolition of a past use. The Consolidated Plan includes additional information regarding City redevelopment priorities and strategies.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

It is anticipated that these programs will have no significant adverse impact on the physical environment. Instead, the selected residential, commercial, and other structures will be improved in order to eliminate deteriorating conditions, increase energy efficiency, and other factors benefiting the property in question, and the surrounding community.

Historic Review: Information is submitted to the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office (MnSHPO) consistent with past practice and agreements among the appropriate staff of HUD, the City, and the MnSHPO. Consistent with federal regulations at 24 CFR Part 58.15 that define “tiering,” and 36 CFR Part 800.4 and 800.5 (b), the City will a) check specific addresses of properties proposed for treatment or demolition when they become available against the National Register database (including historic districts), and b) determine if these properties are eligible for listing on the National Register. The City will include this information in its submission to the MnSHPO and offer a 30-day review period prior to the initiation of activities that affect property or land.

Flood Plains: In accordance with procedures agreed upon in 1984 between the City and the local HUD office and revised periodically thereafter, specific properties to be treated will be evaluated as they are identified regarding flood plain impacts and their proximity to the flood plain areas of the City. The City does not provide HUD-funded assistance to any structure located within the 100-year flood plain.

Noise: In accordance with procedures agreed upon in 1984 between the City and the local HUD office, specified properties to be treated will be evaluated as they are identified regarding noise impacts and their proximity to noise-impacted areas of the City.

PROJECT MODIFICATION AND ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The prime purpose of the programs is to provide decent and safe housing opportunities for low or modest income people and to stem the further deterioration of the economic, social, and physical condition of many neighborhood centers. Most of these funds are also targeted to geographic areas where blighting influences are evident. Any modifications or alternatives to projects are dependent not only on governmental agencies but also are dictated by environmental, social, and economic changes, and by the need to comply with governmental regulations such as the Americans with Disabilities Act. Appropriate alternatives will be explored where feasible.

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Conclusion: The City has complied with all applicable federal, state and local regulations. The City intends to make a "Finding of No Significant Impact" as applicable to the projects and programs contained within this EA.

The undersigned does hereby certify that the information furnished in this Environmental Assessment is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge:



Matthew Bower, Manager Resource Coordination, Minneapolis Grants and Special Projects Office

Attachments

1. Executive Summary from the Minneapolis Consolidated Plan
2. 24 CFR 58 Parts 58.15 and 58.33 to 4 and 58.37 of the NEPA
3. Official Federal Environmental Assessment Distribution List
4. Federal Environmental Assessment Form 1
5. Federal Environmental Assessment Form 2
6. Federal Environmental Assessment Form 3
7. Federal Environmental Assessment Form 4

ATTACHMENT 1

Executive Summary from the 2012 Minneapolis Consolidated Plan

For more information, contact Matthew Bower (contact information on the cover page)

Executive Summary

The 2012 Minneapolis Consolidated Plan is an update to the comprehensive 2010-2014 Five-year Consolidated Plan issued in 2010 addressing the City's housing and community development needs. The Consolidated Plan is a combination housing plan, community development and public service plan, and application for the following four U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement programs:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
- HOME Investment Partnerships

This year's Consolidated Plan is an update of the five-year strategy covering fiscal years 2010-2014. The plan is a statement of how the City intends to spend its HUD entitlement funds in the areas of housing and community development. It seeks to tie that spending to other funding initiatives in the City that affect the City's low- and moderate-income residents.

The City of Minneapolis' 2012 Consolidated Plan program year runs from June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013. The City's lead agency responsible for the Plan's development is the Office of Grants & Special Projects, which is a part of the Intergovernmental Relations Department, in the Office of the City Coordinator.

The executive summary includes objective and outcome expectations, as well as an evaluation of past performance. The 2012 Consolidated Plan states how the City intends to utilize its HUD entitlement funds in the areas of housing and community development, public service, and administration. The Consolidated Plan ties HUD grant-funded spending to other funding initiatives in the City that benefit the City's low- and moderate-income residents.

Emergency Solutions Grant

This Consolidated Plan also is a 2nd Amendment to the 2011 Consolidated Plan to include the second allocation and additional HUD requirements for Fiscal Year 2011 Emergency Solutions Grant.

HUD language: Please note that the “Emergency Shelter Grants” program has changed to the “Emergency Solutions Grants” program in accordance with the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act). The change in the program’s name reflects the change in the program’s focus from addressing the needs of homeless people in emergency or transitional shelters to assisting people to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness. On December 5, 2011, HUD published an interim rule, which is effective as of January 4, 2012, and available in Volume 76, Page 75954 of the Federal Register.

Through 2011, the City of Minneapolis implemented HUD’s Emergency Shelter Grant programming with its Consolidated Plan strategies, by contributing capital resources for the rehabilitation of supportive housing and emergency shelter units. With the second allocation of 2011 Emergency Solutions Grant and 2012 Emergency Solutions Grant, the City will amend the existing program to focus on the needs of homeless people in emergency or transitional shelters and assist people to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness in addition to providing funding for shelter rehabilitation. ESG funds will be made available through the coordinated efforts of two City departments, including existing capital resources through the City’s Community Planning and Economic Development Department (CPED), and homelessness service resources provided through Neighborhood and Community Relations Department (NCR). The HEARTH Act also codified into law the Continuum of Care planning process, long a part of HUD’s competitive application process, enabling the City to assist homeless persons by providing greater coordination in responding to their needs. The eligible Subrecipients can be local government agencies or private nonprofit organizations. The recipient agencies and organizations, which actually run these homeless assistance projects, will apply for ESG funds through the City.

Summary of Objective and Outcome Expectations

The City of Minneapolis’ performance measurement system is tied to City department or program lines, and to the annual budget process. The Consolidated Plan includes measures of performance to quantify goals by incorporating projected *outcome* measures. Quantifiable results-oriented goals for capital programs are tied to a unified framework for the benefit of low- and moderate-income residents. Additional performance benchmarks and reporting are required by HUD for the HOPWA program whose Subrecipients are contracted through the City of Minneapolis.

The City of Minneapolis includes a performance-based framework for all its Consolidated Plan activities. The outcome measurement system enables HUD to report program accomplishments aggregated at the national level, enhancing the budget process and demonstrating the community need for these funding sources. This system is described, and outcome results can be found, on HUD’s website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/about/performance/index.cfm>

The Consolidated Plan lists the City’s HUD funded program activities in Appendix Table 3, together with performance expectations in terms of HUD’s performance measurement system. The accomplishments of each HUD-funded program is measured, based on a combination of national objectives and outcomes, shown here, and in Chart A, below.

Objectives:

1. creating suitable living environments
 2. providing decent housing, and
 3. expanding economic opportunities
- Outcomes:
1. availability/accessibility
 2. affordability, and
 3. sustainability

The City's program managers provide the outcome expected from each HUD-funded activity. Table A is a summary of outcomes the City expects to achieve with its HUD funded programs benefiting low- and moderate-income residents.

Minneapolis 2012 HUD Program Outlay and Performance Projections (Chart A)

<i>Framework for Public Service and Capital Projects</i>	Outcome #1: "Availability / Accessibility"	Outcome #2: "Affordability"	Outcome #3: "Sustainability"
Objective #1: "Suitable Living Environment"	\$960,033 Beneficiaries: 2,710	-	\$1,041,800 Beneficiaries: 227,918
Objective #2: "Decent Housing"	\$475,722 Beneficiaries: 55	\$8,318,646 Beneficiaries: 440	-
Objective #3: "Economic Activity"	-	-	\$1,897,000 *Beneficiaries: 1,026

*(Beneficiaries are low- and moderate-income residents; * Outcome for "Economic activity" beneficiaries includes persons, jobs and businesses)*

Chart A, above, is a summary of the Consolidated Plan program activities the City funds for CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA. Chart B, below, further classifies these combinations relative to the type of benefit these programs provide to the City's low- and moderate-income residents.

Beneficiary Outputs Compared to Outcomes and Objectives (Chart B)

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Outcome / Objective →	Suitable Living Environment - Improved/New Accessibility	Suitable Living Environment - Improved/New Affordability	Suitable Living Environment - Improved/New Sustainability	Decent Housing - Improved/New Sustainability	Decent Housing - Improved/New Affordability	Decent Housing - Improved/New Availability	Economic Opportunity - Improved/New Accessibility	Economic Opportunity - Improved/New Affordability	Economic Opportunity - Improved/New Sustainability
Type of Benefit ↓									
Number that will have new access to this service or benefit	1,860				237				925
Number that will have improved access to this service or benefit	850				55				100
Number that will receive a service or benefit that is no longer substandard			227,918		148	55			1
Number that will have new access to this type of public facility or infrastructure improvement									
Number that will have improved access to this type of public facility or infrastructure improvement									
Number that will be served by public facility or infrastructure that is no longer substandard									

As indicated in Chart A, the City will create decent housing with improved/new affordability, for 440 low- and moderate-income beneficiaries, by leveraging \$8.3 million through its capital programs. Of those, as noted in Chart B, 237 beneficiaries will have new access to affordable housing, 55 will have improved access to housing, and 148 will have housing that is no longer substandard. From appendix Table 3, this programming includes support for the development of housing units, homebuyer assistance for low-income households, and tenant-based rental assistance for persons with HIV/AIDS.

The City will invest of \$1.8 million in CDBG funding will provide economic opportunity through improved/new sustainability for 1,026 beneficiaries. This includes developing strategies for small business development, linking low-income residents with job openings, public service funding for youth employment training, through community-based organizations and school programs.

The City will direct \$1.0 million to enhance suitable living environments for low-income beneficiaries, with over 227,000 residents in targeted areas across the City of Minneapolis benefiting from CDBG-

funded crime prevention programming, together with strategies to abate lead hazards, and reduce or eliminate over 396 blighted properties. Public Service programs, identified in Appendix Table 3, provide opportunities for low income persons gain new or improved access to a range of solutions focused on domestic abuse, curfew truancy, youth violence prevention, childhood development, school readiness, and multi-cultural access & outreach services.

Table 3A Summary of Specific Annual Objectives

(2011 accomplishments to be compiled in Summer 2012 for the 2011 annual performance report)
 Grantee Name: Minneapolis, MN

Availability/Accessibility of Decent Housing (DH-1)							
Specific Annual Objective		Source of Funds	Year	Performance Indicators	Expected Number	Actual Number	Percent Completed
DH1.1	Finance and administer programs for development of affordable and mixed-income rental housing	HOME CDBG	2010	Housing Units	242	121	48%
			2011		242		%
			2012		242		%
			2013		242		%
			2014		242		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				1,210
DH 1.2	Finance and administer programs for development of affordable and mixed-income ownership housing	HOME CDBG	2010	Housing Units	52	1	2%
			2011		52		%
			2012		52		%
			2013		52		%
			2014		52		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				260
DH 1.4	Finance development of housing opportunities for persons with special needs	CDBG HOME HOPWA	2010	Housing Units	42	61	145%
			2011		42		%
			2012		42		%
			2013		42		%
			2014		42		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				210
DH1.5	Develop shelter and supportive housing options for those persons experiencing homelessness	CDBG HOME	2010		310	85	27%
			2011		310		%
			2012		310		%
			2013		310		%
			2014		310		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				1,550
DH 1.6	Develop new affordable senior housing	CDBG HOME	2010	Housing Units	68	0	0%
			2011		68		%
			2012		68		%
			2013		68		%
			2014		68		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				340
Affordability of Decent Housing (DH-2)							

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DH2.1	Support homeownership opportunities for underserved populations	CDBG	2010	Housing Units	17	20	118%
			2011		17		%
			2012		17		%
			2013		17		%
			2014		17		%
MULTI-YEAR GOAL					85	20	24%
DH2.11	Acquisition and slum blight removal and reuse to support affordable housing development	CDBG	2010	Housing Units	25	15	60%
			2011		25		%
			2012		25		%
			2013		25		%
			2014		25		%
MULTI-YEAR GOAL					125	15	12%
DH2.2	Support multi-family housing grants to non-profit developers for predevelopment assistance	CDBG	2010	Organizations	10	6	60%
			2011		10		%
			2012		10		%
			2013		10		%
			2014		10		%
MULTI-YEAR GOAL					50	6	12%
DH 2.3	Provide housing assistance to HOPWA eligible households	HOPWA	2010	Households	125	148	118%
			2011		125		%
			2012		125		%
			2013		125		%
			2014		125		%
MULTI-YEAR GOAL					625	148	24%
Sustainability of Decent Housing (DH-3)							
DH3.1	Finance and administer programs for rehabilitation of affordable and mixed-income rental housing	CDBG HOME	2010	Housing Units	330	281	85%
			2011		330		%
			2012		330		%
			2013		330		%
			2014		330		%
MULTI-YEAR GOAL					1,650	281	17%
DH 3.2	Finance preservation of housing opportunities for persons with special needs	CDBG HOME ESG	2010	Housing Units	36	13	36%
			2011		36		%
			2012		36		%
			2013		36		%
			2014		36		%
MULTI-YEAR GOAL					180	13	7%
DH 3.3	Contribute capital resources to the rehabilitation of supportive housing and shelter units consistent with Continuum of Care	ESG HOME CDBG	2010	Housing/Bed Units (3 SRO = 1 unit)	55	63	115%
			2011		60		%
			2012		62		%
			2013		65		%
			2014		68		%
MULTI-YEAR GOAL					310	63	20%
DH 3.4	Finance owner-occupied housing rehabilitation	CDBG, NSP	2010	Housing Units	18	20	111%
			2011		18		%
			2012		18		%
			2013		18		%
			2014		18		%
MULTI-YEAR GOAL					90	20	22%

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DH 3.6	Support rehabilitation needs of public housing supply	CDBG	2010	Housing Units	0	55	n/a
			2011		50		%
			2012		50		%
			2013		50		%
			2014		50		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				200
Availability/Accessibility of Suitable Living Environment (SL-1)							
SL 1.2	Support programs that allow seniors to be self-sufficient	CDBG	2010	Persons	450	661	147%
			2011		150		%
			2012		400		%
			2013		400		%
			2014		400		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				2,100
SL 1.3	Promote healthy well-being of residents through public and private service providers	CDBG	2010	Persons	99	232	234%
			2011		95		%
			2012		87		%
			2013		81		%
			2014		76		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				438
SL 1.4	Provide public service resources to vulnerable homeless elder citizens	CDBG	2010	Persons	20	50	250%
			2011		20		%
			2012		18		%
			2013		16		%
			2014		14		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				88
SL 1.5	Promote resources for city youth programming	CDBG	2010	Persons	1,125	1,298	115%
			2011		1,085		%
			2012		1,041		%
			2013		997		%
			2014		953		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				5,205
SL 1.6	Provide for school readiness initiatives	CDBG	2010	Persons	750	861	115%
			2011		740		%
			2012		730		%
			2013		720		%
			2014		710		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				3,350
SL 1.7	Provide for homeless prevention and rapid re-housing	CDBG, HPRP, ESG	2010	Persons	100	TBD	%
			2011		100		%
			2012		100		%
			2013		100		%
			2014		100		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				500
SL 1.8	Public service provision and assistance for immigrant and Native American populations	CDBG	2010	Persons	6,453	1,463	23%
			2011		6,453		%
			2012		6,453		%
			2013		6,453		%
			2014		6,453		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				32,265
Affordability of Suitable Living Environment (SL-2)							

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SL2.1	Provide mortgage foreclosure assistance to low-income homeowners	CDBG/NSP Private	2010	Households	100	330	330 %
			2011		100		%
			2012		100		%
			2013		100		%
			2014		100		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				500
Sustainability of Suitable Living Environment (SL-3)							
SL3.1	Mitigate housing conditions that present life and safety issues	CDBG	2010	Housing Units	750	853	114%
			2011		750		%
			2012		750		%
			2013		750		%
			2014		750		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				3,750
SL 3.2	Evaluate and remove lead-based paint hazards in city affordable housing supply	CDBG HUD State	2010	Housing Units	100	207	207%
			2011		100		%
			2012		50		%
			2013		50		%
			2014		50		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				350
SL 3.21	Enhance and sustain fire protection capacity serving low/mod income areas	CDBG	2010	Persons	113,005	113,005	
			2011		113,005		
			2012		113,005		
			2013		113,005		
			2014		113,005		
							113,005*
SL 3.3	Provide crime prevention and restorative justice programs to Low/mod income targeted city neighborhoods	CDBG	2010	Persons	227,472	227,472	
			2011		227,472		
			2012		227,472		
			2013		227,472		
			2014		227,472		
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				227,472*

Availability/Accessibility of Economic Opportunity (EO-1)							
Specific Annual Objective		Source of Funds	Year	Performance Indicators	Expected Number	Actual Number	Percent Completed
EO 1.2	Redevelop Brownfield sites	Met Council, MN DEED, Hennepin County	2010	Public Facilities	5	TBD	%
			2011		5		%
			2012		5		%
			2013		5		%
			2014		5		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				25
Sustainability of Economic Opportunity (EO-3)							
EO3.1	Rehabilitate neighborhood commercial properties to retain their marketability and job creation	CDBG Local	2010	Businesses Assisted	4	12	300%
			2011		6		%
			2012		4		%
			2013		6		%
			2014		4		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				24

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EO 3.2	Link low income residents to permanent jobs	CDBG Federal State	2010	Jobs	190	242	127%
			2011		200		%
			2012		200		%
			2013		200		%
			2014		200		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				990
EO 3.3	Prepare low-income youth for future workforce participation through summer employment training programs	CDBG State	2010	Persons	600	353	59%
			2011		600		%
			2012		600		%
			2013		600		%
			2014		600		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				3,000

Minneapolis 2012 HUD Program Projected Outputs
Type of Benefit
(Chart C)

3,022	Number that will have new access to service or benefit
1,005	Number that will have improved access to service or benefit
228,122	Number that will receive a service or benefit that is no longer substandard
-	Number that will have new access to public facility or infrastructure improvement
-	Number that will have improved access to public facility or infrastructure improvement
-	Number that will be served by public facility or infrastructure that is no longer substandard

The results from these City programs will be compiled and reported in the CAPER at year-end. This information enhances policy-maker decisions for community development planning and priority-making processes.

Relative Allocation of Priorities

The City of Minneapolis assigns a high priority (H) to a vast majority of program strategies funded throughout the Consolidated Plan, as referenced in Appendix Table 3. Priorities used in determining eligible projects to be funded with Consolidated Plan resources are based on several variables, including: estimated funding resources, historic funding resources, needs and strategies procured from an array of planning documents produced by the City and outside agencies, and estimates derived from projections developed based on funding experience. Citizens can expect that the annual budget is a statement on priorities by the City. Priorities are relative and follow these classifications:

High (H): The City plans to use available Consolidated Plan funds for activities to meet the need during the Five-Year Strategic Plan.

Medium (M): The City plans to use any available funds, including Consolidated Plan funds, for activities to meet the need during the Five-Year Strategic Plan, and can assist organizations in seeking funds to meet the need.

Low (L): The City does not envision using any available Consolidated Plan funds for activities to meet the need during the Five-Year Strategic Plan. The City will consider certifications of consistency for other organizations' applications for federal assistance to meet these needs.

The City of Minneapolis allocates Consolidated Plan funding priorities based on the relative needs, as described above, and in terms of median family income (MFI), as follows:

<i>Distribution of Consolidated Plan program funds based on very low-, low-, and moderate- income categories:</i>	0-30% MFI Very Low	31-50% MFI Low	51-80% MFI Moderate
CDBG Capital Expenditures	33%	33%	33%
CDBG Public Service Expenditures	33%	33%	33%
HOME Investment Partnership	37.5%	37.5%	25%
ESG (Emergency Solutions Grant)	100%		
HOPWA	100%		

Consolidated Plan Past Performance Summary

The City has met its priority goals and strategies as it has done over the past several Consolidated Plan years. In summary, the City seeks to expand economic opportunities to benefit its low- and moderate-income citizens, preserve and create decent, affordable housing opportunities. The City addresses the needs faced by those who are homeless or are threatened with homelessness, it provides accessible public services for vulnerable populations, affirmatively furthers fair housing, and leverages its federal HUD funding with other funds to make significant, sustainable change in the community.

HUD conducts an annual Consolidated Plan end-of-year review of the most recent year-end performance by the City of Minneapolis, and provides a report with the results for each review. Additionally, the HUD Secretary determines that the grant recipient is in compliance with the statutes and has the continuing capacity to implement and administer the programs for which assistance is received. HUD has summarized the City of Minneapolis' accomplishments and achievements for 2010, the most recent year-end report, based on Consolidated Plan objectives, as follows:

- the City's funds were committed and expended in a timely manner;
- improvements to 350 owner occupied units and 390 rental units were rehabilitated or preserved using CDBG and HOME funds;
- 853 nuisance properties were addressed;
- over 250 low- and moderate-income persons received job training and placement assistance;
- fifteen activities assisted in excess of 3,500 people through public service activities including senior services, child care, employment training, health, housing counseling and mortgage assistance services;
- nine organizations received ESG funding, which assisted over 600 shelter beds;
- two organizations received HOPWA funding assisting over 100 people, and
- lead based paint screening and reduction continued to be done on properties assisted.

The City has much to show for its efforts, however, great need still exists in the community, especially for those at the lowest of incomes. Rental vacancies have fluctuated between high and low rates since the end of the 90s. Housing units that are priced at the most affordable levels and exhibiting quality still incur great demand. Variations in the housing market and factors such as accelerated mortgage foreclosure rates have not translated positively for those at the lowest income levels trying to find affordable housing.

The Plan asserts the City's commitment to working with local partners to achieve ambitious goals, such as eliminating chronic homelessness and lead-based paint hazards in the City, achieving a sustainable balance in the placing of affordable housing, and providing new economic opportunities. Cuts in funding, at both the federal and state levels of government, have put a squeeze on the ability of the City of Minneapolis to meet the demand for public service programs. The vulnerability of low- and moderate income residents is especially great and the ability to meet community needs with federal funds is limited by shrinking federal budgets. The 2012 Consolidated Plan total funding is \$14.9 million, which is 13.4% less than last year, and a decline from \$19.8 million in 2008. The City is concerned about the impact these cuts will have on the CDBG program and vulnerable residents, principally low- and moderate-income persons. Because of cuts to the programs and projects funded by CDBG, the number of residents served by these activities has been cut as well. These reductions have affected the City's business plan and strategic outlook for community and business development, public service, and affordable housing for the poorest and most vulnerable citizens of Minneapolis.

Citizen Participation Plan

Throughout the development of the Consolidated Plan, citizen input is encouraged. The City of Minneapolis provides its citizens several opportunities to provide input to decision-making process. Citizens are encouraged to attend and participate in City council committee meetings, neighborhood/community revitalization meetings, numerous boards and public hearings designed to solicit public comments. These community engagement practices are designed to meet the needs and requirements of various programs and planning processes.

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Staff of the City of Minneapolis, Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED), and the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (MPHA) have jointly developed a citizen participation plan designed specifically for the Consolidated Plan. The citizen participation plan can be found in Chapter 1 and Chapter 6 and comments are summarized in the Appendix.

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24 CFR 58 Parts 58.15 and 58.33 to 58.37

58.15 Tiering

Responsible entities may tier their environmental reviews and assessments to eliminate repetitive discussions of the same issues at subsequent levels of review. Tiering is appropriate when there is a requirement to evaluate a policy or proposal in the early stages of development or when site-specific analysis or mitigation is not currently feasible and a narrower or more focused analysis is better done at a later date. The site specific review need only reference or summarize the issues addressed in the broader review. The broader review should identify and evaluate those issues ripe for decision and exclude those issues not relevant to the policy, program or project under consideration. The broader review should also establish the policy, standard or process to be followed in the site specific review. The Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with respect to the broader assessment shall include a summary of the assessment and identify the significant issues to be considered in site specific reviews. Subsequent site-specific reviews will not require notices or a Request for Release of Funds unless the Certifying Officer determines that there are unanticipated impacts or impacts not adequately addressed in the prior review. A tiering approach can be used for meeting environmental review requirements in areas designated for special focus in local Consolidated Plans. Local and State Governments are encouraged to use the Consolidated Plan process to facilitate environmental reviews.

58.33 Emergencies

- (a) In the cases of emergency, disaster or imminent threat to health and safety which warrant the taking of an action with significant environmental impact, the provisions of 40 CFR 1506.11 shall apply.
- (b) If funds are needed on an emergency basis and when adherence to separate comment periods would prevent the giving of assistance, the combined Notice of FONSI and the Notice of the Intent to Request Release of Funds may be disseminated and/or published simultaneously with the submission of the Request for Release of Funds (RROF). The combined Notice of FONSI and NOI/ROF shall state that the funds are needed on an immediate emergency basis due to a Presidentially declared disaster and that the comment periods have been combined. The Notice shall also invite commenters to submit their comments to both HUD and the responsible entity issuing the notice to assure that these comments will receive full consideration.

58.34 Exempt activities

- (a) Except for the applicable requirements of §58.6, the responsible entity does not have to comply with the requirements of this part or undertake any environmental review, consultation or other action under NEPA and

the other provisions of law or authorities cited in §58.5 for the activities exempt by this section or projects consisting solely of the following exempt activities:

- (1) Environmental and other studies, resource identification and the development of plans and strategies;
 - (2) Information and financial services;
 - (3) Administrative and management activities;
 - (4) Public services that will not have a physical impact or result in any physical changes, including but not limited to services concerned with employment, crime prevention, child care, health, drug abuse, education, counseling, energy conservation and welfare or recreational needs;
 - (5) Inspections and testing of properties for hazards or defects;
 - (6) Purchase of insurance;
 - (7) Purchase of tools;
 - (8) Engineering or design costs;
 - (9) Technical assistance and training;
 - (10) Assistance for temporary or permanent improvements that do not alter environmental conditions and are limited to protection, repair, or restoration activities necessary only to control or arrest the effects from disasters or imminent threats to public safety including those resulting from physical deterioration;
 - (11) Payment of principal and interest on loans made or obligations guaranteed by HUD;
 - (12) Any of the categorical exclusions listed in §58.35(a) provided that there are no circumstances which require compliance with any other Federal laws and authorities cited in §58.5.
- (b) A recipient does not have to submit an RROF and certification, and no further approval from HUD or the State will be needed by the recipient for the drawdown of funds to carry out exempt activities and projects. However, the responsible entity must document in writing its determination that each activity or project is exempt and meets the conditions specified for such exemption under this section.

[61 FR 19122, Apr. 30, 1996, as amended at 63 FR 15271, Mar. 30, 1998]

58.35 Categorical exclusions

Categorical exclusion refers to a category of activities for which no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact under NEPA is required, except in extraordinary circumstances (see §58.2(a)(3)) in which a normally excluded activity may have a significant impact. Compliance with the other applicable Federal environmental laws and authorities listed in §58.5 is required for any categorical exclusion listed in paragraph (a) of this section.

(a) *Categorical exclusions subject to §58.5.* The following activities are categorically excluded under NEPA, but may be subject to review under authorities listed in §58.5:

- (1) Acquisition, repair, improvement, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of public facilities and improvements (other than buildings) when the facilities and improvements are in place and will be retained in the same use without change in size or capacity of more than 20 percent (e.g., replacement of water or sewer lines, reconstruction of curbs and sidewalks, repaving of streets).
- (2) Special projects directed to the removal of material and architectural barriers that restrict the mobility of and accessibility to elderly and handicapped persons.
- (3) Rehabilitation of buildings and improvements when the following conditions are met:
 - (i) In the case of multifamily residential buildings:
 - (A) Unit density is not changed more than 20 percent;
 - (B) The project does not involve changes in land use from residential to non-residential; and

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(C) The estimated cost of rehabilitation is less than 75 percent of the total estimated cost of replacement after rehabilitation.

(ii) In the case of non-residential structures, including commercial, industrial, and public buildings:

(A) The facilities and improvements are in place and will not be changed in size or capacity by more than 20 percent; and

(B) The activity does not involve a change in land use, such as from non-residential to residential, commercial to industrial, or from one industrial use to another.

(4) An individual action on a one- to four-family dwelling or an individual action on a project of five or more units developed on scattered sites when the sites are more than 2,000 feet apart and there are not more than four units on any one site.

(5) Acquisition or disposition of an existing structure or acquisition of vacant land provided that the structure or land acquired or disposed of will be retained for the same use.

(6) Combinations of the above activities.

(b) *Categorical exclusions not subject to §58.5.* The Department has determined that the following categorically excluded activities would not alter any conditions that would require a review or compliance determination under the Federal laws and authorities cited in §58.5. When the following kinds of activities are undertaken, the responsible entity does not have to publish a NOI/RROF or execute a certification and the recipient does not have to submit a RROF to HUD (or the State) except in the circumstances described in paragraph (c) of this section. Following the award of the assistance, no further approval from HUD or the State will be needed with respect to environmental requirements, except where paragraph (c) of this section applies. The recipient remains responsible for carrying out any applicable requirements under §58.6.

(1) Tenant-based rental assistance;

(2) Supportive services including, but not limited to, health care, housing services, permanent housing placement, day care, nutritional services, short-term payments for rent/mortgage/utility costs, and assistance in gaining access to local, State, and Federal government benefits and services;

(3) Operating costs including maintenance, security, operation, utilities, furnishings, equipment, supplies, staff training and recruitment and other incidental costs;

(4) Economic development activities, including but not limited to, equipment purchase, inventory financing, interest subsidy, operating expenses and similar costs not associated with construction or expansion of existing operations;

(5) Activities to assist homebuyers to purchase existing dwelling units or dwelling units under construction, including closing costs and down payment assistance, interest buydowns, and similar activities that result in the transfer of title.

(6) Affordable housing pre-development costs including legal, consulting, developer and other costs related to obtaining site options, project financing, administrative costs and fees for loan commitments, zoning approvals, and other related activities which do not have a physical impact.

(c) *Circumstances requiring NEPA review.* If a responsible entity determines that an activity or project identified in paragraph (a) or (b) of this section, because of extraordinary circumstances and conditions at or affecting the location of the activity or project, may have a significant environmental effect, it shall comply with all the requirements of this part.

(d) The Environmental Review Record (ERR) must contain a well organized written record of the process and determinations made under this section.

[61 FR 19122, Apr. 30, 1996, as amended at 63 FR 15272, Mar. 30, 1998]

58.36 Environmental assessments

If a project is not exempt or categorically excluded under §§58.34 and 58.35, the responsible entity must prepare an EA in accordance with subpart E of this part. If it is evident without preparing an EA that an EIS is required under §58.37, the responsible entity should proceed directly to an EIS.

58.37 Environmental impact statement determinations

- (a) An EIS is required when the project is determined to have a potentially significant impact on the human environment.
- (b) An EIS is required under any of the following circumstances, except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section:
 - (1) The project would provide a site or sites for, or result in the construction of, hospitals or nursing homes containing a total of 2,500 or more beds.
 - (2) The project would remove, demolish, convert or substantially rehabilitate 2,500 or more existing housing units (but not including rehabilitation projects categorically excluded under §58.35), or would result in the construction or installation of 2,500 or more housing units, or would provide sites for 2,500 or more housing units.
 - (3) The project would provide enough additional water and sewer capacity to support 2,500 or more additional housing units. The project does not have to be specifically intended for residential use nor does it have to be totally new construction. If the project is designed to provide upgraded service to existing development as well as to serve new development, only that portion of the increased capacity which is intended to serve new development should be counted.
- (c) If, on the basis of an EA, a responsible entity determines that the thresholds in paragraph (b) of this section are the sole reason for the EIS, the responsible entity may prepare a FONSI pursuant to 40 CFR 1501.4. In such cases, the FONSI must be made available for public review for at least 30 days before the responsible entity makes the final determination whether to prepare an EIS.
- (d) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) through (c) of this section, an EIS is not required where §58.53 is applicable.
- (e) *Recommended EIS Format.* The responsible entity must use the EIS format recommended by the CEQ regulations (40 CFR 1502.10) unless a determination is made on a particular project that there is a compelling reason to do otherwise. In such a case, the EIS format must meet the minimum requirements prescribed in 40 CFR 1502.10.

ATTACHMENT 3

Federal Environmental Assessment Distribution List

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ATTACHMENTS 4-7

Environmental Assessment Forms 1-4

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Form 1

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Consistent with 24 CFR Part 58 -- Environmental Review Procedures of Entities Assuming HUD Environmental Responsibilities and 36 CFR Part 800 -- Protection of Historic Properties

Section 58.34 -- Exempt activities: Includes projects or programs that are exempt from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements because they do not physically affect property or land, per Section 58.34 of the NEPA. Also exempt are projects consisting of "assistance for temporary or permanent improvements that do not alter environmental conditions and are limited to protection, repair or restoration activities necessary only to control or arrest the effects from disasters, imminent threats or physical deterioration" [Section 58.34 (a)(10)].

Project Information

Project name and summary	Minneapolis 2012 Consolidated Plan- Programs/Projects listed in F1 Exempt Projects attachment
Location	City of Minneapolis
Applicant	City of Minneapolis
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Exempt per 58.34	yes

Statutory Checklist

Area of Statutory and Regulatory Compliance (58.6)	Potentially adverse					Source Documentation
	Not applicable to this project	Consultation required	Review required*	Permits required	Determination of consistency approvals;	
Floodplain management	X				Conditions actions and/or mitigation required	The City will check specific addresses of properties proposed for treatment or demolition when they become available against the City's GIS mapping system which incorporates the floodplain zones mapped by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The City does not provide HUD-funded assistance to any structure located within the 100-year flood plain. There are no coastal zones in or near the City of Minneapolis.
Coastal barrier management	X					When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, whether the project will be located in the vicinity of Airport Clear Zones and Accident Potential Areas. Plate SZ9 of the "MSP Zoning map" identifies the only runway Safety Zone that extends into the City. The affected area is very small and located within a park southeast of Lake Nokomis. No buildings are within this area.
Airport Clear Zones and Accident Potential Zones	X					

The undersigned does hereby certify that the information furnished in this Environmental Assessment is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge. With signature City is making an Exempt finding:

Certification	
Signature of City official/Date	 Date 6/27/12
	Matthew Bower - Office of Grants & Special Projects

Priority Need	Project Description	Implementing Agency	Type/Eligible Activity/National Objective	Funding Source	Council Adopted Budget	Start/Complete Date
Economic Development	Adult Training, Placement & Retention: Employment services for adult low-income Minneapolis residents. Nine community-based organizations are contracted to provide low-income residents career counseling, job placement and job retention services.	CPED	Local Gov't/18A ED Direct Financial Assistance 570.203(b)/L/M Jobs 570.208(a)(4)	CDBG	\$ 1,487,600	6/12-5/13
Rental Housing	Lead Hazard Reduction: Support for lead hazard reduction activities of city's Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control program. Work will include performing risk assessments, lead education, lead safe work practices education, clearance tests, developing work specs.	Dept. of Regulatory Services	Local Gov't/14I Lead Based Paint/Hazards Test/Abatement 570.202/L/M Housing 570.208(a)(3)	CDBG	\$ 61,500	6/12-5/13
Public Services	Youth Employment Training: Provision of summer STEP-UP employment opportunities for income eligible city youth 14-21 years old. Services include work experience, education, community service and leadership development.	CPED	Local Gov't/05H Employment Training 570.201(e)/L/M Ltd. Clientele 570.208(a)(2)	CDBG	\$ 250,900	6/12-5/13
Public Services	Way to Grow: Community-based collaboration designed to promote family-friendly communities and the school readiness of its children.	Youth Coordinating Board	Sub/Public/5D Youth Services 570.201(e)/L/M Ltd. Clientele 570.208(a)(2)	CDBG	\$ 192,600	6/12-5/13
Public Services	CCP-SAFE Crime Prevention Specialists (CPS) With an emphasis on targeted neighborhoods that are at least 51% low- and moderate-income due to their inverse violent victimization rates based on household income CPSs work with Low- mod-income residents on crime prevention strategies.	Police Department	Local Gov't/5I Crime Awareness - Public Services 570.201 (e)/L/M Area 570.208(a)(1)	CDBG	\$ 876,600	6/12-5/13
Public Services	Curfew and Truancy Services: Juvenile Supervision Center (JSC); Operations, staffing and services provided by The Link for curfew and truancy activities as part of a larger JSC operations.	Minneapolis Urban League	Sub/Private/05D Youth Services 570.201(e)/L/M Area 570.208(a)(1)	CDBG	\$ 100,000	6/12-5/13
Public Services	Domestic Abuse Project will provide advocacy services for victims of domestic violence.	Domestic Abuse Project	Sub/Private/05M Health Services/ L/M Ltd. Clientele 570.208(a)(2)	CDBG	\$ 89,500	6/12-5/13
Planning/Administration	Civil Rights/CDBG Compliance/Fair Housing: Administration of city's contract compliance functions, enforcement of city's civil rights ordinance, fair housing education and enforcement, federal labor standards, Davis-Bacon Act wage monitoring and outreach.	Dept. of Civil Rights	Local Gov't/21D Fair Housing 570.206 /N/A	CDBG	\$ 361,900	6/12-5/13
Planning/Administration	CPED Planning Department: Administration of comprehensive planning activities including environmental review supporting Consolidated Plan strategies.	CPED	Local Gov't/21A General Program Administration 570.206/N/A	CDBG	\$ 984,060	6/12-5/13
Public Services	Neighborhood Services: General administrative support for CDBG projects and contracts funded through the department.	Dept. of Health & Family Support	Local Gov't/21A General Program Administration 570.206/N/A	CDBG	\$ 71,400	6/12-5/13
Planning/Administration	Grant Administration: Grant development and management for CDBG capital and public service programs.	Dept. of Health & Family Support	Local Gov't/21A General Program Administration 570.206/N/A	CDBG	\$ 67,400	6/12-5/13
Planning/Administration	Way to Grow Administration: General administration for Way to Grow program.	Dept. of Health & Family Support	Local Gov't/21A General Program Administration 570.206/N/A	CDBG	\$ 15,900	6/12-5/13
Planning/Administration	Youth Violence Prevention: General administration for youth violence prevention programming.	Mpls Youth Coordinating Board	Sub/Public/20 Planning 570.205/ N/A	CDBG	\$ 100,200	6/12-5/13
Planning/Administration	Finance Administration: Financial administration and accountability for Consolidated Plan programs.	Mpls Finance Dept.	Local Gov't/21A General Program Administration 570.206/N/A	CDBG	\$ 194,400	6/12-5/13

Planning/Admin- istration	Grants & Special Projects: Resource development and management for Consolidated Plan strategies; overall city management of Consolidated Plan	Intergovernmental Relations	Local Gov't / 21A General Program Administration 570.206/ N/A	CDBG	\$ 188,400	6/12-5/13
Planning/Admin- istration	Emergency Solutions Grant Rapid Re-housing, Homelessness Prevention, HMIS, and Street Outreach and ESG Administration: Minneapolis will award ESG funding for eligible rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention funds to community providers as selected through a Request for Proposals process that will be administered by the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department. It is anticipated that awards are made by year end. Funding in this Environmental Assessment for these services consists of the FY11 second allocation of ESG amount and FY12 ESG amount anticipated to be awarded to these activities. Funding also includes an anticipated FY12 contract to be awarded to St. Stephens Human Services for outreach in the amount of \$450,000.	Neighborhood and Community Relations		ESG	\$ 855,911	6/12-5/14
Planning/Admin- istration	Legal Aid Society: Provides advice and representation with special emphasis on housing and shelter-related issues to income eligible persons and groups in low and moderate income neighborhoods. Assistance assures compliance of housing with city housing ordinances and codes. Emphasis on issues that will protect, promote, and provide fair housing opportunities for public assistance recipients. Project location: 430 First Ave. N.	Legal Aid Society	Sub/Private/ 21D Fair Housing 570.206 / N/A	CDBG	\$ 29,060	6/12-5/13
Planning/Admin- istration	Youth Coordinating Board: Advocate, catalyst and developer of comprehensive services and systems benefiting children, youth and families.	Mpls Youth Coordinating Board	Sub/Public/ 20 Planning 570.205/ N/A	CDBG	\$ 65,400	6/12-5/13
Planning/Admin- istration	Housing Discrimination Law Project: Project serves low-income clients with investigation of housing discrimination claims, negotiation, advice and referrals and representation in court and administrative actions. Services will include complaint intake, investigation, advocacy and litigation. Project location: 430 First Ave. N.	Legal Aid Society	Sub/Private / 21D Fair Housing 570.206 / N/A	CDBG	\$ 47,229	6/12-5/13
Public Services	Access & Outreach: Provide liaison services to residents and community groups, promote integration of diverse communities into the work and priorities of the City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis neighborhood organizations, and work with City Departments.	Neighborhood and Community Relations	Local Gov't / 5 Public Services 570.201 / L/M Ltd. Clientele 570.208(a)(2)	CDBG	\$ 120,000	6/12-5/13

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FORM 2 for 24 CFR 58.35 (a) Categorically Excluded Projects

Project Information

Project name and summary	Minneapolis 2012 Consolidated Plan- Programs/Projects listed in F2 58.35 (a) attachment		
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Facsimile	612-673-3250	email	matthew.bower@minneapolis.gov
Categorically excluded per 58.35 (a)	yes	Tiered Review Being Applied to These Projects.	

Area of Statutory or Regulatory Compliance	Statutory Checklist		Potentially adverse					Source Documentation
	Not applicable to this project	Consultation required	Review required*	Permits required	Determination of consistency approvals; permits obtained*	Conditions and/or mitigation actions required		
FACTORS								
Historic		X						When they become available, the City will a) check specific addresses of properties proposed for treatment or demolition when they become available against the National Register database (including historic districts), and b) determine if these properties are eligible for listing on the National Register. If so, the City will include this information in a submission to the MnSHPO and offer a 30-day review period prior to the initiation of activities that affect property or land. Local list properties that are identified will be subject to review by the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission.
Floodplain management	X							The City will check specific addresses of properties proposed for treatment or demolition when they become available against the City's GIS mapping system which incorporates the floodplain zones mapped by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The City does not provide HUD-funded assistance to any structure located within the 100-year flood plain. It is anticipated that any city emergency housing shelters are not located within a 100-year flood plain.
Wetland protection	X							The City will identify the appropriate water management organization for specific addresses of properties proposed for treatment or demolition when they become available and whether wetlands have been identified on or nearby the site. Due to the nature of proposed activity it is anticipated that no instances of consultation will be required.
Coastal barrier management	X							There are no coastal zones in or near the City of Minneapolis.
Sole source aquifers	X							The City has determined, as applicable per federal regulations, that no sites will have an impact on sole source aquifers. Due to the nature of proposed activity it is anticipated that no instances of consultation will be required.
Endangered species	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, whether the project will have an adverse effect on threatened or endangered species. Due to the nature of the proposed activity and the fact of no new construction in undisturbed habitat, it is anticipated that no instances of consultation will be required.
Wild & scenic rivers	X							There are no designated wild or scenic rivers in the City of Minneapolis.
Air quality	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, whether the project will have an adverse effect on air quality. Hennepin County (inclusive of Minneapolis) and surrounding counties are not designated as non-attainment.
Farmland protection	X							There is no farmland within the City limits.
Environmental justice	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, whether the project will have an adverse effect on environmental justice matters. There are no anticipated impacts.
HUD ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS								
Noise abatement and control	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, whether the project will have an adverse noise effects. Due to the nature of these programs (rehabilitation of existing structures), it is anticipated that there will need to be no compliance review required.
Toxic or hazardous substances and radioactive materials		X						When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, whether the project will create issues related to toxic, hazardous, or radioactive materials. Any disposal of these materials will need to have the appropriate permit filed.
Siting of HUD-assisted projects near hazardous operations	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, whether the project will be located in the vicinity of facilities with hazardous operations. Due to the nature of these programs (rehabilitation of existing structures), it is anticipated that there will need to be no compliance review required.
Airport Clear Zones and Accident Potential Zones	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, whether the project will be located in the vicinity of Airport Clear Zones and Accident Potential Areas. Plate SZ9 of the "MSP Zoning map" identifies the only runway Safety Zone that extends into the City. The affected area is very small and located within a park southeast of Lake Nokomis. No buildings are within this area.
LAND DEVELOPMENT								
Conformance with comprehensive plans and zoning	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, how the project is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code. Due to the nature of proposed activity it is anticipated that no instances of consultation will be required outside of routine City regulatory inspection.
Slope, erosion and soil suitability	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, whether the project creates adverse impacts as regards steep slopes, erosion control, and soil suitability. Due to the nature of proposed activity it is anticipated that no instances of consultation will be required outside of routine City regulatory inspection.
Hazards, nuisances, site safety, public safety	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, whether there are issues as regards on-site hazards, nuisances, site safety, and public safety associated with the project. Due to the nature of proposed activity it is anticipated that no instances of consultation will be required outside of routine City regulatory inspection.
Energy efficiency	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, how the project compares to accepted and adopted standards for energy efficiency. Due to the nature of proposed activity it is anticipated that no instances of consultation will be required outside of routine City regulatory inspection.
Project's contribution to community noise levels	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, whether the project may contribute significantly to community noise levels. Due to the nature of proposed activity it is anticipated that no instances of consultation will be required outside of routine City regulatory inspection.
Visual quality, coherence, diversity, compatible use and scale	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available and as applicable per federal regulations, the City will evaluate the project as regards its visual quality, design coherence, diversity, whether the use is compatible, and its scale. Due to the nature of proposed activity it is anticipated that no instances of consultation will be required outside of routine City regulatory inspection.
Demographic character changes, displacement, employment, and income patterns	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available and as applicable per federal regulations, the City will describe the project as regards its potential effects on the City's demographic character, displacement and employment effects, and income patterns. It is anticipated that there will be no impacts in this regard by these projects.
Educational, commercial, health care and social service facilities	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available and as applicable per federal regulations, the City will describe the project as regards its potential effects on educational, commercial, health care, and social service facilities. It is anticipated that there will be no impacts in this regard by these projects.
Solid waste	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, whether the project creates adverse impacts as regards solid waste. It is anticipated that there will be no impacts in this regard by these projects.
Water supply and waste water	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, whether the project creates adverse impacts as regards the City's water supply and the region's waste water treatment capacity. Due to the nature of proposed activity it is anticipated that no instances of consultation will be required outside of routine City regulatory inspection.
Stormwater	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, the potential effects as regards stormwater management. Due to the nature of proposed activity, with the exception of new construction, it is anticipated that no instances of consultation will be required outside of routine City regulatory inspection.
Open space, recreation, cultural facilities	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, whether the project creates adverse impacts as regards open space, recreational, and cultural facilities. It is anticipated that there will be no impacts in this regard by these projects.
Transportation	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, whether the project creates adverse transportation impacts. Due to the nature of proposed activity it is anticipated that no instances of consultation will be required outside of routine City regulatory inspection.
The undersigned does hereby certify that the information furnished in this 35(a) Environmental Assessment is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge:								
Certification								6/29/12
Signature of City official/Date	Matthew Bower - Office of Grants & Special Projects							Date

F2 35(a) projects

Priority Need	Project Description	Implementing Agency	Type/ Eligible Activity/National Objective	Funding Source	Council Adopted Budget	Start / Complete Date
Homeless / HIV/AIDS	<p>Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG): Minneapolis prioritizes ESG funding for the rehabilitation of emergency housing facilities serving homeless families and persons or emergency shelters for the homeless and reserves a certain amount of annual funds made available by HUD for the rehabilitation of emergency shelters. The properties must be located within the City or Hennepin County. Projects are selected through an annual request for proposal process. Awards will be made by end of year 2012. The following types of proposals will receive priority consideration: 1) Larger capital requests, 2) Requests with realistic, detailed scope of work and projected costs including soft costs, 3) Projects that can start within 6 months of project approval, 4) Projects with potential for leveraging other funds to help cover rehab costs.</p>	CPED		ESG	\$ 475,722	6/12-5/143

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW RECORD
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Form 3

Approved for the City of Minneapolis by the Minneapolis Office, Federal Housing and Urban Development Department

Consistent with 24 CFR Part 59 -- Environmental Review Procedures of Entities Assuming HUD Environmental Responsibilities and 36 CFR Part 800 -- Protection of Historic Properties

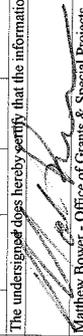
Categorical exclusions: 1) Tenant based rental assistance. 2) Supportive services including, but not limited to, health care, housing services, permanent housing placement, day care, nutritional services, short-term payments for rent/mortgage/utility costs, and assistance in gaining access to local, State, and Federal government benefits and services. (3) Operating costs including maintenance, security, operation, utilities, furnishings, equipment, supplies, staff training and recruitment and other incidental costs; (4) Economic development activities, including but not limited to, equipment purchase, inventory financing, interest subsidy, operating expenses and similar costs not associated with construction or expansion of existing operations;

5) Activities to assist homebuyers to purchase existing dwelling units or dwelling units under construction, including closing costs and down payment assistance, interest buy downs, and similar activities that result in the transfer of title. 6) Affordable housing pre-development costs including legal, consulting, developer and other costs related to obtaining site options, project financing, administrative costs and fees for loan commitments, zoning approvals, and other related activities which do not have a physical impact.

Project Information

Project name and summary	Minneapolis 2012 Consolidated Plan- Programs/Projects listed in F3 58.35 (b) attachment
Location	City of Minneapolis
Applicant	City of Minneapolis
Project contact	Matthew Bower
Address	Minneapolis Grants and Special Projects Office, Rm 301M City Hall, Mpls, MN 55415-1385
Phone	612-673-2188
TDD	612-673-2157
Facsimile	email: matthew.bower@minneapolis.gov
HUD contact	Cindy Behnke, Senior CPD Representative, US HUD, 920 Second Ave., Suite 1300, Mpls, MN 55402; 612-370-3019 X2101; Cynthia.Behnke@hud.gov
City contact person	Matthew Bower
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Env. Assessment contact person	Matthew Bower
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Phone	612-673-2188
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Facsimile	email: matthew.bower@minneapolis.gov
Categorically excluded per 58.35 (b)	yes

Statutory Checklist

Area of Statutory and Regulatory Compliance (SR.6)	Potentially adverse					Source Documentation
	Not applicable to this project	Consultation required	Review required	Permits required	Determination of consistency approvals; permits obtained	
Floodplain management	X					The City will check specific addresses of properties proposed for treatment or demolition when they become available against floodplain zones mapped by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The City does not provide HUD-funded assistance to any structure located within the 100-year flood plain. There are no coastal zones in or near the City of Minneapolis. When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, whether the project will be located in the vicinity of Airport Clear Zones and Accident Potential Areas, Plate S29 of the "MSP Zoning map" identifies the only runway Safety Zone that extends into the City. The affected area is very small and located within a park southeast of Lake Nokomis. No buildings are within this area.
Coastal barrier management	X					
Airport Clear Zones and Accident Potential Zones	X					
Certification	The undersigned does hereby certify that the information furnished in this Environmental Assessment is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge. With signature City is making a 58.35 (b) Categorical Exclusion finding:					
Signature/Date	 Matthew Bower - Office of Grants & Special Projects					Date
Name/Title						6/29/12

Priority Need	Project Description	Implementing Agency	Type/Eligible Activity/National Objective	Funding Source	Council-Adopted Budget	Start / Complete Date
Rental Housing	HOME Program: Administration of HOME program and funding for single family homeownership.	CPED		HOME	\$ 2,164,727	6/12-5/13
Planning/Administration	Emergency Solutions Grant Rapid Re-housing, Homelessness Prevention, HMIS, and Street Outreach and ESG Administration: Minneapolis will award ESG funding for eligible rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention funds to community providers as selected through a Request for Proposals process that will be administered by the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department. It is anticipated that awards are made by year end. Funding in this Environmental Assessment for these services consists of the FY11 second allocation of ESG amount and FY12 ESG amount anticipated to be awarded to these activities. Funding also includes an anticipated FY12 contract to be awarded to St. Stephens Human Services for outreach in the amount of \$150,000.	Neighborhood and Community Relations		ESG	\$ 855,911	6/12-5/14
Homeless / HIV/AIDS	HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS): The City is allowed 3% of program year HOPWA funding to administer the program, and Subrecipients are allowed 7% of their respective funding amount to administer their programs. Balance of funds are split between two Subrecipients for tenant-based rental assistance. (1) Metropolitan Council Housing Redevelopment Authority (MetroHRA) - permanent rental subsidy Housing Assistance Program: Rental subsidy program for persons with HIV/AIDS. Clients who have exhausted time limits are referred from the Transitional Housing Program run by the Minnesota AIDS Project. (2) Minnesota AIDS Project (MAP) - transitional housing subsidy Transitional Housing Program: Provision of 24 months (12 months for individuals) of transitional housing rental assistance to families of persons with HIV/AIDS. Assistance is made available to the 13-county area metro-wide.	City of Mpls Admin, Sub-recipients- Metropolitan Council HRA and Minnesota AIDS Project		HOPWA	\$ 1,019,484	6/12-5/13

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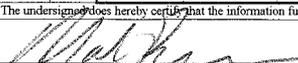
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FORM 4-Tier I Review

Project Information			
Project name and summary	Minneapolis 2012 Consolidated Plan- Programs/Projects listed in F4 58 15 attachment		
Location	City of Minneapolis		
Applicant	City of Minneapolis		
Project contact	Matthew Bower		
Address	Minneapolis Grants and Special Projects Office, Room 301M City Hall, 350 S. 5th St., Mpls., MN 55415-1385		
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Facsimile	612-673-3724	email	matthew.bower@minneapolismn.gov
HUD contact	Cindy Behnke, Senior CPD Representative, US HUD, 920 Second Ave., Suite 1300, Mpls MN 55402; 612-370-3019 X2101; Cynthia_Behnke@hud.gov		
City contact person	Matthew Bower		
Address	Minneapolis Grants and Special Projects Office, Room 301M City Hall, 350 S. 5th St., Mpls., MN 55415-1385		
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Env. Assessment contact person	Matthew Bower		
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Phone	612-673-2188	TDD	612-673-2157
Facsimile	612-673-3250	email	matthew.bower@minneapolismn.gov
Tiered Review			

Area of Statutory or Regulatory Compliance	Not applicable to this project	Consultation required	Potentially Adverse					Statutory Checklist	Source Documentation
			Review required*	Permits required	Determination of consistency approvals, permits obtained*	Conditions and/or mitigation actions required			
FACTORS									
Historic			X					When they become available, the City will a) check specific addresses of properties proposed for treatment or demolition when they become available against the National Register database (including historic districts), and b) determine if these properties are eligible for listing on the National Register. If so, the City will include this information in a submission to the MnSHPO and offer a 30-day review period prior to the initiation of activities that affect property or land. Local list properties that are identified will be subject to review by the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission.	
Floodplain management	X							The City will check specific addresses of properties proposed for treatment or demolition when they become available against the City's GIS mapping system which incorporates the floodplain zones mapped by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The City does not provide HUD-funded assistance to any structure located within the 100-year flood plain.	
Wetland protection	X							The City will identify the appropriate water management organization for specific addresses of properties proposed for treatment or demolition when they become available and whether wetlands have been identified on or nearby the site. Due to the nature of proposed activity it is anticipated that no instances of consultation will be required.	
Coastal barrier management	X							There are no coastal zones in or near the City of Minneapolis.	
Sole source aquifers	X							The City has determined, as applicable per federal regulations, that no sites will have an impact on sole source aquifers. Due to the nature of proposed activity it is anticipated that no instances of consultation will be required.	
Endangered species	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, whether the project will have an adverse effect on threatened or endangered species. Due to the nature of the proposed activity and the fact of no new construction in undisturbed habitat, it is anticipated that no instances of consultation will be required.	
Wild & scenic rivers	X							There are no designated wild or scenic rivers in the City of Minneapolis.	
Air quality	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, whether the project will have an adverse effect on air quality. Hennepin County (inclusive of Minneapolis) and surrounding counties are not designated as non-attainment.	
Farmland protection	X							There is no farmland within the City limits.	
Environmental justice	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, whether the project will have an adverse effect on environmental justice matters. There are no anticipated impacts as these programs are designed for the improvement of low and moderate income living conditions.	
HUD ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS									
Noise abatement and control	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, whether the project will have an adverse noise effects. Due to the nature of these programs, the only compliance review required would be for any new construction of housing. It is likely that there will be no new construction of housing with these tier reviewed programs.	
Toxic or hazardous substances and radioactive materials			X					When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine and require monitoring, as applicable per federal regulations, whether the project will create issues related to toxic, hazardous, or radioactive materials. Any treatment and disposal of these materials will need to have the appropriate permit filed.	
Siting of HUD-assisted projects near hazardous operations	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, whether the project will be located in the vicinity of facilities with hazardous operations. Due to the nature of these programs, the only compliance review required would be for any new construction of housing. It is likely that there will be no new construction of housing with these tier reviewed programs.	
Airport Clear Zones and Accident Potential Zones	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, whether the project will be located in the vicinity of Airport Clear Zones and Accident Potential Areas. Plate SZ9 of the "MSP Zoning map" identifies the only runway Safety Zone that extends into the City. The affected area is very small and located within a park southeast of Lake Nokomis. No buildings are within this area.	
LAND DEVELOPMENT									
Conformance with comprehensive plans and zoning	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, how the project is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code. Due to the nature of proposed activity it is anticipated that no instances of consultation will be required outside of routine City regulatory inspection.	
Slope, erosion and soil suitability	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, whether the project creates adverse impacts as regards steep slopes, erosion control, and soil suitability. Due to the nature of proposed activity it is anticipated that no instances of consultation will be required outside of routine City regulatory inspection.	
Hazards, nuisances, site safety, public safety	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, whether there are issues as regards on-site hazards, nuisances, site safety, and public safety associated with the project. Due to the nature of proposed activity it is anticipated that no instances of consultation will be required outside of routine City regulatory inspection.	
Energy efficiency	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, how the project compares to accepted and adopted standards for energy efficiency. Due to the nature of proposed activity it is anticipated that no instances of consultation will be required outside of routine City regulatory inspection.	
Project's contribution to community noise levels	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, whether the project may contribute significantly to community noise levels. Due to the nature of proposed activity it is anticipated that no instances of consultation will be required outside of routine City regulatory inspection.	
Visual quality, coherence, diversity, compatible use and scale	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available and as applicable per federal regulations, the City will evaluate the project as regards its visual quality, design coherence, diversity, whether the use is compatible, and its scale. Due to the nature of proposed activity it is anticipated that no instances of consultation will be required outside of routine City regulatory inspection.	
Demographic character changes, displacement, employment, and income patterns	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available and as applicable per federal regulations, the City will describe the project as regards its potential effects on the City's demographic character, displacement and employment effects, and income patterns. It is anticipated that there will be no impacts in this regard by these projects.	
Educational, commercial, health care and social service facilities	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available and as applicable per federal regulations, the City will describe the project as regards its potential effects on educational, commercial, health care, and social service facilities. It is anticipated that there will be no impacts in this regard by these projects.	
Solid waste	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, whether the project creates adverse impacts as regards solid waste. It is anticipated that there will be no impacts in this regard by these projects and any impacts would be subject to routine city permit inspection.	
Water supply and waste water	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, whether the project creates adverse impacts as regards the City's water supply and the region's waste water treatment capacity. Due to the nature of proposed activity it is anticipated that no instances of consultation will be required outside of routine City regulatory inspection.	
Stormwater	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, the potential effects as regards stormwater management. Due to the nature of proposed activity, with the exception of new construction, it is anticipated that no instances of consultation will be required outside of routine City regulatory inspection.	
Open space, recreation, cultural facilities	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, whether the project creates adverse impacts as regards open space, recreational, and cultural facilities. It is anticipated that there will be no impacts in this regard by these projects.	
Transportation	X							When specific sites for treatment or demolition become available, the City will determine, as applicable per federal regulations, whether the project creates adverse transportation impacts. Due to the nature of proposed activity it is anticipated that no instances of consultation will be required outside of routine City regulatory inspection.	
The undersigned does hereby certify that the information furnished in this Environmental Assessment is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge:									
Certification									
Signature of City official/Date	Matthew Bower - Office of Grants & Special Projects			Date					
6/22/12									

F4 58.15 projects

Priority Need	Project Description	Implementing Agency	Type/ Eligible Activity/National Objective	Funding Source	Council Adopted Budget	Start / Complete Date
Economic Development	<p>Project Description</p> <p>Great Streets: Community Economic Development Fund/Neighborhood Economic Development Fund: Acquisition, demolition, rehabilitation of commercial structures. Construction of shared commercial parking and other commercial center improvements. Preservation of historic buildings. Financial assistance to businesses. Funds are awarded using ranking/rating criteria by CPED to projects meeting CDBG guidelines. Program income can be realized through this program through revolving loans. Some redeveloped buildings are occupied by a single tenant and some have multiple tenants. Loans are made to Developers. "Businesses" are the end users (occupants).</p>	CPED	Local Gov't/17D Other Comm/Industrial Improvements 570.203(a)/ L/M Area 570.208(a)(1)	CDBG	\$ 40,700	6/12-5/13
Economic Development	<p>Commercial Property Investment: investment in city-owned commercial properties for redevelopment within CDBG target areas. Any resultant redevelopment will be subject to an appropriate environmental assessment.</p>	CPED	Local Gov't/17D Other Comm/Industrial Improvements 570.203(a)/ L/M Area 570.208(a)(1)	CDBG	\$ 137,800	6/12-5/13
Owner-Occupied Housing	<p>Vacant & Boarded Housing: Acquisition and disposition of vacant and substandard housing to eliminate blight. In cases where structures are demolished the vacant lots are marketed for development for the fair reuse value. This program also supports the property management expenses with holding the property until disposition occurs. Program income can be realized through this program.</p>	CPED	Local Gov't/ 04 Clearance and Demolition 570.202/Slum/Blight 570.208(b)(2)	CDBG	\$ 1,585,656	6/12-5/13
Rental Housing	<p>High Density Corridor Housing: Acquisition of sites for mixed-income rental and ownership multifamily housing development on community commercial and transit corridors as defined in Minneapolis Plan. At least 51% of the units will be affordable at <80%MMI, and at least 20% of the units will be affordable at <50% MMI. Once sites are assembled for development the resultant development will be subject to an appropriate environmental assessment under the Affordable Housing Trust Fund program.</p>	CPED	Local Gov't/ 14G Acquisition for Rehab 570.202/ L/M Housing 570.208(a)(3)	CDBG	\$ 578,769	6/12-5/13
Infrastructure	<p>New Problem Properties Strategy: City multi-departmental collaborative effort to reduce the number and severity of problem properties in targeted zones. The Problem Properties Unit (PPU) identifies blighted properties in the city and develops strategies to reduce or eliminate problems. Solutions include mitigation steps up to securing buildings with boards or demolishing buildings under the provisions of Chapter 249 on the city's code of ordinances.</p>	Multiple Depts, Fire, Ops/Regs, City Attorney, Police	Local Gov't/ 4 Clearance and Demolition 570.201(d) / Slum/Blight 570.208(b)(2)	CDBG	\$ 103,700	6/12-5/13

2012 Potential EA Project List

Priority: Need	Project Description	Implementing Agency	Type/ Eligible Activity/National Objective	Funding Source	Council Adopted Budget	Start / Complete Date
Rental Housing	<p>Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Gap financing loans/grants provided to development companies, non-profit developers, community housing development corporations, limited partnerships, and joint ventures. Deferred payment loans for 30 year terms at 1% normally, principal and accrued interest due at term's end. Program criteria subject to 45-day neighborhood review. Eligible housing is both family and single adult rental units (including homeless youth). At least 20% of the units must be affordable at <50% MIMI. Program income can be realized through this program. (at least 51% of the units that include CDBG funds must be affordable at <80% MIMI). Activities set up under this funding project may be revolving loan programs.</p>	CPED	Local Gov/L1 Acquisition of Real Property; 14 Housing related; 570.202/L/M Housing 570.500(a)(3)	CDBG	\$ 2,966,776	6/12-5/13
Rental Housing	<p>HOME Program: Administration of HOME program and funding for multifamily rental development. Program income can be realized through this program. Funding is estimated to be allocated for Affordable Housing Trust Fund support (80 Housing Units) (see project above), 10% Administration.</p>	CPED		HOME	\$ 2,164,727	6/12-5/13