

Federal Environmental Assessment

**Per the
National Environmental Policy Act (24 CFR Part 58) and the National Historic
Preservation Act (36 CFR Part 800)
For the**

Minneapolis Fiscal Year 2014 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 2014 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 2014 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 2014 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 (SHPO). 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 SHPO, the City intends to complete the review of specific properties as they become known for these projects. For example, the City informs SHPO 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 2014 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 2014 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 Partnership*
- *Homeownership Works (HOW) single family housing development financed through 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 (SHPO) consistent with past practice and agreements among the appropriate staff of HUD, the City, and the SHPO. 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 SHPO 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 as well as economic development opportunities for low or modest income people and to stem the further deterioration of the economic, social, and physical condition of many neighborhood centers through either physical re/development or delivery of public services. 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 2014 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 2014 Minneapolis Consolidated Plan

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

Executive Summary

The 2014 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' 2014 Consolidated Plan program year runs from June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2015. 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 2014 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.

For ease of reference among the program years within the 2010-2014 Five-Year Consolidated Plan strategy, the following chart outlines any revisions to the five-year plan:

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	2010-2014 Five-year Plan	2011 Update	2012 Update	2013 Update	2014 Update
Chapter 1 Introduction	Full Text	Annual Update-No significant changes	Annual Update- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision to Minority and Poverty Concentrations 	Annual Update-No significant changes	Annual Update-No significant changes
Chapter 2 Housing Needs	Full Text	No Changes	No Changes	No Changes	No Changes
Chapter 3 Homelessness	Full Text	No Changes	Revised- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs Analysis • Strategic Plan • Conforming language for ESG amendment 	No Changes	No Changes
Chapter 4 Community Development	Full Text	No Changes	No Changes	No Changes	No Changes
Chapter 5 Five-year Strategy	Full Text	No Changes	Revised- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elimination of CDBG Target Area Map • Priorities for Public Services (Senior, Health) • Priorities for Economic Development (Technical Assistance, Micro- enterprise Assistance) 	No Changes	No Changes
Chapter 6 One-year Action Plan	Full Text	Annual Update --No significant changes	Annual Update- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisions to Emergency Solutions Grant Program description 	Annual Update --No significant changes	Annual Update --No significant changes

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 are 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 2014 HUD Program Outlay and Performance Projections (Chart A)

Framework for Public Service and Capital Projects	Outcome #1: "Availability / Accessibility"	Outcome #2: "Affordability"	Outcome #3: "Sustainability"
Objective #1: "Suitable Living Environment"	\$649,768 Beneficiaries: 2,100	-	\$958,000 Beneficiaries: 227,522
Objective #2: "Decent Housing"	\$558,377 Beneficiaries: 55	\$9,498,783 Beneficiaries: 512	\$1,115,000 Beneficiaries: 30
Objective #3: "Economic Activity"	-	-	\$1,623,500 *Beneficiaries: 881

*(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)

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	2,100				308				804
Number that will have improved access to this service or benefit					53				77
Number that will receive a service or benefit that is no longer substandard			227,522	30	151	55			
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 512 low- and moderate-income beneficiaries, by leveraging \$9.5 million through its capital programs. Of those, as noted in Chart B, 308 beneficiaries will have new access to affordable housing, 53 will have improved access to housing, and 151 will have housing that is no longer substandard. By reprogramming unspent prior year funds, beginning in 2014, the City will provide decent housing through improved sustainability with \$1.1 million capital funds to assist 30 low income homeowners,

including seniors, with loans for home repairs, rehab, and code compliance. Appendix Table 3 identifies each of the 2014 programs that include 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 \$1.6 million in CDBG funding to provide economic opportunity through improved/new sustainability for 881 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 \$958,000 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 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

(2013 accomplishments to be compiled in Summer 2014 for the 2013 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	124	51%
			2011		242	195	80%
			2012		242	383	158%
			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	26	50%
			2012		52	11	21%
			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	83	197%
			2012		42	0	0%
			2013		42		%
			2014		42		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				210

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DH1.5	Develop shelter and supportive housing options for those persons experiencing homelessness	CDBG HOME	2010		310	65	21%
			2011		310	46	15%
			2012		310	251	81%
			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	66	97%
			2012		68	89	130%
			2013		68		%
			2014		68		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				340
Affordability of Decent Housing (DH-2)							
DH2.1	Support homeownership opportunities for underserved populations	CDBG	2010	Housing Units	17	20	118%
			2011		17	69	405%
			2012		17	57	400%
			2013		17		%
			2014		17		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				85
DH2.11	Acquisition and slum blight removal and reuse to support affordable housing development	CDBG	2010	Housing Units	25	15	60%
			2011		25	3	12%
			2012		25	15	60%
			2013		25		%
			2014		25		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				125
DH2.2	Support multi-family housing grants to non-profit developers for predevelopment assistance	CDBG	2010	Organizations	10	6	60%
			2011		10	6	60%
			2012		10	0	0%
			2013		10		%
			2014		10		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				50
DH 2.3	Provide housing assistance to HOPWA eligible households	HOPWA	2010	Households	125	148	118%
			2011		125	153	122%
			2012		125	155	124%
			2013		125		%
			2014		125		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				625
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	104	32%
			2012		330	1,282	388%
			2013		330		%
			2014		330		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				1,650
DH 3.2	Finance preservation of housing opportunities for persons with special needs	CDBG HOME ESG	2010	Housing Units	36	13	36%
			2011		36	0	0%
			2012		36	0	0%
			2013		36		%
			2014		36		%

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			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	37	62%
			2012		62	17	27%
			2013		65		%
			2014		68		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL		310	117	38%
DH 3.4	Finance owner-occupied housing rehabilitation	CDBG, NSP	2010	Housing Units	18	20	111%
			2011		18	29	155%
			2012		18	46	255%
			2013		18		%
			2014		18		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL		90	95	105%
DH 3.6	Support rehabilitation needs of public housing supply	CDBG	2010	Housing Units	0	55	n/a
			2011		50	0	0%
			2012		50	2	4%
			2013		50		%
			2014		50		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL		200	57	29%
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	794	531%
			2012		400	649	163%
			2013		400		%
			2014		400		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL		2,100	2104	100%
SL 1.3	Promote healthy well-being of residents through public and private service providers	CDBG	2010	Persons	99	232	234%
			2011		95	398	418%
			2012		87	353	406%
			2013		81		%
			2014		76		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL		438	983	224%
SL 1.4	Provide public service resources to vulnerable homeless elder citizens	CDBG	2010	Persons	20	50	250%
			2011		20	0	0%
			2012		18	0	0%
			2013		16		%
			2014		14		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL		88	50	57%
SL 1.5	Promote resources for city youth programming	CDBG	2010	Persons	1,125	1,298	115%
			2011		1,085	2,108	194%
			2012		1,041	2,173	209%
			2013		997		%
			2014		953		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL		5,205	5,579	107%
SL 1.6	Provide for school readiness initiatives	CDBG	2010	Persons	750	861	115%
			2011		740	841	113%
			2012		730	832	114%
			2013		720		%
			2014		710		%

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				MULTI-YEAR GOAL	3,350	2,534	76%
SL 1.7	Provide for housing advocacy services	CDBG, HPRP	2010	Persons	10,000	TBD	%
			2011		10,000		%
			2012		10,000		%
			2013		10,000		%
			2014		10,000		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				50,000
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	740	11%
			2012		6,453	650	10%
			2013		6,453		%
			2014		6,453		%
			MULTI-YEAR GOAL				32,265
Affordability of Suitable Living Environment (SL-2)							
SL2.1	Provide mortgage foreclosure assistance to low-income homeowners	CDBG/N SP Private	2010	Households	100	330	330 %
			2011		100	0	0 %
			2012		100	0	0%
			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	815	108%
			2012		750	172	23%
			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	220	220%
			2012		50	37	74%
			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	113,005	
			2012		113,005	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	227,472	
			2012		227,472	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	Year	Performance	Expected	Actual	Percent

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		Funds		Indicators	Number	Number	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	0	%
Sustainability of Economic Opportunity (EO-3)							
EO3.1	Rehabilitate neighborhood commercial properties to retain their marketability and job creation	◆ CDB G Local	2010	Businesses Assisted	4	12	300%
			2011		6	0	0%
			2012		4	0	0%
			2013		6		%
			2014		4		%
MULTI-YEAR GOAL					24	12	50%
EO 3.2	Link low income residents to permanent jobs	CDBG Federal State	2010	Jobs	190	242	127%
			2011		200	377	189%
			2012		200	654	327%
			2013		200		%
			2014		200		%
MULTI-YEAR GOAL					990	1,273	129%
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	569	95%
			2012		600	463	77%
			2013		600		%
			2014		600		%
MULTI-YEAR GOAL					3,000	1,385	46%

Minneapolis 2014 HUD Program Projected Outputs
Type of Benefit
(Chart C)

3,212	Number that will have new access to service or benefit
130	Number that will have improved access to service or benefit
227,758	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 the City's 2012 program year of June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013, 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;
- Over 30 owner-occupied units and over 450 rental units were rehabilitated or preserved using CDBG and HOME funds;
- 172 nuisance properties were addressed;
- Over 650 low- and moderate-income persons received job training and placement assistance;
- Ten activities assisted in excess of 5,000 people through public service activities including senior services, child care, employment training, health, housing counseling and mortgage assistance;
- Eight organizations received ESG funding, which assisted over 350 shelter beds;
- Two organizations received HOPWA funding assisting over 150 people, and
- Lead-based paint screening and reduction continued to be done on properties assisted resulting in units being made lead safe.

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 2014 Consolidated Plan total funding is currently based on the 2014 City Council Adopted budget adjusted to match the Federal final appropriation of \$14.9 million, which is a decline from \$19.8 million in 2008. The City is concerned

about the impact that budget cuts will have on the CDBG program, and on the City's 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 is reduced. Reductions affect 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.

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.

ATTACHMENT 2

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:

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- (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
 - (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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Craig Affeldt	National Park Service	520 Lafayette Rd	St. Paul MN 55155
Stewardship Team Meeting		111 E Kellogg Blvd #105	St. Paul MN 55101-1288
Advisory Council on Historic Pres. Attn: Don Klima	The Old Post Office Building	1100 Pennsylvania Ave NW #809	Washington DC 20004
Tamara Cameron	U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers	190 5th St E	St. Paul MN 55101
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Tod Sherman	HUD MF Housing	920 2nd Ave S; Ste 1300	Minneapolis MN 55402
Norb Kowalczyk	Heritage Preservation Commission	300 PSC	INTEROFFICE
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ATTACHMENTS 4-7

Environmental Assessment Forms 1-4

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW RECORD
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Form 1

Approved for the City of Minneapolis by the Minneapolis Office, Federal Housing and Urban Development Department
 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 2014 Consolidated Plan- Programs/Projects listed in F1 Exempt Projects attachment
 Location: City of Minneapolis
 Applicant: City of Minneapolis
 Project contact: Matthew Bower
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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. 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.
Coastal barrier management	X					
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:  Office of Grants & Special Projects Date: 6/2/14

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. Ten community-based organizations are contracted to provide low-income residents career counseling, job placement and job retention services. CDBG funded employment services are provided by organizations that compete for performance based contracts through a request for proposal process.	CPED	Local Gov't/18A ED Direct Financial Assistance 570.203(b)/L/M Jobs 570.208(a)(4)	CDBG	\$ 1,247,500	6/14-5/15
Planning/Administration	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 the city's worst properties and develops effective solutions to reduce or eliminate problems and establish long-lasting goals. Solutions include mitigation steps up to securing buildings with boards, winterizing condemned properties, entering into restoration agreements to rehab vacant properties, or demolishing buildings under the provisions of Chapter 249 on the city's code of ordinances. At least 1,236 properties are either registered as vacant and/or boarded, razed, or rehabbed. 7% of staff time equals 86 properties touched annually by the grant.	Multiple Depts, Fire, Ops/Regs, City Attorney, Police	Local Gov't/ 21A General Program Administration 570.206/ N/A	CDBG	\$ 88,100	6/14-5/15
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	\$ 253,000	6/14-5/15
Public Services	Way to Grow: Community-based collaboration designed to promote family-friendly communities and the school readiness of its children. Informal and formal support systems for parents are provided to meet child's growth and development needs through age six. Programming is open to all. CDBG support is provided to program sites serving low income areas. Program office at 125 W. Broadway, Minneapolis, MN 55411, with services delivered both north and south Minneapolis.	Minneapolis Health Department	Sub/Public/ 5D Youth Services 570.201(e)/ L/M Ltd. Clientele 570.208(a)(2)	CDBG	\$ 212,000	6/14-5/15
Public Services	CP-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, neighborhood organizations and businesses to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruit and train block club leaders to get block clubs started • Maintain block clubs • Present safety and neighborhood livability information to the public through multiple venues • Publish and distribute crime alerts • Promote National Night Out • Resolve complaints about problem properties • Respond to crime trends • Act as a liaison between the police and the community 	Police Department	Local Gov't/ SI Crime Awareness - Public Services 570.201 (e)/ L/M Area 570.208(a)(1)	CDBG	\$ 897,000	6/14-5/15
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. The JSC/CTC provides short-term supervision for juveniles detained by law enforcement professionals or referred by parents as being truant, or who are in violation of the Minneapolis curfew ordinance for juveniles ages 18 years or younger.	The Link	Sub/Private/ 05D Youth Services 570.201(e)/ L/M Clientele 570.208(a)(2)	CDBG	\$ 100,000	6/14-5/15
Public Services	Domestic Abuse Project will provide advocacy services for victims of domestic violence by ensuring that each victim has information about how to protect himself and their children including developing a safety plan and information about her/his rights and options within the legal system, promoting self-sufficiency and reducing isolation by assisting with meeting victim's basic life needs, and referral for other community services through a city-wide case management system. Office located at 204 W. Franklin Avenue Mpls MN 55404	Domestic Abuse Project	Sub/Private/ 05M Health Services/ L/M Ltd. Clientele 570.208(a)(2)	CDBG	\$ 75,000	6/14-5/15
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 and Section 3 wage monitoring and outreach.	Dept. of Civil Rights	Local Gov't/ 21D Fair Housing 570.206 / N/A	CDBG	\$ 335,000	6/14-5/15
Planning/Administration	CPED Planning Division: 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	\$ 1,046,807	6/14-5/15

Planning/Administration	Grant Administration: Grant development and management for CDBG capital and public service programs.	Dept. Health Family Support	Local Gov't / 21A General Program Administration 570.206/ N/A	CDBG	\$ 62,000	6/14-5/15
Planning/Administration	Way to Grow Administration: General administration for Way to Grow program.	Minneapolis Health Department	Local Gov't / 21A General Program Administration 570.206/ N/A	CDBG	\$ 15,000	6/14-5/15
Planning/Administration	Youth Violence Prevention: General administration for youth violence program.	Minneapolis Health Department	Local Gov't / 21A General Program Administration 570.206/ N/A	CDBG	\$ 158,000	6/14-5/15
Planning/Administration	Finance Administration: Financial administration and accountability for Consolidated Plan programs.	Finance Dept.	Local Gov't / 21A General Program Administration 570.206/ N/A	CDBG	\$ 180,000	6/14-5/15
Planning/Administration	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	\$ 175,000	6/14-5/15
Planning/Administration	Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid: 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.	Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid	Sub/Private/ 21D Fair Housing 570.206 / N/A	CDBG	\$ 24,700	6/14-5/15
Planning/Administration	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	\$ 64,803	6/14-5/15
Planning/Administration	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.	Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid	Sub/Private / 21D Fair Housing 570.206 / N/A	CDBG	\$ 40,100	6/14-5/15
Planning/Administration	Access & Outreach: Provide liaison services to residents and community groups, promote integration of diverse communities into the work and priorities of the City and neighborhood organizations, and work with City Departments regarding equal access to City services for residents where barriers such as language, cultural norms, or lack of understanding local government exist.	Neighborhood & Community Relations	Sub/Public/ 21C Public Information 570.205/ N/A	CDBG	\$ 102,000	6/14-5/15
Rental Housing	HOME Administration	CPED		HOME	\$ 224,839	6/14-5/15
Homeless / HIV/AIDS	ESG Administration and HMIS: Funding of 7.5% of grant will be reserved for ESG administration and an estimated amount of \$1,000 will be reserved for HMIS costs.	CPED		ESG	\$ 76,280	6/14-5/16
Homeless / HIV/AIDS	HOPWA Administration: 3% of grant will be reserved for HOPWA administration	Intergovernmental Relations		HOPWA	\$ 31,227	6/14-5/17

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

Project Information			
Project name and summary	Minneapolis 2014 Consolidated Plan- Programs/Projects listed in F2 58.35 (a) attachment		
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Applicant	City of Minneapolis		
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Facsimile	612-673-3724	email	matthew.bower@minneapolis.gov
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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 near by 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 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.
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	<i>Matthew Bower</i>						
Signature of City official Date	Matthew Bower - Office of Grants & Special Projects			6/9/14			

F2 35(a) projects

Priority Need	Project Description	Implementing Agency	Funding Source	Council Adopted Budget	Start / Complete Date
Homeless / HIV/AIDS	<p>Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Shelter Rehabilitation/Renovation: Minneapolis uses ESG funding for the rehabilitation of emergency or transitional housing shelters serving homeless families and persons. The properties must be located within the City or Hennepin County. Projects are selected through an annual request for proposal process scheduled for late spring 2014. Awards will be made by end of year. 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. ESG expenditures are matched one for one by projects with local funding used for eligible ESG activities.</p>	CPED	ESG	\$ 408,377	6/14-5/16
Rental Housing	<p>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, swab cleanings for lead hazards, developing work specs for income eligible families housed in units with children with identified elevated blood lead levels. Qualified homeowners may be supplied with paint and brushes to assist in compliance with lead hazard reduction orders. Assisted units are those referred to city by reports of families with children with elevated blood lead levels. Used as match funds towards a HUD Lead Hazard Control Grant for eligible activities.</p>	Minneapolis Health Department	CDBG	\$ 61,000	6/14-5/15

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW RECORD
National Environmental Policy Act

Form 3

Approved for the City of Minneapolis by the Minneapolis Office, Federal Housing and Urban Development Department
Consistent with 24 CFR Part 58 – 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	
Location	Minneapolis 2014 Consolidated Plan- Programs/Projects listed in F3 58.35 (b) attachment		
Applicant	City of Minneapolis		
Project contact	Matthew Bower		
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HUD contact	Cindy Behrke, Senior CPD Representative, US HUD, 920 Second Ave., Suite 1300, Mpls, MN 55402, 612-370-3019 X2101; Cynthia.Behrke@hud.gov		
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Categorically excluded per 58.35 (b)	yes		

Area of Statutory and Regulatory Compliance (58.6)	Potentially adverse					Statutory Checklist
	Consultation required	Review required	Permits required	Determination of consistency approvals	Conditions actions and/or mitigation actions required	
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 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.
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					
Name/Title						Date

F3 35(b) projects

Priority Need	Project Description	Implementing Agency	Funding Source	Council Adopted Budget	Start / Complete Date
Planning/Administration	ESG Rapid Re-Housing, Homelessness Prevention and Street Outreach funds: Minneapolis will award ESG funding for eligible rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention fund to community providers as selected through a Request for Proposals process that will be administered by the CPED Department. It is anticipated that the Request for Proposals will be issued in early summer with awards made by year end. Street Outreach funding of \$150,000 is provided to St. Stephen's Human Services for street outreach services programming.	CPED	ESG	\$ 412,768	6/14-5/16
Homeless / HIV/AIDS	HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS): Subrecipient programming to assist those living with HIV/AIDS at risk of homelessness, living across the 13-county Eligible Metropolitan Statistical area, achieve and maintain housing stability and improve health care access. 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. HOPWA funds are advertised through an RFP process each year, and currently the grant is split between two Subrecipient tenant-based rent (TBRA) providers: (1) Minnesota AIDS Project (MAP) expects 85 clients to be served for 2014 program year with intake, case management, and transitional housing assistance through a Transitional Housing Program - provision of 24 months for families and 12 months for individuals; (2) Metropolitan Council Housing Redevelopment Authority (MetroHRA) expects 53 clients to be served for the 2014 program year through the Housing Assistance Program - clients who have exhausted time limits are referred here from the Transitional Housing Program run by MAP.	City of Mpls Admin, Sub-recipients- Metropolitan Council HRA and Minnesota AIDS Project	HOPWA	\$ 1,009,723	6/14-5/17

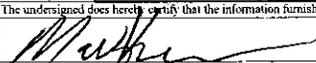
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FORM 4-Tier 1 Review

Project Information		Minneapolis 2014 Consolidated Plan - Programs/Projects listed in F4 58.15 attachment				
Project name and summary		City of Minneapolis				
Location		City of Minneapolis				
Applicant		Matthew Bower				
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Tiered Review						
		Statutory Checklist				
Area of Statutory or Regulatory Compliance	Not applicable to this project	Consultation required	Potentially Adverse			Source Documentation
			Review required*	Permits required	Determination of consistency: approvals, permits obtained*	
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 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.
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

Priority Need	Project Description	Implementing Agency	Type/Eligible Activity/National Objective	Funding Source	Council Adopted Budget	Start / Complete Date
Economic Development	Economic Development Activities: Acquisition, demolition, rehabilitation of commercial structures. Construction of shared commercial parking and other commercial center improvements. Preservation of historic buildings. Financial assistance to businesses. Applications from developers are accepted year-round by CPED; application form is available on the City's website. 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.	CPED	Local Gov't./17D Other Comm/Industrial Improvements 570.203(a)/L/M Area 570.208(a)(1)	CDBG	\$ 123,000	6/14-5/15
Owner-Occupied Housing	Owner Occupied Rehab: Loans for code compliance, home repairs, and rehab. Loan terms run up to 20 years and the loans will be targeted to families <80% median income. Applications are taken continuously, reviewed for compliance and funded every June 1 until funds are exhausted. Program income can be realized through this program	CPED	Local Gov't./ 14A Rehab Single-unit residential/L/M Housing 570.208(a)(3)	CDBG	\$ 1,116,000	6/14-5/15
Owner-Occupied Housing	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.	CPED	Local Gov't./ 04 Clearance and Demolition 570.202/Slum/Blight 570.208(b)(2)	CDBG	\$ 2,609,000	6/14-5/15
Rental Housing	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.	CPED	Local Gov't/ 14G Acquisition for Rehab 570.202/ L/M Housing 570.208(a)(3)	CDBG	\$ 579,000	6/14-5/15

Priority Need	Project Description	Implementing Agency	Type/Eligible Activity/National Objective	Funding Source	Council Adopted Budget	Start / Complete Date
Rental Housing	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% MMI. Program income can be realized through this program. (at least 51% of the units that include CDBG funds must be affordable at <80% MMI). Activities set up under this funding project may be revolving loan programs.	CPED	Local Gov't / 1 Acquisition of Real Property; 14 Housing related; 570.202/L/M Housing 570.500(a)(3)	CDBG	\$ 3,277,540	6/13-5/14
Rental Housing	HOME Affordable Housing Trust Fund Program: HOME program for funding for multifamily rental development. Program income can be realized through this program.	CPED		HOME	\$ 1,618,842	6/13-5/14
Owner-Occupied Housing	Homeownership Works (HOW): Moderate to substantial rehabilitation or new construction of single family housing for sale to low and moderate-income households. Existing structures that may be acquired for rehabilitation may be either single unit housing or duplexes converted to single unit housing. New construction may also be provided on existing vacant lot parcels.	CPED		HOME	\$ 404,711	6/13-5/14