



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Convention Center

Date: May 9, 2012

To: The Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair Ways & Means Committee

Subject: Grant Acceptance, Mississippi Watershed Stewardship Fund

Recommendation: That the Minneapolis City Council approve a grant agreement and the receipt of funds in the amount of \$10,000 with the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization to perform a feasibility study and initial design for a Rainwater Harvesting and Re-use System at the Convention Center. Further, to authorize the Executive Director of the Convention Center to enter into this agreement on behalf of the City of Minneapolis.

Previous Directives: N/A

Department Information

Prepared by: Chris Larson, Director of Facility Services, Convention Center

Approved by: Jayne Khalifa, City Coordinator _____

Approved by: Jeff Johnson, Executive Director, Convention Center _____

Presenters in Committee: Chris Larson, Director of Facility Services, Convention Center

Reviews: N/A

Financial Impact

- Action is within the Business Plan
- Action will result in an off-set with no impact to the Convention Center Sales Tax Fund. There will be increased revenues of \$10,000 in 2012 and an appropriate operational expenditure of \$10,000 in the same year

Community Impact

- City Goals - Action directly supports the City's Eco-Focused goal.

Supporting Information

Grant dollars received from the Mississippi Watershed Organization will be used to perform a feasibility study to determine the appropriateness of a Rainwater harvesting and Re-use System at the Convention Center. Pending feasibility, the finds will also be used to start the initial design of the system. The Convention

Center is working to reduce our water use 50% by 2015 and outdoor landscaping currently uses a great deal of potable water. This system would harvest, store, filter and provide for re-use the collected rainwater for our landscape needs. This effort is part of our Sustainable Initiatives Focus and works to support our "No Waste" philosophy.