



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Community Planning and Economic Development - CPED

Date: June 19, 2012

To: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Chair, Community Development Committee

Subject: Authorization to apply for Minnesota Housing Community Revitalization funds for the Green Homes North program

Recommendation: Authorize staff to apply for Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Community Revitalization Funds to support the Green Homes North Program

Previous Directives: No previous directives. The Green Home North Program Guidelines are in development and will account for all feedback and recommendations received by June 20, 2012. CPED staff will make a final recommendation at a public hearing at the Community Development Committee of the Minneapolis City Council on July 10, 2012, with full Council approval scheduled for July 20, 2012.

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Financial Impact

None

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: All affected neighborhoods have been notified.

City Goals: In five years, all Minneapolis residents will have a better quality of life and access to housing and services; residents will live in a healthy environment and benefit from healthy lifestyles; the city's infrastructure will be well-maintained and people will feel safe in the city.

Supporting Information

Pending Council approval, Minneapolis and our partners will create the Green Homes North program, a loan and subsidy pool to build 100 green homes in North Minneapolis. Funds would be repaid at sale minus a subsidy that would be required to write down the cost of the home to meet the market. It is anticipated that private developers and non-profit developers would participate and respond to a Green Homes North Request for Proposals. Green Homes North would fund the construction of approximately 20 homes a year for the next 5 years. In 2012, \$1 million in grants and up to \$2 million in loans would be available.

Staff is requesting City Council approval to apply for an additional \$500,000 in Community Revitalization Funds from the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to provide continued support to the Green Homes North program in 2012 and 2013.