



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Office of the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department

Date: November 1, 2012
To: Council Member Robert Lilligren, Chair, Committee of the Whole
Referral to: City Council
Subject: One Minneapolis Fund

Recommendation:

- 1) Authorize the NCR Director to issue a request for proposals for the One Minneapolis Fund and further authorize the NCR Director and other City officials to execute all necessary contracts associated with the One Minneapolis Fund.
- 2) Authorize the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission to review proposals for funding from the One Minneapolis Fund and make recommendations to the City Council on funding awards.

Previous Directives: The One Minneapolis Fund was approved in the 2012 NCR Budget.

Department Information

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Financial Impact: Funding for the One Minneapolis Fund is included in the 2012 NCR Budget. No further authorization is necessary.

Community Impact

City Goal: *Many People, One Minneapolis.* The City has established the goal of reducing disparities in income, housing and education among racial and cultural communities in Minneapolis. One strategy for achieving this goal is to strengthen organizations working with racial and cultural communities. The One Minneapolis Fund is one means of providing resources to those organizations to promote leadership development and the promotion of civic engagement among the communities served by cultural organizations.

Supporting Information

The One Minneapolis Fund was established to support organizations serving under represented communities in the city. The focus of the program is on leadership development and building engagement within those communities. Organizations eligible for the program are those which do not receive funding through the traditional neighborhood funding programs.

The 2012 Budget included \$110,000 in funding for the program. Of this amount, \$48,000 was previously allocated to support the work included in the Memorandum of Understanding between the American Indian Community and the City. It is proposed that the remaining \$62,000 be made available to community groups in the City. It is anticipated that two to three projects will be funded with grants of approximately \$20,000 each.

The Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission developed the attached request for proposals (RFP) for the program. This RFP would be distributed widely among non-profit community organizations serving Minneapolis residents. It is recommended that the Commission be authorized to review proposals and determine the projects to be funded. Program administration would be the responsibility of NCR and Development Finance staffs.

A second year of funding for the One Minneapolis Fund at \$110,000 is included in the 2013 Mayor's Recommended Budget. Information gathered during the first funding cycle of the One Minneapolis Fund will be used to inform the program guidelines for any future years of the program.