



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of IGR / Grants & Special Projects

Date: April 30, 2013

To: Honorable Lisa Goodman, Chair, Community Development Committee

Referral to: Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair, Ways and Means/Budget Committee

Subject: 2013 HUD Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) applications for funding approval

Recommendation:

- 1.) **Services:** Approve funding from the HUD HOPWA grant to Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA) not to exceed \$500,000, and Minnesota AIDS Project (MAP) not to exceed \$520,000; and
- 2.) **Construction Development Projects:** Recommend a maximum of \$150,000 to be allocated to Clare Lowry NE Minneapolis new 36-unit development, and \$100,000 allocated to Robbinsdale Clare Terrace 33-unit development, from available HOPWA funds, provided the following conditions are met by each construction development project on or before 4/1/14, 4/1/15, and again 4/1/16:
 - applicants will achieve progress and an ultimate successful commitment from necessary funding resources, including those identified in their applications, to undertake and complete the respective projects, based on City of Minneapolis CPED review to determine either project's viability on those dates
- 3.) Authorize appropriate City staff to execute the contracts necessary: (a) for the service contracts with MetroHRA and MAP; (b) for either or both construction development projects, provided stated conditions are met, to contract with Clare Housing, Inc., or affiliates or designees of Clare Housing, Inc., to spend available HOPWA grant funds appropriated through 2016 from HUD through the City of Minneapolis, with any unallocated funds to be included in an RFP.

Previous Directives: December 12, 2012, Council Adopted 2013 City Budget authorizing proper City officers to execute and/or amend contracts to carry out the intent of the 2013 Consolidated Plan program allocations including CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA entitlement grants.

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Presenters in Committee: Peter O'Toole, Principal Resource Coordinator



Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval: February 27, 2013
- Policy Review Group (PRG): n/a

Financial Impact

- No financial impact
- Other financial impact: None
- Request provided to the Finance Department through PRC and the Committee Coordinator: This is part of HUD sponsored consolidated plan funding included in the annual budget process.

Community Impact

- Other: Provides housing opportunities for persons with HIV/AIDS for the 13 County eligible metropolitan statistical area (ESMA)

Supporting Information:

Minneapolis receives HOPWA funds, and is responsible for the distribution of these funds, for the 13-county metropolitan area. The City of Minneapolis solicited applications, as it does annually, for HOPWA funding through a widely advertised RFP announced February 28, 2013. Four applications for funding were received, and a review committee consisting of the staff from the City of Minneapolis Office of Grants & Special Projects, CPED, and Health Department, and Hennepin County, reviewed the applications April 18, 2013. Two proposals (MAP and Metro HRA) are eligible for renewal at similar funding levels as 2012; the other two application proposals, received from Clare Housing, included development for ready sites at 201 Lowry Ave NE, Minneapolis, and 3559 France Ave N., Robbinsdale. Approval of these HOPWA funds will represent the first approval of the funding sources listed in the project applications, each totaling over \$7.6 million.

The review committee recommends that this applicant (Clare Housing) achieve a successful commitment for all the funding sources listed on these two applications, based on the City of Minneapolis CPED housing staff determination at three dates, 1 year apart, beginning next year, as stated above in the recommendation. The City will have sole discretion to issue an RFP for any unspent funds, if it is determined that either of these projects will not achieve progress, or is not viable. All applications are consistent with housing priorities determined by the Minnesota HIV Housing Coalition and the HUD-approved Consolidated Plan, providing HOPWA programming without providing duplicative services.