



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

Date: July 21, 2014

To: Cam Gordon, Chair of Health, Environment and Community Engagement
Committee

Referral to: John Quincy, Chair of Ways and Means Committee

Subject: **Allocation of \$44,000 of Hennepin County NRP funds for the Sumner
Glenwood Neighborhood / Heritage Park Neighborhood Association
(HPNA)**

Recommendation:

Approve the use of \$44,000 of Hennepin County's "Second 7.5%" NRP funds to support transportation engagement efforts for the Sumner-Glenwood Neighborhood/Heritage Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA).

Amend the 2014 General Appropriation Resolution by increasing the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department (NCR) agency Fund 01 CNR 8450-200 (the NRP Fund) by \$44,000.00 from existing fund balance.

Authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement this request.

Previous Directives: On June 10, 2014 the Hennepin County Board approved the allocation of \$44,000 of Hennepin County NRP Funds to the Sumner-Glenwood neighborhood.

On June 17, 2014 the NRP Policy board approved the allocation of \$44,000 of Hennepin County NRP Funds to the Sumner-Glenwood Neighborhood and approved transmittal of the plan the Minneapolis City Council for approval.

Department Information

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Financial Impact

The funding of the Hennepin County NRP Funds is available within the NRP Fund balance. The Hennepin County NRP Funds are not subject to staff direction set out in footnote "p" (as amended) of the 2011 General Appropriation Resolution adopted by the Council on December 13, 2010.

This action is within the NCR Business Plan

Request has been provided to the Finance Department

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification—Neighborhood is working with NCR on plan and allocation of dollars. Neighborhood is aware of the approval process.

City Goals - This action is consistent with the City Goals: **Equity:** Disparities are nonexistent and all people have opportunities for success **Engaging the community:** All have a voice and are heard. **Connectedness:** People are connected with their community, are connected to all parts of the city and can influence government. **Health:** We are focused on the well-being of people and our environment.

Supporting Information

The original State NRP Law (469.1831, subdivision 4) required 7.5% of the "Program Money" to be provided to the County for social services. This was known as the "2nd 7.5% NRP Funds."

The County began authorizing expenditures from that fund in 1992. On October 3, 1995, the County Board passed guidelines for the allocation of the remaining amount in that fund. A copy of that action is attached. This allocation methodology was not mandated by State Law. Rather, it was the process adopted by the county Board to govern its allocation of the NRP funds.

Recommendation: Approve the \$44,000 allocation of Hennepin County NRP dollars to Sumner Glenwood Neighborhood for the following activities:

It is expected that the Heritage Park/Sumner-Glenwood Neighborhood will have a stationary stop on the Bottineau transit line at Van White and Olson Memorial Highway (aka the Van White Stationary Stop). Currently, HPNA has not received funding for community engagement around stationary planning in a broad sense. We are requesting our Hennepin County NRP funds to help supplement our engagement efforts and provide an equitable and accessible process for community engagement. We plan to use the funds in the following manner:

- Hire a part time Environment & Transit organizer to coordinate board, resident and community partner efforts as it relates to transportation issues regarding the Bottineau stationary stop.
- Increase the HPNA board's capacity to be integral partners in transportation engagement efforts by acquiring the skills necessary to engage neighborhood residents on issues that relate to stationary planning (i.e. health, safe access and crossing to and from the stop, design etc.).
- Provide additional funding for three (3) community engagement events that will have a portion of the meeting dedicated to the Bottineau Stationary Planning Project specifically focus on the Van White stop.
- Continue the work of the Nexus Health Engagement Equity Cohort working specifically on creating healthy and connective pathways that provide healthy and safe opportunities for residents to bike and walk to the stationary stop while connecting the neighborhood to other transit connections (i.e. the Ground Rounds, the North Minneapolis Bike Greenway, the Heritage Park YMCA etc.).
- Continue funding our staff whose core work will in the areas of transit, housing and environmental initiatives.