



Request for City Council Committee Action from the City Attorney's Office

Date: January 12, 2015

To: Honorable John Quincy, Chair, Ways & Means/Budget Committee

Subject: Acceptance of Grant from the Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District and Authorization to enter into a third amended agreement.

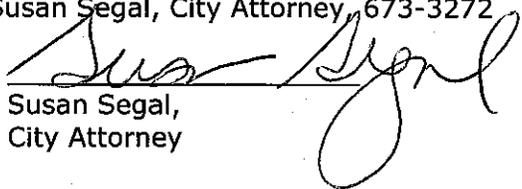
Recommendation: Authorize acceptance of a grant in the amount of up to \$200,000 for 2015 from the Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District (Minneapolis DID) for the Downtown 100 and Focus 18/24 initiative; and authorize the proper City officials to execute a third amendment to the contract with the Minneapolis DID increasing the amount by \$200,000 for the 2015 budget and extending the term of the agreement to December 31, 2015 for continuation of the downtown chronic offender prosecution program ("Downtown 100") and Focus 18/24.

Previous Directives:

On January 29, 2010, the City Council authorized acceptance of a Minneapolis DID grant in the amount of \$85,000 for calendar year 2010; February 11, 2011, the City Council authorized acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$150,000 for calendar year 2011; on May 25, 2012, the City Council authorized acceptance of a \$150,000 grant for calendar year 2012; and on April 12, 2013, the City Council authorized acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$175,000 for calendar year 2013 for the Downtown 100 chronic offender prosecution program and for Focus 18/24, a new initiative focused on young adults; on December 13, 2013, the City Council authorized acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$195,000, amended on June 13, 2014 to increase the grant to \$200,000 for calendar 2014.

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Approved by


Susan Segal,
City Attorney

Presenter in Committee: Susan Segal

Permanent Review Committee (PRC) Approval _____ Not Applicable x

Note: The policy Review Group is a committee co-chaired by the City Clerk and the City Coordinator that must review all requests related to establishing or changing enterprise policies.

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the _____ Capital Budget or _____ Operating Budget (01300-1400100) in the amount of _____ spread over a two-year period.
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase to the CAO Operating Budget (01300-1400100), in the amount of \$200,000.00 for calendar year 2015.
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves.

___ Business Plan: ___ Action is within the plan. ___ Actions requires a change to plan.

___ Other financial impact (Explain):

___ Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

Community Impact

City Goals – A Safe Place to Call Home

Background/Supporting Information

The Minneapolis DID is providing grant funding in calendar year 2015 to continue the Downtown 100 and Focus 18/24 initiative. The purpose of the Downtown 100 initiative is to reduce crime and obtain improved outcomes in reducing recidivism by using a holistic, team-based prosecution approach for the most chronic livability property and drug crime offenders in the Downtown area. The initiative involves a cooperative effort between the Minneapolis City Attorney's Office, the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, Hennepin County Community Corrections, the Minneapolis Police Department, the DID and its subsidiary, Safe Zone, St. Stephen's Homeless Outreach, the Salvation Army and other downtown service providers, business partners, community members and other stakeholders.

Focus 18/24 is an adjunct to the Downtown 100 program. It focuses on young adults aged 18 to 24 who have a pattern of criminal conduct within downtown Minneapolis primarily involving property, drug, assault and livability offenses. This initiative utilizes a similar holistic approach as the Downtown 100. The strategic team includes MPD, the City Attorney's Office, Hennepin County Attorney's Office, Hennepin County Community Corrections, SafeZone, downtown neighborhood associations and downtown business representatives along with YouthLink and other non-profit partners.

The Downtown 100 and Focus 18/24 programs have been highly successful with recidivism reductions of 70% or more within downtown and over 60% citywide. In addition, over 50% of the homeless offenders have been housed, along with referrals for chemical dependency, mental health, work training, G.E.D. programs and other services as appropriate.

The 2015 grant will support the existing Downtown 100 prosecutor and probation officer and Focus 18/24 support along with \$25,000 to assist in funding a second probation officer to help support the initiative.