

## **Request for City Council Committee Action**

Date: March 23, 2010

To: Community Development Committee  
Referral to: Ways & Means / Budget Committee

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Approved by: Robert D. Miller, Director \_\_\_\_\_

**Subject: Phillips West NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan**

### **Summary of the Request:**

Phillips West has completed their NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan. It has been reviewed by NRP's legal counsel and city staff, reviewed by staff of participating jurisdictions and adopted by the NRP Policy Board. The plan requests a total NRP appropriation of \$623,869.

### **Recommendation:**

1. Approve the Phillips West NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan ("Plan") attached to this report, specifically those parts of the Plan that fall under City jurisdiction, in an amount not to exceed \$623,869.
2. Amend the City of Minneapolis 2010 General Appropriation Resolution by increasing the Community Planning and Economic Development Department (CPED) agency Fund 01 CNR 8900-800 (the NRP fund) by \$499,095 from existing fund balance.
3. Refer \$124,774 for Plan Implementation in a reserve account within Fund 01 CNR 8900-800 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than \$499,095 of the amount approved for the Plan shall be obligated in the first three years after approval of the Plan;
4. Authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements needed to implement this request.

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The Honorable Lisa Goodman, Chair  
Community Development Committee  
Minneapolis City Council  
315 City Hall  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415

The Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair  
Ways and Means Committee  
Minneapolis City Council  
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**Re: Phillips West NRP Phase II NRP Neighborhood Action Plan**

Dear Chairpersons Goodman and Hodges:

At its meeting on February 22, 2010 the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board approved the Phillips West NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan. The Phillips West residents and board approved the plan on January 7, 2010.

The Phillips West NRP Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan was approved in 1995 as part of the People of Phillips Neighborhood Action Plan. When POP was dissolved, residents of the Phillips neighborhood created four new organizations to represent the residents of this central part of the city. Phillips West was recognized as an independent neighborhood by the City of Minneapolis on April 29, 2005 and assumed responsibility for implementing the Phillips West actions approved as part of the original People of Phillips plan. Strategies were implemented in six major areas: Housing, Jobs, Economic Security, Community Safety, Youth and Community Building. The Phase II NAP contains a summary of the neighborhood's accomplishments in each of these priority areas.

With the resources available in Phase II significantly reduced from the Phase I allocation the neighborhood received, the Phillips West Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan has focused on improving the housing stock and home ownership opportunities in Phillips West. Ninety-one percent (91%) of the neighborhood's Phase II allocation is being set aside for a revolving loan program for interior and exterior improvements, down payment assistance for new homeowners and matching grants for 1-4 unit owner occupied structures. These efforts build on the successful strategies implemented in Phase I. The neighborhood is using its remaining resources to support the Phillips West Neighborhood Organization and its plan implementation and community building efforts.

The Phillips West NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests a total NRP appropriation of \$623,869. The neighborhood has not requested any funds from the Phase II Plan Development Fund. The plan has been given a clean opinion by NRP's legal counsel and the allocation being requested is consistent with the April 19, 2004 Policy Board resolution.

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On February 22, 2010 the Policy Board passed the following resolution:

**WHEREAS:** On April 19, 2004 the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board ("Board") approved a Phase II allocation for the Phillips West neighborhood of \$623,869, based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP;

**WHEREAS:** The Phillips West neighborhood has conducted an extensive and inclusive planning process;

**WHEREAS:** The submitted Phillips West Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests an allocation of \$623,869 and dedicates more than 90% of that allocation to housing programs, projects, services and activities;

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board (Board) hereby accepts and adopts the Phillips West NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan dated January 7, 2010;

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor: [a] approve the Phillips West NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan, and specifically those parts of the Plan that fall under City jurisdiction, for their Phase II allocation of up to \$623,869; [b] amend the 2010 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) appropriation by \$499,095 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; [c] authorize the appropriate City officers to reserve the remaining \$124,774 for Plan implementation in a reserve account within Fund CNR0 for future years expenditures on the approved Plan provided that no more than 80% of the amount approved for the Plan (\$499,095) shall be obligated in the first three (3) years after approval of the Plan; and [d] authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement the Plan and the activities above.

Pursuant to this resolution, I make the following recommendations for consideration by your committees:

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Sincerely,

Robert D. Miller  
Director