



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Community Planning & Economic Development**

Date: July 26, 2005

To: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Community Development Cmte

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Presenter in Committee: Kevin Dockry, Senior Project Coordinator

Approved by: Chuck Lutz, Deputy CPED Director CL

Subject: Endorse one grant application from Hennepin County to the Metropolitan Council 2005 Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) program for redevelopment in the City of Minneapolis.

RECOMMENDATION: The City Council endorses one Metropolitan Council Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) grant application from the Hennepin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority requesting the amount of \$750,000, and supports the project as a part of the Hennepin County West Lowry Avenue Corridor Redevelopment. This grant application will not be put in priority order among the other LCDA grant applications submitted by the City of Minneapolis.

Previous Directives:

- On July 20, 2003, the City Council endorsed one LCDA grant application from Hennepin County for the Hennepin County West Lowry Avenue Corridor Redevelopment.
- On July 2, 2004, the City Council endorsed one LCDA grant application from Hennepin County for the Hennepin County West Lowry Avenue Corridor Redevelopment.
- On June 17, 2005, the City Council approved the submission of five (5) City of Minneapolis applications to the Metropolitan Council Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) program.

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to next box)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves

___ Other financial impact (Explain):
___ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee
Coordinator

Community Impact (Summarize below)

Ward: N/A

Neighborhood Notification: N/A

City Goals: N/A

Comprehensive Plan: N/A

Zoning Code: N/A

Living Wage/Job Linkage: N/A

Background/Supporting Information

On June 30, 2005, the Hennepin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority submitted an application to the Metropolitan Council for 2005 Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) funding. Hennepin County is an eligible applicant for LCDA funding, however the Metropolitan Council has asked that the Minneapolis City Council endorse the subject project in order for it to be considered for an LCDA award. The City Council provided similar endorsements in 2003 and 2004.

Name of Project: West Lowry Avenue

Project Location: Block bordered by Lyndale Avenue North, 6th Street North, Lowry Avenue and 31st Avenue North.

Amount Requested: \$750,000 (not to exceed)

Primary Project Contact: Carol Lezotte, Hennepin County (612-348-2997)

Description of Project: The West Lowry Avenue project is an initiative of Hennepin County, the City of Minneapolis, ten neighborhoods, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, and the Minneapolis School Board that provides for the reconstruction and redevelopment of Lowry Avenue. The revitalization process is guided by the Lowry Avenue Corridor Plan, which was approved by the Minneapolis City Council in July 2002. The plan identifies strategies to revitalize Lowry Avenue, which includes reconstruction of the roadway, the consolidation of retail and services into transit-centered nodes, and the redevelopment of properties along the corridor.

This request is for support of Hennepin County's application for 2005 LCDA funding from the Metropolitan Council in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 to assist in the

redevelopment of the block between Lyndale Avenue North, 6th Street North, Lowry Avenue and 31st Avenue North. The redevelopment of this block with a mixed-use building as well as townhomes will assist in stabilizing this portion of the Hawthorne neighborhood. If awarded the grant, funding will be used for acquisition of properties located on the above block.