

Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Intergovernmental Relations

Date:

February 25, 2010

To:

Elizabeth Glidden, Chair – IGR Subcommittee; and Robert Lilligren, Chair – Committee of the Whole

Subject:

2009 Annual Report from the Office of Grants and Special Projects

Recommendation: Receive and file this information

Department Information

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Presenters in Committee: Matt Bower, Project Coordinator, IGR Department

Financial Impact

• No financial impact

Supporting Information

Annual Report OFFICE OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS Citywide Performance Measures 2006-2009

INDICATOR	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of grant applications submitted*	98	193	80	123
Number of grant awards	69	141	89	126
Amount of money applied for	\$33,245,348	\$65,321,984	\$52,243,456	\$203,963,460
Amount awarded	\$15,558,183	\$34,783,996	\$24,431,725	\$98,616,518

^{*}It is difficult to have an accurate count of the number of grant applications submitted by city departments. This current number is based on reviews of council committee actions and Grant Review Forms returned to the office.

The above grant application/award amounts do not include the following 2009 HUD Entitlement Grants:

Community Development Block Grant \$ 13,406,710

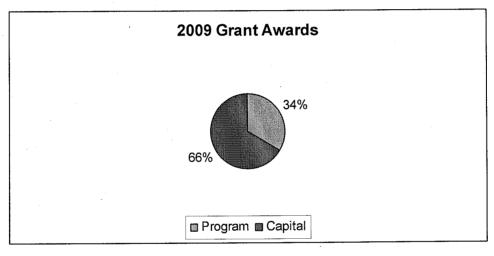
HOME Investment Partnerships \$ 3,802,361

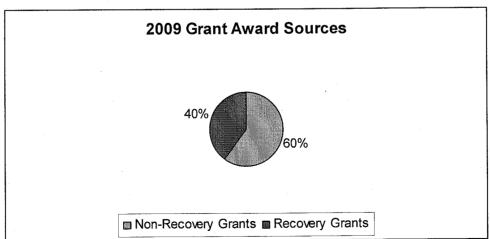
Emergency Shelter Grants \$ 591,861

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS \$ 903,558

The presence of federal Recovery Act funded opportunities increased city grant writing activity in 2009. There was an approximate four-fold increase over 2008 in the amount of money applied for with a corresponding three-fold increase in grant awards. Through the end of 2009, \$147.6 million in Recovery Act funding had been applied for with \$39.4 million in Recovery Act awards. Of the \$39.4 million in Recovery Act awards, \$18.9 million was formula-based, the balance were competitive awards.

It should be noted however, that the City received \$59.2 million in grant awards outside of Recovery Act funding. This is due to federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program funding from the federal government and State of Minnesota, as well as one-time federal transportation funds and state bonding pass-thru monies. Excepting these grant awards in 2009, city departments saw \$28.5 million in grant awards, a seventeen percent increase over 2008.





Primary grant activities of the Grants & Special Projects Office over the past year have centered on staff support for two work programs—the development and management of the City's HUD Consolidated Plan entitlement grants and local Recovery Act grant seeking and reporting. Staff also supports CPED in their implementation of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and management of the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing grant, city implementation of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, and facilitation of the Global Partnerships (sister cities) initiative in partnership with Meet Minneapolis, City offices and other partners.

In working with the HUD Consolidated Plan, staff either provides direct compliance monitoring, or facilitates the monitoring done by other city departments. Over the past year the Office has responded to HUD's annual review of the City's performance report, provided HOPWA program monitoring of a site-based housing project in St. Paul, performed eight other program monitoring site visits and coordinated response to HUD's HOME Investment Partnerships monitoring of CPED affordable housing programs.