



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Office of Intergovernmental Relations
Office of Grants and Special Projects**

Date: May 20, 2003
To: Community Development Committee
Referral to: Ways and Means Committee
Subject: **Applications for the Metropolitan Council Livable Communities
Demonstration Account-Opportunity and Demonstration Grants**

Recommendation: To endorse the attached resolutions in support of one (1) application for an Opportunity Grant and seven (7) Development Grants made to the Metropolitan Council for the Livable Communities Demonstration Account program and direct staff to priority rank the applications using the process described below. The Metropolitan Council requires the City to be the fiscal agent for any grant awards.

Previous Directives:

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Approved by: John Moir, City Coordinator_____

Presenters in Committee: Kimberly A. Stoker, Planner II, Grants and Special Projects

<p>Financial Impact (Check those that apply)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget. (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Action requires use of contingency or reserves</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other financial impact (Explain):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator</p>

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The Metropolitan Council has made \$8.2 million available to assist communities with new development or redevelopment activities in all portions of the region as an incentive to accomplish the following:

- Create connected places linked to transit where available, or build capacity for transit service, and support walkable neighborhoods.
- Propose a mix of uses-residential, office, commercial and retail, civic or other uses-that facilitate daily needs and community activities.
- Expand housing choices to achieve a mix of housing in a location, especially close to jobs.
- Foster distinctive community place, by including public spaces, respecting local cultural and natural features, and promoting community identity.
- Protect and enhance natural resources.

Thirty percent (30%) of the current funding available has been targeted to cities located in the developing areas of the region to stimulate applications from those areas. If applications from these areas do not utilize the 30% set aside, the remaining funded will be made available to all areas. The Metropolitan Council has requested that the City provide a priority ranking of applications if more than six (6) applications are being submitted.

Metropolitan Council's current application deadline of June 2, 2003 for Opportunity Grants does not allow for full City Council approval. In the event the City Council does not endorse a particular application, both Metropolitan Council and the applicant will be notified of the City Council's decision.

Staff from the Minneapolis Community Development Agency, the Planning Department and the Office of Grants and Special Projects will review applications for both grant areas simultaneously and submit priority rankings for both Opportunity and Development Grants the first Council cycle in July.

Staff from the Minneapolis Community Development Agency, Planning Department and the Office of Grants and Special Projects suggest the following priority ranking process based on the current Metropolitan Council evaluation process.

- Proposals will be rated on "Threshold Criteria" with a possible total score of 50 points. Any proposal with fewer than 20 points will not be ranked. "Threshold Criteria" include:
 - New Development, redevelopment or infill development activities
 - Mix of Uses and expansion of housing choice
 - Environmental considerations
 - Community participation
 - Application is completed correctly

- Proposals with more than 20 Threshold Points will be ranked on a three point scale using the following criteria:
 - Community partnerships
 - Leverage
 - Developability
 - Readiness
 - Site Control
 - Previous LCDA funding
 - Affordability by Metropolitan Council guidelines

The following projects will be submitted by Minneapolis entities.

Opportunity Grant

Karamu East-Northside Residents Redevelopment Council proposes to complete market research, architectural planning and design development for a mixed-use, mixed-income development located on the southeast corner of Penn and Plymouth Avenue. The two-block area proposed uses are affordable, for sale senior housing and commercial/office space. **Funding Requested: \$75,000**

Development Grants

Agape Child Care/Affordable Housing Initiative-Oasis of Love, Inc. along with Agape Development Partners, LLC proposes to build a four story, twelve (12) unit apartment complex with a 24-hour intergenerational childcare facility. The apartments will be two (2) and three (3) bedroom units serving households at 50% and below median income. The childcare program will serve approximately 200 low - income children. **Funding Requested-\$500,000**

Cedar-Riverside Transit-Oriented Neighborhood Improvement Project-Minneapolis Community Development Agency proposes to improve safety, accessibility and use of the Cedar-Riverside LRT station by completing infrastructure and property improvements, such as sidewalk enhancements, signage, pedestrian lighting, landscaping, fencing and bike facilities. These improvements will provide a better connection to the LRT station and the neighborhood. **Funding Requested-\$275,000**

Colin Powell Youth Leadership Center-Urban Ventures Leadership Foundation proposes to complete new construction and site clearance of a youth leadership center at 29th and Lake Street. The Center will house six (6) youth-serving organizations and is projected to assist more than 25,000 youth annually. This project will provide shared parking and a connection to the Midtown Greenway.
Funding Requested: \$750,000

Franklin-Portland Gateway Phase III-Hope Community Inc. along with Central Community Housing Trust proposes to further expand mixed-income and high-density housing at Franklin and Portland by creating 155 additional units of SRO apartment and three-bedroom townhomes as well as approximately 17,000 square feet of retail/office space. **Funding Requested: \$1,000,000**

Heritage Park-MCDA proposes to further expand on the \$850,000 LCDA grant received in 2002 to complete infrastructure and open space improvements to support the \$200 million initiative in the Near North neighborhood. Funding Requested: **\$1,500,000**

Karamu West-Northside Residents Redevelopment Council proposes to complete a mixed-income, mixed-use project consisting of seventeen (17) townhomes and 3000 square feet of commercial space. The townhomes will consist of for sale three plus bedroom units with four (4) units being affordable to persons at 50% of area median income. Integrated parking and bus shelter are also a part of the development. **Funding Requested: \$500,000**

Little Earth of United Tribes Housing Corporation Phase IV-Little Earth proposes to address health, safety, security and environmental improvements through the rehabilitation of 52 townhomes which includes new windows, and addressing ventilation concerns, the new construction of a fifteen (15) unit senior housing apartment building, reforestation to improve air quality as well as addressing compacted soil issues. Lighting and signage will also be added to improve safety and security.
Funding Requested: \$500,000

Joseph Selvaggio Phase II Housing Initiative-The Phillips Partnership along with Project for Pride in Living proposes to complete thirty (30) units of workforce housing and a 20-unit multi-family complex. The thirty- (30) units of workforce housing will be located between 28th Street and Lake near the Midtown Greenway and will consist of duplexes. The 20-unit multi-family complex will be located near the Midtown Greenway and Sears Building. The workforce housing will be marketed to those seeking employment in the immediate area, including Phillips Partners and will continue the investment in Phase I of this initiative. **Funding Requested: \$300,000**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

**AUTHORIZING APPLICATION
FOR DEVELOPMENT GRANT THROUGH
THE LIVABLE COMMUNITIES DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS the City of Minneapolis is a participant in the Livable Communities Acts' Housing Incentives Program for 2003 as determined by the Metropolitan Council, and is therefore eligible to make application for funds under the Livable Communities Demonstration Account; and

WHEREAS the City has identified a proposed project within the City that meets the Demonstration Account's purpose/s and criteria; and

WHEREAS the City has the institutional, managerial and financial capability to ensure adequate project administration; and

WHEREAS The City certifies that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the contract agreements; and

WHEREAS the City Council of Minneapolis, Minnesota agrees to act as legal sponsor for the project contained in the Opportunity grant application submitted on June 2, 2003,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Coordinator is hereby authorized to apply to the Metropolitan Council for this funding on behalf of the City of Minneapolis and to execute such agreements as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the applicant.

Mayor

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