

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

Date:	April 13, 2009		
То:	Council Member Scott Benson, Health, Energy & Environment Committee		
Referral to:	Council Member Paul Ostrow, Ways & Means/Budget Committee		
Subject: Request to apply for a grant from Living Cities. Recommendation: Committee approval to apply for a grant in excess of \$250,000 for the Living Cities <i>Local Building Energy Retrofit Systems</i> Grant.			
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Supporting Information

Living Cities, a philanthropic collaborative of 20 foundations and financial institutions, seeks to accelerate the organization, retooling or scaling-up of large-scale building energy efficiency retrofit initiatives in urban areas. Living Cities will commit up to \$500,000 in grant funds and provide an opportunity for access to loan capital to selected cities.

The City of Minneapolis Department of Community Planning and Economic Development, in collaboration with the City of St. Paul, will submit a grant application to Living Cities. The City of Minneapolis will be the lead entity on this grant application to ask Living Cities for \$500,000 to support a Minneapolis/St. Paul initiative to (1) create sustainable systems for retrofitting their buildings; (2) realize tangible economic and environmental benefits from lower energy; (3) support strategic city/utility/community/ business/labor collaborations; (4) leverage private and philanthropic capital for retrofit activities; and (5) ensure that lower income communities, families and businesses will benefit from the job opportunities and cost savings that result. City procedures require an approval of grant applications in excess of \$250,000.