



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

**Date:** November 1, 2010  
**To:** Betsy Hodges, Chair, Ways and Means/Budget Committee  
**Subject:** **Accept Grant From the Minnesota Historical Society,  
Appropriate Funds, and Accept Preferred Consultant**

### **Recommendation:**

1. Authorize City officers to accept Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage grant funds in the amount of \$75,000 to be used for the Warehouse District Heritage Street Plan.
2. Amend the 2010 General Appropriation Resolution by increasing the Community Planning and Economic Development agency local grant fund (01600-8900420) by \$75,000.
3. Increase the 2010 Revenue Budget for the Community Planning and Economic Development agency local grant fund (01600-8900420-321513) by \$75,000.
4. Authorize the appropriate City staff to execute grant, subrecipient and/or disbursement and related agreements for these grants.
5. Authorize City staff to enter into a contract with Bonestroo as the preferred consultant.

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Presenter in Committee: Beth Elliott, Principal City Planner

## Financial Impact

X Action requires an appropriation increase to the \_\_\_ Capital Budget or X Operating Budget

X Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

X Action is within the Business Plan

## Community Impact

- Neighborhood Notification: The neighborhood has been notified of the grant request and award and will be actively involved in all aspects of the planning process funded by the grant for Warehouse Historic District area.
- City Goals: Jobs & Economic Vitality; Livable Communities, Healthy Lives; Eco-Focused; and A City That Works
- Comprehensive Plan: The funded study will provide policy guidance and implementation direction for how to balance preservation, accessibility, and sustainability within the public rights-of-way in the Warehouse Historic District of Downtown, consistent with the adopted framework in *The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth*, the city's Comprehensive Plan.

## Supporting Information

The City of Minneapolis applied for and was awarded a \$75,000 Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grant through the Minnesota Historical Society in July 2010. This grant is made possible by the Minnesota Legislature from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund created with the passage of the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment to the Minnesota Constitution in November 2008. The funds will be paired with a match of \$25,000 from the Department of Community Planning and Economic Development to hire professional consulting services to complete the Warehouse District Heritage Street Plan.

The Warehouse District Heritage Street Plan is an implementation component of the adopted *North Loop Small Area Plan* and Warehouse Historic District Designation Study and Design Guidelines. The work will take a comprehensive approach to correct current piecemeal decision-making for improvements on streets containing historic materials and industrial infrastructure. The goal for the project is to develop a detailed street-by-street plan on how to preserve the character of the area, by preserving the remaining historic materials and industrial infrastructure, while accommodating ADA requirements and the need for street and sewer repairs. The plan will show in detail how to accommodate accessibility needs, stormwater management needs, and preservation needs on each block.

A Request for Proposals was issued on August 20 and nine proposals were received on September 24. A Selection Committee made up of representatives from CPED, Public Works, and the North Loop Neighborhood Association proposes to hire a consulting team led by Bonestoo.

The grant requires work to be completed by June 2011.

## **Amending the 2010 General Appropriation Resolution**

Resolved by The City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That the above-entitled resolution, as amended, be further amended by:

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