

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

Date: April 20, 2010

To: Honorable Lisa Goodman, Chair, Community Development Committee
Referral: Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair, Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Referral: Honorable Don Samuels, Chair, Public Safety & Health

Subject: Amend 2008 & 2009 Consolidated Plans to cancel Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) budgeted funding for Youth are Here Buses and transfer/adjust balances to existing Public Service activities

Recommendation:

1. Approve amendment #4 to the 2008 Consolidated Plan and Amendment #2 to the 2009 Consolidated Plan to cancel CDBG funding for Youth are Here Buses, for 2008 and 2009, and transfer/adjust funding for an equal amount to existing Public Service activities managed through the Department of Health & Family Support;
2. Authorize staff to further develop these proposed Consolidated Plan Amendments and to include public comments received for submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) on May 12, 2010; and,
3. Authorize staff to execute contracts with Subrecipients and to extend the funding and time of performance for existing Public Service contracts for the programs identified below.

Previous Directives: 2008 and 2009 City Council Appropriation Resolutions approving each respective year Consolidated Plan CDBG-funded programs including the Youth are Here Buses programming

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Financial Impact

X No financial impact

Action is within the Business Plan

Request provided to the Finance Department when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification

Other – Notice of this action is being mailed to those on the Consolidated Plan mailing list and a draft report will be made available at Grants & Special Projects Office, City website, Minneapolis Public Libraries, Legal Aid Society Offices and upon request.

Supporting Information

The City through the direction of the Department of Health and Family Support proposes to cancel the CDBG-funded component of the Youth Are Here Buses and remove this

programming from the 2008 and 2009 Consolidated Plans for the two years funding was budgeted through CDBG. The national objective for CDBG is serving low income populations. Although the Youth Are Here Buses program serves this population it was determined that federal CDBG program regulation compliance could not be achieved based on the existing program method used to determine eligibility of participants, and that by providing services selectively to youth excludes this benefit to others within the low income population. The City will continue to support the Youth Are Here Buses program, however, it will be funded through non-CDBG sources. The CDBG funding originally directed to this program in 2008 and 2009 will be shifted, in an equal amount, among other community-based public service programming previously approved through the Consolidated Plan, funded through CDBG, and managed through its Department of Health and Family Support, as follows:

CDBG-funded Public Service Activities	Reduce CDBG Program Funding	Increase CDBG Program Funding
2008:		
Youth Are Here Buses	71,800	
Minneapolis Public Schools Teenage Pregnancy and Parenting		20,000
Living at Home Block Nurse Program		20,100
Minneapolis Urban League Pre-Mediative Parenting		20,000
Neighborhood Health Care Network		38,618
Resource, Inc.	6,000	
Southside Family Nurturing Center	20,727	
Miscellaneous Adjustments	191	
2009:		
Youth Are Here Buses	51,000	
Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches		10,000
Centro Cultural Chicano		14,000
Neighborhood Health Care Network		27,000

Background Information:

As defined in the City’s HUD-approved Consolidated Plan, any substantial revisions to the Consolidated Plan, including the cancellation of an activity, will require an amendment process to include a 30-day comment period and public hearing (with approval of this Request for Council Action). A notice of Public Hearing and a draft of this proposed change will be mailed to the Consolidated Plan mailing list. All comments

received at the Public Hearing or during the public comment period (April 12 to May 11, 2010) and will be taken into consideration by the City of Minneapolis.

Background: The Consolidated Plan is the City's application to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for 2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funding, and American Dream Downpayment Assistance Initiative (ADDI) and it is an update to the 2005-09 Five-Year Strategy.