



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the City Attorney's Office**

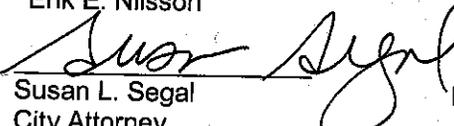
Date: February 1, 2011
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee (February 7, 2011)
Referral to:

Subject: Acceptance of Downtown Improvement District Grant Award and Amendment of Grant Contract

Recommendation: That the City Council: (a) accept a grant in the amount of \$150,000 from the Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District to the City Attorney's Office to continue the downtown chronic offender prosecution program ("Downtown 100") in 2011 and (b) authorize the proper City officials to execute an amendment to the grant contract (Contract C-27884) to extend the term of the agreement through 2011 and accept the additional funds.

Previous Directives:
None

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Permanent Review Committee (PRC) Approval _____ Not Applicable X

Note: The policy Review Group is a committee co-chaired by the City Clerk and the City Coordinator that must review all requests related to establishing or changing enterprise policies.

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the _____ Capital Budget or _____ Operating Budget (01300-1400100) in the amount of _____ spread over a two-year period.
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase to the CAO Operating Budget (01300-1400100), in the amount of \$150,000.00 for current calendar year.
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves.
- Business Plan: _____ Action is within the plan. _____ Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

Community Impact

City Goals – A Safe Place to Call Home

Background/Supporting Information

The Downtown Improvement District ("DID") is providing grant funding in calendar year 2011 to continue the Downtown 100 initiative, which commenced in 2010. The purpose of the Downtown 100 initiative is to make Downtown safer through an intense, team-based prosecution approach for the most chronic livability property and drug crime offenders in the Downtown area. The initiative involves a cooperative effort between the Minneapolis City Attorney's Office, the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, Hennepin County Community

Corrections, the Minneapolis Police Department, the DID and its subsidiary, SafeZone, and other downtown community members and stakeholders.

The grant is to be divided as follows: \$85,000 to the City of Minneapolis to help fund a prosecutor position, \$65,000 to Hennepin County to fund a full-time downtown community probation officer. The grant is for calendar year 2011.

The Minneapolis City Attorney's Office ("MCAO") will provide a full-time, experienced prosecutor who, along with the First Precinct Community Attorney and community paralegal, will handle a prosecution caseload of 50 chronic offenders who have a pattern of criminal conduct within Downtown Minneapolis for livability, property, drug and sex crimes.

The Hennepin County Attorney's Office ("HCAO") Drug and Property Crimes and Juvenile Divisions, as applicable, will work closely with the MCAO on the Downtown chronic offenders who also commit felony offenses. The HCAO and MCAO prosecutors will be cross-deputized on a case-by-case basis, as appropriate, to allow seamless handling of the chronic offender cases.

Hennepin County Community Corrections will provide a full-time experienced probation officer to the Downtown area, who will be based in the First Precinct station to supervise a probation caseload equivalent to active supervision of up to 50 chronic offenders. The probation officer will provide active supervision to the chronic offenders on the Downtown 100 caseload as well as participate in other probation activities in support of the Downtown 100 initiative.

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