



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

Date: August 24, 2005

TO: Council Member Barbara Johnson, Ways and Means/Budget Committee

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Approved by: Barbara Sporlein, Director, Planning _____

Subject: Accept federal grant through MN Historical Society to allow Heritage Preservation Commissioners and staff to attend the 2005 Statewide Historic Preservation Conference and appropriate Planning Division budget

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Authorize acceptance of the federal Certified Local Government (CLG) grant, administered by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of the MN Historical Society to allow Heritage Preservation Commissioners and staff to attend the 2005 Statewide Historic Preservation Conference.
- 2) Approve a resolution increasing the Planning Department appropriation (0600-890-8963) by \$625 and increasing the revenue estimate (0600-890-8963-3215) by \$625.
- 3) Authorize proper city officials to enter grant agreement with MN Historical Society.

Previous Directives: None

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact

Ward:

Neighborhood Notification:

City Goals:

Comprehensive Plan:

Zoning Code:

Living Wage/Job Linkage:

Other:

Background/Supporting Information

On September 14-16, 2005, the SHPO is holding its annual Statewide Historic Preservation Conference. At least one member of the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) and all HPC staff are required to attend the conference in order for the City to maintain its status as a CLG. By maintaining this status, the City is able to apply for and receive federal CLG grants.

This year, the conference will feature presentations, workshops and field sessions on promoting preservation at the local level. Topics range from infill construction to converting upper floor commercial space. The conference includes a keynote address by Donovan Rypkema, the nation's preeminent authority on the economic benefits of preservation.

In order to minimize costs, the Heritage Preservation Division of CPED Planning applied for and received a \$625 CLG grant to cover the conference registration costs for staff and three members of the HPC to attend the conference.