



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

Date: November 11, 2010

To: Councilmember Gary Schiff, Zoning and Planning Committee

Referral to: Councilmember Betsy Hodges, Ways and Means/Budget Committee

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Subject: Accept federal grant through Minnesota Historical Society to conduct historic resource survey and appropriate CPED-Planning division budget

Recommendation:

- 1) Authorize acceptance of the federal Certified Local Government (CLG) grant for \$28,000, administered by the State Historic Preservation Office of the Minnesota Historical Society to revise the City's survey of historic properties in the remainder of the City that has not yet been re-surveyed. This area includes the following neighborhoods: Victory, Shingle Creek, Webber-Camden, Humboldt Industrial Area, Lind-Bohanon, Folwell, McKinley, Windom, Kenny, Armatage, St. Anthony West, Marcy Holmes, Como, Downtown West, Downtown East, Sumner Glenwood, and portions of Bryn Mawr, Harrison, Near North, North Loop, and Prospect Park. The project area also includes three neighborhoods of in southwest Minneapolis: Windom, Kenny, and Armatage.
- 2) Amend the General Appropriation Resolution by increasing the Community Planning and Economic Development agency Federal Fund (0300-890-8962) by \$23,000.
- 3) Increase the Revenue Budget for the Community Planning and Economic Development agency Federal Fund (0300-890-8962-3210) by \$23,000.
- 4) Authorize City to enter into Professional Services Agreement with selected contractor as a result of RFP process.

Previous Directives:

City Council approved authorizing application for Certified Local Government grant, February 6, 2009 to seek funds to conduct a historic resource survey in all of or parts of the following neighborhoods: Shingle Creek, Lind-Bohanon, Victory, Camden, Southeast Como, Corcoran,

Standish, Erickson, Bryant, Bancroft, Field, Regina, Northrup, Page, Hale, Diamond Lake, Keewaydin, Minnehaha, Wenonah, Morris Park, Armatage, Kenny, and Windom. Because the amount of funds awarded in 2009 was less than what was needed to complete the project, only some of these neighborhoods were re-surveyed. Additional CLG grant funds of \$28,000 were secured from MHS in 2010 and therefore the remainder of the project can now be completed. CPED is expected to match only \$23,000 to the \$28,000 offered by the Minnesota Historical Society/State Historic Preservation Office.

Financial Impact

- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Neighborhood organizations will receive notification of project and the public involvement process.

Ward: 3, 4, 8, 9, 11, 12, and 13

City Goals: Consistent with the following goal:

ENRICHED ENVIRONMENT

In five years there will be plentiful green spaces, public gathering areas, celebrated historic architectural features and urban forests in Minneapolis; lakes, rivers and the soil and air will be clean; the city's parks and the Mississippi riverfront will be valued and utilized; opportunities to experience diverse cultures and the arts will abound; and usage of renewable energy will be increasing.

Comprehensive Plan: Consistent with the following policies and implementation steps of The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth

Policy 8.2: Continue to evaluate potential historic resources for future studies and designation as the city ages.

8.2.1 Future surveys should focus on completion of a basic or reconnaissance survey of the entire city which incorporates nominations of potential landmarks or historic districts.

Policy 8.6: Provide educational, financial, technical, and regulatory assistance to ensure the survival of the city's historic resources.

Policy 8.12: Raise awareness of the history of Minneapolis and promote the quality of the built environment.

8.12.1 Promote heritage preservation planning efforts to important stakeholders, including other city offices, the public, and preservation organizations.

8.12.2 Continue to work with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and preservation organizations to promote education and incentive programs.

8.12.3 Involve residents and neighborhood organizations in review of heritage preservation applications.

8.12.5 Provide educational activities, such as walking tours, to foster appreciation of Minneapolis' history and the built and natural environment.

Supporting Information

Background:

The Certified Local Government (CLG) grant is a federal grant administered through the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office of the Minnesota Historical Society. Since 1983, as a Certified Local Government, the City of Minneapolis has been eligible to apply for, and has received grants for projects such as historic thematic studies, landmark designations, and historic resource surveys. The proposed grant application is part of a long-term plan to re-survey historic resources throughout the City of Minneapolis. In 1999, the Preservation Study Group of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) concluded that the existing citywide historic resources inventory should be updated, and devised a plan for gathering funds. Since 2000, the City applied for, and received CLG funds for historic resource surveys of several areas of Minneapolis.

In 2009 the City received less money that requested from the Minnesota Historical Society for proposed survey project. The survey area had to be reduced as a result of the limited funds. In the Spring of 2010 the City applied for a \$28,000 grant from the Minnesota Historical Society to include the neighborhoods that could not accommodated in the limited 2009 survey project area as well as all the other portions of the City that have not yet been re-surveyed.

The Minnesota Historical Society approved a request for \$28,000. CPED is requesting that the City accept the grant for \$28,000. CPED will match the grant with \$23,000 within the department budget and \$5,000 in-kind staff resources. Application for matching federal funds and RFP process was previously approved by the City Council on February 6, 2009 and February 24, 2010.

Attachments:

- A. March 31, 2010 Award letter from the Minnesota Historical Society for the CLG grant
- B. February 6 , 2009, City Council actions approval authorizing application for Certified Local Government grant to conduct a historic resource survey in the following neighborhoods Hale, Keewaydin, Armatage, Kenny, Windom, Ericsson, Field, Page, Minnehaha, Diamond Lake, Wenonah, Morris Park, Regina, Northrop, Corcoran, Bryant, Bancroft, Standish, Victory, Shingle Creek, Webber-Camden, Humboldt Industrial Area, Lind-Bohanon, Folwell, McKinley and Cleveland.
- C. Map of 2010-2011 CLG survey area