

## **Request for City Council Committee Action**

Date: April 5, 2010

To: Community Development Committee  
Referral to: Ways & Means / Budget Committee

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Approved by: Robert D. Miller, Director \_\_\_\_\_

**Subject: Hawthorne NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan**

### **Summary of the Request:**

The Hawthorne neighborhood has completed their NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan. It has been reviewed by staff and external counsel and adopted by the NRP Policy Board. Final approval and funding is now being requested.

### **Recommendation:**

1. Approve the Hawthorne NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan, specifically those parts of the Plan that fall under City jurisdiction, in an amount not to exceed \$1,593,541;
2. Amend the 2011 General Appropriation Resolution by increasing the Community Planning and Economic Development Department (CPED) agency Fund 01 CNR 8900-800 (the NRP fund) by \$1,593,541 from existing fund balance;
3. Authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement this request

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The Honorable Lisa Goodman, Chair  
Community Development Committee  
Minneapolis City Council  
315 City Hall  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415

The Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair  
Ways and Means Committee  
Minneapolis City Council  
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**Re: Hawthorne NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan**

Dear Chairpersons Goodman and Hodges:

At its meeting on February 28, 2010 the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board approved the Hawthorne NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan and authorized \$1,593,541 in NRP Program Funds to implement this plan.

The Hawthorne Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan allocates \$1,593,541 in the following manner:

Housing and Neighborhood Appearance	\$ 1,055,633
Business and Economic Development	\$ 54,800
Crime and Safety	\$ 54,800
Community and Communications	\$ 54,800
Environment	\$ 54,800
Neighborhood Administration and Capacity Building	\$ 318,708

The Hawthorne NRP Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan was approved by the NRP Policy Board in 1999 and was one of the later Phase I plans approved. The Phase I plan devoted 70% of its allocation to housing, with the balance addressing business, job development, the environment and crime prevention and family safety.

The Hawthorne Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan devotes nearly 84% of its Phase II allocation to housing. Hawthorne has been hit especially hard by the recent housing crisis, and as such has allocated funds to a variety of housing programs. Other sections continue in a similar manner as Phase I, but with a stronger focus on core programs that can be carried out by other organizations while HNC itself focuses on a newly created section – Community and Communications. It is evident that HNC has learned from its Phase I experience and is a stronger neighborhood organization because of it.

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The Hawthorne Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan was developed over the past year and a half. The neighborhood emphasized outreach during its plan development process and met with various under-represented groups to determine how the Phase II plan might better serve all neighborhood residents. The Hawthorne Neighborhood Council Board approved the Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan on January 13, 2011 and the neighborhood unanimously approved the plan on February 9.

On February 28, 2010 the Policy Board passed the following resolution:

**WHEREAS:** On April 19, 2004, the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) established the Phase II allocation available for the Hawthorne neighborhood at \$1,593,541 based on the Phase II revenues projected for NRP,

**WHEREAS:** The Hawthorne neighborhood has conducted an inclusive Phase II plan development process,

**WHEREAS:** The submitted Hawthorne NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan requests an allocation of \$1,593,541 and dedicates 84% of that allocation to housing programs, projects, services and activities,

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) hereby accepts and adopts the Hawthorne Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan,

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board hereby authorizes the Director to request that the City Council and Mayor [a] approve the Hawthorne NRP Phase II Neighborhood Action Plan, and specifically those parts of the Plan that fall under City jurisdiction, for their Phase II allocation of up to \$1,593,541; [b] amend the 2011 General Appropriation Resolution to increase the Fund CNR0 (NRP Fund) by \$1,593,541 from existing fund balance for implementation of the approved Plan; and [c] authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement the activities above.

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Pursuant to this resolution, I make the following recommendations for consideration by your committees:

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Sincerely,

Robert D. Miller  
Director