



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Office of the City Coordinator

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To Ways & Means/ Budget & Intergovernmental Relations Committees

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Approved by John Moir, City Coordinator

Subject Ageless Possibilities, Inc.

Presenters in Committee Kim W. Havey, Director, Minneapolis Empowerment Zone
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Recommendation

- 1) Approve support of the Ageless Possibilities, Inc. request for an \$8,750,000 federal line item appropriation;
- 2) Include the Ageless Possibilities, Inc. federal line item appropriation request in the City of Minneapolis congressional report; and
- 3) Direct City of Minneapolis lobbyist to draft a letter in support of Ageless Possibilities, Inc. to congressional appropriators.

Financial Impact

- No financial impact or Action is within current budget
- 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

Background/Supporting Information

Ageless Possibilities, Inc. (AP) is a Minneapolis based non-profit organization, which is developing a national model of housing and community services, termed "Connective Living," for elderly and disabled persons. AP has requested the assistance of the City of Minneapolis in obtaining a federal appropriation to develop a "Connective Living" model in the north Empowerment Zone area.

AP has planned a mixed-use development in north Minneapolis that will provide 40 units of multi-generation housing integrated into the neighborhood, including a connection to commercial space. Approximately 25 of the units will be made available to elderly or disabled residents and 15 for families or students in care-giving professions. The families or students will provide services to the elderly or disabled residents in exchange for reduced rent.

A \$13 million capital campaign will build the mixed-use development without debt. Legacy management is the development partner with AP. The goal is to break ground for the project in 2003, with the project completed and fully leased by March 2004.