

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

Date: July 29, 2003

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

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

**Subject: Hennepin County "Second 7.5%" NRP funds for Whittier**

**Summary of the Request:** There remains an unspent balance of \$28,498.75 of Hennepin County "Second 7.5%" NRP funds allocated for the Whittier neighborhood. The neighborhood wishes to redirect these funds to partially fund a community organizer through December 31, 2003 to organize their participation in MOSAIC, advance the Whittier Campus Model Initiative for youth and family services and lead the Somali Business Initiative to integrate Somali business owners into the Whittier Alliance Business Association.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- (1) Approve the redirection of \$28,498.75 of Hennepin County's "Second 7.5% NRP funds to partially fund a community organizer staff position in the Whittier neighborhood through December 31, 2003;
- (2) Authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements needed to implement this request;
- (3) Refer this report to the MCDA Board of Commissioners for authorization of the appropriate MCDA 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 Barbara Johnson, Chair  
Ways and Means Committee  
Minneapolis City Council  
315 City Hall  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415

**Re: Hennepin County "Second 7.5%" NRP funds for Whittier**

Dear Chairpersons Goodman and Johnson:

At its meeting on June 30, 2003 the Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board approved the redirection of \$28,498.75 of unspent Hennepin County "7.5%" NRP Funds to partially fund a community organizer staff position through December 31, 2003.

This community organizer will work with the Whittier Community School for the Arts to plan and organize the neighborhood's participation in the MOSAIC program, advance the Whittier Campus Model Initiative to coordinate youth and family services and lead the Somali Business Initiative to help integrate Somali business owners into the Whittier Alliance Business Association.

Because the use of these funds has changed from what was previously approved; new Policy Board, County Board and City Council approval are needed. Policy Board approval was contingent upon final approval by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners, which occurred on July 8, 2003.

On June 30, 2003 the Policy Board passed the following resolution:

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board approves the redirection of \$28,498.75 of unspent Hennepin County "Second 7.5%" NRP funds reserved for the Whittier neighborhood to partially fund a community organizer staff position through December 31, 2003;

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That this approval is contingent upon the approval of the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners.

Pursuant to this resolution and based on the subsequent action taken by Hennepin County, I make the following recommendations for consideration by your committees:

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- (4) Approve the redirection of \$28,498.75 of Hennepin County's "Second 7.5% NRP funds to partially fund a community organizer staff position in the Whittier neighborhood through December 31, 2003;
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Sincerely,

Robert D. Miller  
Director