

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

Date: September 13, 2011

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

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

**Subject: North Side Neighborhoods Phase II NRP Funds for Tornado Relief**

**Summary of the Request:** Eight neighborhoods, Harrison, Hawthorne, Folwell, Jordan, Lind-Bohanon, McKinley, Near North-Willard Hay and Webber-Camden, were affected by the May 22 tornado. The NRP Policy Board is requesting that the Minneapolis City Council consider releasing 100% of Phase II funds that have been withheld from these neighborhoods.

### **Recommendation:**

That the Minneapolis City Council, in coordination with north side recovery efforts, release 100% of the NRP Phase II funds (\$2.21 million) allocated to the Harrison, Hawthorne, Folwell, Jordan, Lind-Bohanon, McKinley, Near North-Willard Hay and Webber-Camden neighborhoods from the funds frozen by the action of the Council on December 13th so that they may fully implement their approved Phase II Neighborhood Action Plans and address the impacts of the May 22 tornado.

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The Honorable Lisa Goodman, Chair  
Community Development Committee  
Minneapolis City Council  
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The Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair  
Ways and Means Committee  
Minneapolis City Council  
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**Re: North Side Neighborhoods Phase II NRP Funds for Tornado Relief**

Dear Chairpersons Goodman and Hodges:

At its meeting on June 27, 2011 the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board approved a resolution to request that the City Council restore 100% of frozen Phase II NRP funds to eight neighborhoods affected by the May 22 tornado.

The damage, in terms of the physical impact on homes, businesses and the neighborhood environment, cannot be underestimated. The impact on the residents of those neighborhoods, however, has been even greater.

Since the tornado, organizations and individuals too numerous to count have stepped forward to help with everything from emergency shelter to food and clothing for those who lost all of their personal possessions to support for longer term actions that will help with the reconstruction of the eight neighborhoods that were most immediately impacted by this catastrophic event. Many organizations and individuals have given their time, energy and resources to assisting with this disaster and helping with the recovery effort.

Of the \$2.68 million released by the City Council on April 1 to be distributed by the plan adopted by the Policy Board on July 25, three of the neighborhoods most affected will receive no additional funds (Folwell, Jordan and Harrison). The remaining five neighborhoods will receive \$537,571 in additional funds as follows; Near North Willard Hay (\$1,407), Lind-Bohanon (\$83,472), McKinley (\$92,909), Webber-Camden (\$104,541) and Hawthorne (\$255,242)

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These funds, if the neighborhoods so desire, can be used to help address the impacts of the tornado and help with restoring the housing and business structures in the community. Even when all of these funds are expended, Harrison, Hawthorne, Folwell, Jordan, Lind-Bohanon, McKinley, Near North-Willard Hay and Webber-Camden will have another \$2.21 million that has been frozen as a result of the December 13, 2010 action of the Minneapolis City Council. All these funds have already been allocated to these neighborhoods and could be expended without any impact on other neighborhoods in the City.

At the Policy Board meeting on June 27 the Board decided to request that the City release the funds frozen for these eight neighborhoods as soon as possible to allow these impacted north side neighborhoods to have more resources to address the complex and expensive rebuilding effort that must occur. All eight of these neighborhoods have significant housing programs in their Phase II Neighborhood Action Plans.

On June 27, 2011 the Policy Board passed the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board ("Board") recognizes that the Northside Minneapolis neighborhoods devastated by the tornado of May 22 need all the public and private resources that can be made available to them to assist with the complex and extensive rebuilding effort that will be required;

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the eight neighborhoods directly impacted by the May 22 tornado have \$ 2.21 million that has been allocated to them for implementation of their approved Phase II NAP's but has been frozen by the City of Minneapolis action of December 13, 2010;

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Board recognizes that these funds are needed by the Harrison, Hawthorne, Folwell, Jordan, Lind-Bohanon, McKinley, Near North-Willard Hay and Webber-Camden neighborhoods to help with the revitalization of their neighborhoods;

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**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the NRP Program Policy Board requests that the Minneapolis City Council, in coordination with north side recovery efforts, release 100% of the NRP Phase II funds allocated to the Harrison, Hawthorne, Folwell, Jordan, Lind-Bohanon, McKinley, Near North-Willard Hay and Webber-Camden neighborhoods to those neighborhoods from the funds frozen by the action of the Council on December 13 so that they may fully implement their approved Phase II Neighborhood Action Plans and address the impacts of the May 22 tornado.

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

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Sincerely,

Robert D. Miller  
Director