Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of IGR / Grants & Special Projects

Date: May 12, 2009

To: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Community Development Committee

Referral to: Council Member Paul Ostrow, Ways and Means/Budget Committee

Subject: Request approval of applications for grant funding for the 2009 round

of HUD Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA) program RFP (City/HUD Consolidated Plan funding program).

Recommendation: 1.) Approve funding from the City's 2009 HOPWA grant to Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA) \$430,572, and Minnesota Aids Project (MAP) \$445,879, and, 2.) Authorize appropriate City staff to execute agreements as necessary to implement all subrecipient and subgrantee contracts related to the 2009 HOPWA grant.

Previous Directives: December 11, 2008 Resolution 2008R-539, 2009 Operating Budget Resolution Footnote cc, that the proper City officers be authorized to execute and/or amend contracts to carry out the intent of the 2009 Consolidated Plan program allocations including CDBG, HOME, ADDI, ESG, and HOPWA entitlement grants.

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Presenters in Committee: Peter J. O'Toole		

Reviews

•	Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	Approval: yes Date March 6, 2009
•	Policy Review Group (PRG):	Approval Date

Financial Impact

- No financial impact
- Other financial impact: None
- Request provided to the Finance Department when provided to the Committee Coordinator: This is part of HUD sponsored consolidated plan funding included in the annual budget process.

Community Impact

• Other: Provides housing opportunities for persons with HIV/AIDS in Minneapolis and the 13 County metropolitan statistical area eligible under this HUD grant program.

Supporting Information:

The City of Minneapolis solicited applications for annual HOPWA funding through a City of Minneapolis RFP announced March 9, 2009. Two organizations applied for funding, with a review committee consisting of staff from the City of Minneapolis Grants office concluding that these two proposals are eligible consistent with tenant-based housing priorities of the Minnesota HIV/AIDS Housing Coalition and the City of Minneapolis HUD-approved Consolidated Plan. These two proposals provide the full continuum of tenant-based housing program support to persons with HIV/AIDS, available to the metropolitan area served with HOPWA funding. The City of Minneapolis supports, among other housing programs, funding for direct programming, capacity building for housing, and direct public services. Metropolitan Council and MAP are renewal programs previously funded for direct housing assistance which are funding priorities based on the City of Minneapolis HUD-approved Consolidated Plan, and the Minnesota HIV Housing Coalition, an advisory group that makes recommendations to the City of Minneapolis for HOPWA funding serving the metropolitan area.