



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

Date January 9, 2003
To Ways & Means/ Budget Committee
Submitted by Kim W. Havey, Director, Minneapolis Empowerment Zone, 673-5415
Approved by John Moir, City Coordinator
Subject Approval of Empowerment Zone funds for the Minneapolis Urban League, to be administered through the Minneapolis Employment and Training Program (METP).

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

Recommendation

- (1) Authorize \$100,000 in federal Empowerment Zone funds for the Minneapolis Urban League Construction Training and Skill Building Program, to be administered by the Minneapolis Employment and Training Program (METP);
- (2) Authorize the proper city officers to execute an agreement with the Minneapolis Employment and Training Program, setting forth the terms and conditions of administering federal Empowerment Zone funds to the Minneapolis Urban League;
- (3) Decrease the appropriation for the City Coordinator Agency in the Federal Grants Fund (0300-840-8460) by \$100,000; and
- (4) Increase the appropriation for the Health and Family Support Agency in the Federal Grants Fund (0300-860-8600) by \$100,000.

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
 Other financial impact (Explain):

Background/Supporting Information

On November 22, 2002 the City Council approved the issuance of the Minneapolis Empowerment Zone (EZ) / Minneapolis Employment and Training Program (METP) Construction Training and Skill Building Combined Request for Proposals (RFP). The EZ and METP both made a commitment of \$100,000 for a total of \$200,000 committed to the RFP.

Responses to the Construction Training and Skill Building RFP were due on December 30, 2002. 3 applications were received and reviewed by a committee that included representatives from the EZ Staff and Governance Board, METP staff, and business community. The review committee recommended funding for the Minneapolis Urban League application at the requested amount of \$200,000.

On January 9, 2003 the EZ Executive Committee approved \$100,000 in EZ funds to be transferred to the METP to provide funding to the Minneapolis Urban League. The Minneapolis Urban League will have a "performance based contract" with METP to place participants in jobs.

As with previous funding, the use of federal EZ funds awarded to Minneapolis are recommended for approval by the EZ Executive Committee or Governance Board and presented to the City Council for final approval.