



**Request for City Council Committee Action  
From the Department of**

Date May 6, 2004  
To Council Member Scott Benson, Chair Intergovernmental Relations  
Committee  
Referral to

**Subject: Approval for city projects to be included as special appropriations in the VA/HUD Budget for FY 2005.**

**Recommendation**

That the following projects be added to the City's Federal Legislative Priorities for the FY 2005 HUD/VA Budget.

**Previous Directives: None**

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Approved by Bill Barnhart, Interim Director Intergovernmental Relations  
Presenters in Committee Bill Barnhart

**Financial Impact** (Check those that apply)

No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.  
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

- 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):

Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

**Community Impact** (use any categories that apply)

- Neighborhood Notification
- City Goals
- Comprehensive Plan
- Zoning Code
- Other

**Background/Supporting Information Attached**

Four city projects have been forwarded to Congressman's Sabo's office to be considered for inclusion as special awards in the FY 2005 VA/HUD appropriation bill. The projects and amounts are:

**The Minneapolis Empowerment Zone-\$1,000,000.** Round II Urban EZs were intended to receive \$10 million per year for ten years. In the first five years, a total of \$24.9 million has been committed. Additional funding is needed to keep the momentum going in Minneapolis.

**The Minnesota Planetarium and Space Discovery Center-\$4,000,000.** The Minnesota Planetarium is already a national resource for science related education films and star shows. The new facility will continue to enhance this role. Also, given the economic need for more students with science backgrounds, a new state-of-the-art planetarium is an ideal gateway to the sciences—is a sensible investment.

**The Combined Sewer Overflow -\$2,000,000.** These funds will be used in construction of the wastewater collection and combined sewer overflow separation. It will improve the water quality and public health for city residents and downstream communities.

**Global Marketplace in the Midtown Exchange-\$1,000,000.** The Global Marketplace is considered as a leading demonstration project as a public market focused on creating economic opportunity for urban diverse communities and new immigrants. It will be home to 75 small businesses from all regions of the world that have populations in Minneapolis.