

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

Date: May 3, 2011

To: Honorable Lisa Goodman, Chair, Community Development Committee

Referral to: Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair, Ways and Means/Budget Committee

Subject: Request approval of applications received (2) for grant funding for the 2011 Request for Proposal (RFP) round of HUD Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA) grant program, a HUD Consolidated Plan funding program.

Recommendation: 1.) Approve funding from the City's 2011 HOPWA grant to Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA) not to exceed \$510,000, and Minnesota Aids Project (MAP) not to exceed \$520,000, and, 2.) Authorize appropriate City staff to execute the contracts necessary to implement the 2011 HOPWA grant, provided that if HOPWA funding levels available from HUD are reduced, the City reserves the right to reduce funding to these organizations.

Previous Directives: December 13, 2010 Footnote "z" to Operating Budget Resolution 2010R-598, that the proper City officers be authorized to execute contracts to carry out the intent of the 2011 Consolidated Plan program allocations including CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA entitlement grants.

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Presenters in Committee: Peter J. O'Toole

Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval: February 25, 2011
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval ____ Date _____

Financial Impact

- No financial impact
- Other financial impact: None
- Request provided to the Finance Department through PRC and 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 for 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 1, 2011. Federal funding levels were not certain at that time, and for purposes of this RFP the 2008 funding level of \$873,000 was used to estimate the amount advertised in the RFP. However, this last week, at the end of the RFP period, HUD provided its expected funding levels, based on Federal appropriations, to be approximately \$1,007,000 for Minneapolis. If HOPWA funding levels available from HUD are reduced, the City reserves the right to correspondingly reduce funding to these organizations.

Two organizations applied for funding, and a review committee consisting of the staff from the City of Minneapolis Office of Grants & Special Projects reviewed the applications and concluded that these two proposals are eligible consistent with tenant-based housing priorities determined by the Minnesota HIV Housing Coalition and the City of Minneapolis HUD-approved Consolidated Plan, without providing duplicative services. Both organizations have indicated a capacity to provide case management and housing vouchers at a level commensurate with the greater amount of HOPWA funding available.

Metro HRA and MAP are both renewal proposals with combined efforts to provide for a full continuum of case management, supportive service access and tenant-based housing to persons at risk of homelessness living with HIV/AIDS, available to the 13-county metropolitan area served with HOPWA funding.

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.