



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Business Information Services

Date: May 16, 2006

To: Ways and Means Committee
Referral to: Digital Inclusion Advisory Team

Subject: Community Benefits Recommendations Process

Recommendation: Receive and File

Previous Directives

Request for update regarding Digital Inclusion Advisory Team/Community Benefits recommendations process

Prepared by: Bill Beck, Deputy CIO

Submitted by: Karl Kaiser, CIO _____

Approved by: Steven Bosacker _____
City Coordinator

Permanent Review Committee (PRC) Approval ____ Not Applicable NA

Note: To determine if applicable see <http://insite/finance/purchasing/permanent-review-committee-overview.asp>

Policy Review Group (PRG) Approval ____ Date of Approval ____ Not Applicable NA

Note: The Policy Review Group is a committee co-chaired by the City Clerk and the City Coordinator that must review all requests related to establishing or changing enterprise policies.

Presenters in Committee (Bill Beck, Deputy CIO; Catherine Settanni, Director Community Computer Access Network)

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the ____ Capital Budget or ____ Operating Budget.
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves.
- Business Plan: Action is within the plan. Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain): Community Benefits recommendations will be incorporated into the Broadband Wireless contract negotiations process.
- Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

Neighborhood Notification:

Wireless Minneapolis community meetings are posted on the City's web site. Input gathered at these meetings, and in other community/neighborhood meetings and The Alliance for Metro Stability coordinated meetings are being submitted to the Community Benefits/Digital Inclusion Advisory Team.

Advisory Team Goals:

- *Identify opportunities* to leverage new and existing resources towards “bridging the digital divide” in the City of Minneapolis.
- *Develop specific strategies* that address the persistent barriers to technology access and literacy among City residents, small businesses and non-profit organizations.
- *Prioritize technology needs* and approaches, based on cross-sector input and evaluation (these will be included in final CBA recommendations).
- Articulate a *community technology agenda* for the City moving forward.

Comprehensive Plan

Zoning Code

Other

Background/Supporting Information Attached:

1. Community Benefits/Digital Advisory Team Force Roster
2. Community Benefits/Digital Advisory Team Letter of Invitation
3. Community Benefits/Digital Advisory Team Tentative Meeting Schedule
4. Community Benefits and Digital Inclusion Efforts Presentation for Community Meetings