

# Staff Report

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## Agenda Item: Update on Meeting NRP Housing Requirements

Action     Discussion     Informational

**Date:** July 18, 2016  
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**Attachments:**

## Requested Action

No action is requested. This item is for informational purposes.

## Background

I requested a report from the Finance Department on the status of meeting the Chapter 604 requirement of the NRP Special Law. The State NRP Special Law (Chapter 604) requires that 52.5% of all NRP funds be spent on housing and housing-related activities. The City's NRP Ordinance (Chapter 419) commissions the Finance Department to audit compliance with this requirement on an annual basis.

Bob Cooper of the Finance Department reported that this is typically done in June of each year, but there is no specific deadline and no specific reporting requirement unless the audit identifies a problem in obtaining the 52.5% housing requirement.

Mr. Cooper has reviewed NRP activity through June 2016 and reported that the NRP remains on target to achieve the 52.5% target, and in fact, current calculations place the program at 54.4%.

	Amount Allocated	Housing Amount (Plans/Contracts)	Pct.
Phase I	\$184,286,362.00	\$94,922,165.00	51.5%
Phase II	\$41,786,545.00	\$32,709,751.00	78.3%
Other	\$75,643,864.00	\$36,423,072.00	48.2%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$301,716,771.00</b>	<b>\$164,054,988.00</b>	<b>54.4%</b>

Note that the final percentage is considerably higher than we reported last year at this time (53.1%). This is the result of a change in how we have calculated the percentage. With the City

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Council's action earlier this year to repay the \$9,141,951.05 of Phase II funds, we can now return to a more direct calculation based on how funds are actually allocated in approved neighborhood action plans.

However, we would stress that the cushion provided by the additional 1.9% still provides only a slim margin, and would not recommend any change in the current requirement for neighborhood organizations to meet the 70% housing requirement for Phase II plans.