

The NRP Legal Sandbox

The intent of City Council is to use monies collected through the NRP Consolidated TIF district to fund the CPP and other NCR/NCEC programs in 2012 and 2013. Use of these funds brings with them constraints different from those of the new consolidated TIF District.

- Must meet housing requirement (52.5%);
- Must be based on neighborhood-based, bottom up planning process;
- Must result in real outcomes based on neighborhood plans;
- A multi-jurisdictional Policy Board must have a formal role in approval process;
- Will require some changes to both City NRP ordinance and guidelines; and
- Minor legal requirements (e.g. no food; limited admin), some of which will be reflected in changes to CPP Guidelines.

Neighborhood derived priorities identified in CPP applications will need to result in clear outcomes recognized by both City departments and neighborhood organizations.

To accomplish this, three elements must be present:

1. Neighborhood plans supported by the CPP funding must indicate priorities and specific outcomes.
2. City department plans and budgets must connect actions identified in neighborhood submissions (if at least to say why that action cannot be acted on in this budget cycle) to department budgets and/or programs.
3. Neighborhood annual reports provide updates on progress (provides “scorecards” on City budgets).

The implication is some modest modifications to the CPP Guidelines will be needed to accommodate the use of NRP TIF dollars to fund the CPP and city departments will need to make changes to their processes and reporting procedures to recognize and respond to neighborhood priorities identified in approved CPP applications.

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