



NRP Policy Board

Agenda Item: NRP Phase II Allocations Adjustment

Advisory Information

Title: **Approve \$44,000 of pre-assigned Hennepin County NRP funds to be allocated to Sumner Glenwood Neighborhood for use on Environment, Housing, and Transit organizing.**

Requested Action: Action Discussion Informational

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Attachments: Hennepin County Board Action
NRP law excerpt
Hennepin County NRP Funds Allocation Policy

Requested Action

Approve the requested allocation of \$44,000 of Hennepin County NRP funds for Sumner Glenwood Neighborhood / Heritage Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA), and transmit the plan for Approval and Appropriation by the Minneapolis City Council.

Background

On June 10, 2014 the Hennepin County Board approved the allocation of \$44,000 of Hennepin County NRP Funds to Sumner Glenwood neighborhood.

Discussion

The original State NRP Law (469.1831, subdivision 4) required 7.5% of the “Program Money” to be provided to the County for social services. This was known as the “2nd 7.5% NRP Funds.” A copy of that portion of the NRP law is attached.

The County began authorizing expenditures from that fund in 1992. On October 3, 1995, the County Board passed guidelines for the allocation of the remaining amount in that fund. A copy of that action is attached. This allocation methodology was not mandated by State Law. Rather, it was the process adopted by the county Board to govern its allocation of the NRP funds. A copy of the Hennepin County NRP Fund Allocation Policy is attached.

Most Hennepin County NRP funds have been expended. Remaining funds include the following:

1. \$57,500 is yet to be allocated to those neighborhoods that were allocated funds through the 1995 County Board action:

Neighborhood	Original allocation	Remaining allocation
Bryant	\$35,000	\$500
Downtown W.	\$38,000	\$13,000

2. \$74,700.68 remains from funds that were previously allocated and contracted, but for which the contract was closed and a balance remained.

With additional Hennepin County funds, HPNA can fully participate in engagement efforts around Bottineau, Southwest LRT, and other transit, housing and environmental projects. This funding will allow HPNA to add staff and capacity building activities to assure that the residents and neighborhood have an equal voice in transportation, environmental and housing initiatives in North Minneapolis.

Recommendations

- 1. Approve the \$44,000 allocation of Hennepin County NRP dollars to Sumner Glenwood Neighborhood for the following activities:**

It is expected that the Heritage Park/Sumner-Glenwood Neighborhood will have a stationary stop on the Bottineau transit line at Van White and Olson Memorial Highway (aka the Van White Stationary Stop). Currently, HPNA has not received funding for community engagement around stationary planning in a broad sense. We are requesting our Hennepin County NRP funds to help supplement our engagement efforts and provide an equitable and accessible process for community engagement. We plan to use the funds in the following manner:

- Hire a part time Environment & Transit organizer to coordinate board, resident and community partner efforts as it relates to transportation issues regarding the Bottineau stationary stop.
- Increase the HPNA board's capacity to be integral partners in transportation engagement efforts by acquiring the skills necessary to engage neighborhood residents on issues that relate to stationary planning (i.e. health, safe access and crossing to and from the stop, design etc.).
- Provide additional funding for three (3) community engagement events that will have a portion of the meeting dedicated to the Bottineau Stationary Planning Project specifically focus on the Van White stop.
- Continue the work of the Nexus Health Engagement Equity Cohort working specifically on creating healthy and connective pathways that provide healthy and safe opportunities for residents to bike and walk to the stationary stop while connecting the neighborhood to other transit connections (i.e. the Ground Rounds, the North Minneapolis Bike Greenway, the Heritage Park YMCA etc.).
- Continue funding our staff whose core work will in the areas of transit, housing and environmental initiatives.

- 2. Recommend transmittal of the request to City Council for approval and appropriation.**