



# NRP Policy Board

## Agenda Item: Hennepin County NRP Fund Allocation for Downtown Neighborhoods

### Advisory Information

Title: **Approve \$13,000 of pre-assigned Hennepin County NRP funds to be allocated to the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhoods for a street outreach worker to assist with reducing homelessness in the downtown community.**

Requested Action:  Action  Discussion  Informational

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Attachments: **Hennepin County Board Action**

### Requested Action

Approve the requested allocation of \$13,000 of Hennepin County NRP funds for the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhoods / Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association (DMNA), and transmit the plan for Approval and Appropriation by the Minneapolis City Council.

### Background

On July 17, 2014 the Hennepin County Board approved the allocation of \$13,000 of Hennepin County NRP Funds to the Downtown West neighborhood.

### Discussion

The DMNA is working in partnership with the Minneapolis Downtown Council, the Downtown Improvement District and the Hennepin County Office to End Homelessness to address homelessness in the downtown community. DMNA has allocated \$47,000 of its NRP funds, to be supplemented by \$13,000 of County NRP funds, to allow St. Stephen's Human Services to increase the number of its street outreach workers. Street outreach workers have been effective in reducing homelessness among veterans and people experiencing long-term homelessness; they connect closely with staff in the housing programs administered by St. Stephen's and other support service organizations. The Downtown Council and the Office to End Homelessness expect that the DMNA funds will help leverage additional private resources in support of hiring additional street outreach workers.

### Recommendations

- 1. Approve the \$13,000 allocation of Hennepin County NRP dollars to Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhoods to support one additional street outreach worker at St. Stephen's Human Services.**
- 2. Recommend transmittal of the request to City Council for approval and appropriation.**