

Advisory Information

Agenda Item: 5A

Title: One Minneapolis Fund – Recommendations on 2015 Funding

Action Discussion Informational

Date: May 28, 2015

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Attachments:

Requested Action

The NCEC is requested to approve the funding recommendations from the One Minneapolis Fund Committee for submission to the City Council for final approval or to deny the recommendations and refer the review of applications back to the Committee.

Background

The One Minneapolis Fund was initiated in 2013 to provide grants to organizations serving cultural communities in Minneapolis for programs involving leadership development and broadening community engagement efforts. For the 2015 funding cycle \$182,000 is available for funding projects in two categories:

Group A Funding

Community or Cultural organizations should submit proposals for projects that develop leaders and engage communities and result in increased involvement in City leadership structures by diverse people. For the purpose of this RFP, “City leadership structures” refers to City of Minneapolis boards, commissions, neighborhood organizations, and other similar advisory or civic engagement groups.

Group A proposals may request a maximum of \$15,000.

Group B Funding

Community or Cultural organizations should submit proposals for projects that develop leaders and engage communities in specific targeted audiences. These leaders and communities will demonstrate their leadership and engagement by defining a specific community issue, and ways to address them through their program.

Preferred (but not limited to) target audiences:

For reasonable accommodations or alternative formats please contact the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department at 612-673-3737. People who are deaf or hard of hearing can use a relay service to call 311 at 612-673-3000. TTY users call 612-673-2157 or 612-673-2626.

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Youth (ages 12-24)
 Renters
 People experiencing

homelessness
 African-Americans
 American Indians

Process Followed

The application period for the 2015 grant cycle opened on February 6th. By the deadline of April 6th, 41 applications were received. The list of all the applications is attached.

The review committee consisted of the following: Matthew Dobratz, NCEC member; Denis Houle, NCEC member; Henry Jimenez, former NCEC member; Ayianna Kennerly, NCR staff; Kirk Roggensack, NCEC member; Tessa Wetjen, NCEC member; David Zaffran, NCEC member. All of the NCEC members are part of the One Minneapolis Committee. Two additional people participated in the review committee in place of NCEC members who stepped away from the review due to involvement with projects seeking funding.

All committee members read all of the 41 applications and rated each application on a set previously agreed upon criteria. The scores were then combined to assign each application a composite score. The Committee then further reviewed and discussed those applications which had the scores which ultimately led to the recommendations below. The committee met on May 6th to begin the review and concluded the work on May 20th. For this funding cycle, the One Minneapolis Committee met six times since late 2014 to finalize the request for proposals, develop the application review criteria and scoring matrix and finally to review the applications and recommend the projects to be funded.

Recommendation

On May 20th the One Minneapolis Fund review committee unanimously recommended the following project for funding in 2015. Shown below are the organizations proposing the project, the recommended funding amounts, the area of the city and population served and a brief description of

Organization	Amount	Neighborhood/ Community Served	Focus Population Served	General activity
Somali Action Alliance	\$15,000	South Minneapolis	Somali	community into neighborhood assoc.
YouthCare	\$25,000	South Minneapolis	American Indian	sobriety/ leadership development
Appetite for Change	\$21,500	North Minneapolis	African American	food as a tool
CAPI	\$13,000	Citywide	Immigrant women	professional women development
Centro de Trabajadores	\$21,500	citywide	low wage workers/Latino	working on wage
Heart of the Beast	\$21,500	south Minneapolis	multicultural/Latino	arts and engagement
Hope Community	\$21,500	South Minneapolis	African American youth	leadership training
Little Earth	\$21,500	South Minneapolis	American Indian	resident committees
One Family One Community	\$21,500	citywide	African Americans, renters, homeless	advocacy training
The Neighborhood Hub	\$21,500	South Minneapolis	African American/youth	youth research and advocacy

List of proposals submitted

Group	Organization Name
A	CAPIUSA
A	Council on American-Islamic Relations, Minnesota
A	Cycles for Change
A	Lake Street Council
A	Masjib AnNur
A	MLatino Media LLC
A	Somali Action Alliance Education Fund (SAAEF)
B	African Community Senior Services
B	African Families Development Network
B	Appetite For Change
B	Black Women's Business Alliance
B	Bolder Options
B	Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en la Lucha (CTUL)
B	Confederation of Somali Community in Minnesota
B	Conflict Resolution Center
B	Hope Community, Inc.
B	InnerCity Tennis
B	Little Earth of United Tribes
B	Minneapolis Riverfront Partnership
B	Native American Community Development Institute (NACDI)
B	Northside Educational Alliance
B	One Family One Community and MICAH
B	Our Saviour's Community Services
B	Pillsbury United Communities
B	Power of People Leadership Insititute
B	Simply Jane/ArtAble
B	Somali Museum of Minnesota
B	St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church AND In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theater
B	St. Stephens Human Services
B	Students Today Leaders Forever
B	Tamales y Bicicletas
B	The Cedar Cultural Center, Inc.
B	The DIAL Group
B	The Neighborhood Hub
B	Urban Homeworks, Inc.
B	Urban Ventures
B	Voices for Racial Justice
B	WE WIN Institute
B	YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities
B	YouthCARE
B	YouthLink