

Staff Report

Agenda Item:

Title: CPP Funding Update for Cedar Riverside Neighborhood

Action Discussion Informational

Date: February 20, 2018

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Attachments: None

Requested Action: Approve the work plan through which NCR will work with Cedar Riverside NRP on meeting conditions to receive CPP funding for the 2018 and 2019 fiscal years.

Background: The Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) Department received two applications for funding for the 2017-2019 CPP Funding cycle for the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood, one from Cedar Riverside NRP (CRNRP) and one from the West Bank Community Coalition (WBCC). NCEC Approved a work plan by which NCR worked towards a determination of which organization should receive the CPP funding for the Cedar Riverside neighborhood.

Following the work plan during 2017 NCR did the following:

- Approved conditional CPP funding for the WBCC for 2017.
- Contracted with Dave Ellis Consulting (DEC) to lead a community engagement process and produce a report with community input on the decision.
- Arranged for an audit conducted by a neutral outside auditor, Mike Wilson, for both agencies.
- Continued working with both agencies and monitored practices and programs of both organizations for cooperation with the above procedures and compliance with CPP Guidelines and NRP practice and policy.

NCR made a determination based on the findings from the report from Dave Ellis and NCR's review of the organizational capacity. NCR will not continue funding WBCC through the Community Participation Program for 2018 or 2019.

As the only other applicant for CPP funding in the Cedar Riverside neighborhood, NCR will begin to work with CRNRP to establish conditions based on the community feedback and audits from

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2017 in order to received CPP funding for the 2018 and 2019 fiscal years. The conditions would include but not be limited to:

- No funding advance given
- Financial capacity maintained by continuing to work with Pillsbury United Communities or similar organization based on our determination.
- Verification of board membership compliance
- Third party support to build board capacity with a neutral third party based on our determination.
- Establish a timeline and budget for funding phased in over the course of the year.
- Continue to demonstrate board capacity and fiscal responsibility.

Funding authority for NRP Phases I and II and the CPP program is with the NRP Policy Board. The NCEC is responsible for designating the recognized neighborhood organizations in the city. Ultimately, both the NCEC and the NRP Policy Board will need to be in alignment with the final recommendation.