

## MINNEAPOLIS PROMISE ZONE

### PRELIMINARY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is hereby entered into for the purpose of implementing a Promise Zone Initiative for comprehensive revitalization efforts in North Minneapolis. **This MOU represents a preliminary commitment. If the 2014 Minneapolis Promise Zone (MPZ) proposal is awarded a federal Promise Zone designation, each Party is expected to present the final MOU to its respective Governing Entity for final authorization and adoption of the MOU and a Promise Zone Plan (MPZ Plan) within an expedient timeframe to meet federal requirements.**

The goal and vision of the MPZ is to create a community that is a thriving, vibrant and economically viable asset to the people who live and work there, as well as for the rest of the city. The MPZ is an opportunity to build on existing work by aligning goals and strategies to address the ongoing challenges, the historic and current isolation, and the concentration of poverty in North Minneapolis—all of which foster high unemployment rates and other acute inequities and racial disparities. Through implementation of the MPZ Plan, the City of Minneapolis and its Implementation Partner Organizations (Implementing Partners) will coordinate to break down silos; align priorities across agencies, departments and organizations; and implement collaborative solutions.

**Purpose of MOU:** The purpose of this MOU is to set forth each Implementing Partner's understanding of its role in jointly implementing the MPZ Plan. This MOU, a preliminary and non-binding agreement, recognizes that the 2014 Promise Zone opportunity, if awarded, does not provide direct federal funding to the City, as Lead Organization, or to its Implementing Partners. Nevertheless, the Parties pledge to continue coordination efforts that contribute to shared values

and goals for Minneapolis' Northside community.

All Parties affirm that the proposed MPZ goal and vision align with each Implementing Partner's mission, particularly with respect to North Minneapolis. The MPZ Partners consist of: the City of Minneapolis and Implementing Partners which will consist of other public sector partners, non-profit sector partners, and institutions of primary, secondary, and higher education. All Implementing Partners signing below agree to support the MPZ goal and vision and the MPZ Plan by fully participating in implementation of services and in management/oversight of all services as needed to promote the collective MPZ goal and vision. Each Implementing Partner signing this MOU agrees to share information and data gathered in relation to the MPZ Plan in accordance with pertinent public data sharing requirements. Each partner signing this MOU agrees to attend and participate in Coordinating Committee and Work Group meetings to manage the implementation of the MPZ strategy. Each Implementing Partner signing this MOU agrees to attend and participate in all Coordinating Committee and other meetings as needed to provide feedback on programming and to contribute to the implementation of the MPZ Plan.

**Term of Preliminary MOU:** The term of this MOU will begin as of the date of the final signature by an Implementing Party and continue until the later of the date of Promise Zone designation or the signature of all Parties to the final MOU.

**Adhere to Federal Regulations:** Each Party to this MOU agrees that it will be subject to and adhere to all applicable, federal regulations related to its role as an Implementing Party in fulfilling Promise Zone requirements.

**Role of Lead Organization:** If awarded the designation, the City of Minneapolis ("the City") will act as the Lead Organization for the Minneapolis Promise Zone. As Lead Organization, the City will administer and manage the overall plan. In accordance with the preliminary

requirements set forth in the application guideline, the City will be responsible for the following functions:

1. Executing a Promise Zone designation agreement;
2. Organizing and coordinating activities pursuant to the plan proposed in the application;
3. Administering any funding or other benefits that the Promise Zone designation may confer in the future;
4. Tracking Minneapolis Promise Zone outcomes;
5. Reporting progress to participating federal agencies;
6. Participating in evaluation activities as requested by federal agencies;
7. Providing certification to other organizations applying for grants and other benefits that, if received, would help to advance the MPZ Plan;
8. Delegating activities to an Implementing Partners that the City, as Lead Organization, may be unable to directly perform;
9. Replacing Implementing Partners and other partner organizations in the event that such partners are not able to fulfill their responsibilities;
10. Transferring, if necessary, the Lead Organization responsibilities to another Implementing Partner pursuant to the terms of the Promise Zone designation agreement.

**Role of Implementation Partners:** The Implementation Partners, through their signatures below, agree to fulfill the specific responsibilities needed to carry out the daily work and operations of the Minneapolis Promise Zone Plan. As an Implementation Partner, the organizations below commit to the following:

1. To participate in the Coordinating Committee's meetings and resident engagement activities;

2. To participate in their respective policy-area committees, as established based upon their core competencies;
3. To share relevant evidence-based and place-based data and information that promotes the goals and objectives of the Minneapolis Promise Zone Plan;
4. To work for coordination, research, advocacy, resource development, data collection, and resident engagement in the proposed activities and solutions;
5. To commit staff and leadership time as needed for implementation of the Minneapolis Promise Zone Plan.

**Endorsing Signatures of Lead Organization and Implementation Partners:**

1. Lead Organization:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Implementation Partner:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Implementation Partner:

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16. Implementation Partner:

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