

Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of IGR / Grants & Special Projects

Date: July 9, 2008

To: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Community Development Committee

Referral to: Council Member Paul Ostrow, Ways and Means/Budget Committee

Subject: Request approval of applications for grant funding for the 2008 round of HUD Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA) program RFP (City, HUD Consolidated Plan funding program).

Recommendation: 1.) Approve funding from the City's 2008 HOPWA grant to Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA) \$416,010, and Minnesota Aids Project (MAP) \$392,000, and, 2.) Authorize appropriate City staff to execute agreements as necessary to implement all subrecipient and subgrantee contracts, including Spectrum, related to this 2008 HOPWA grant.

Previous Directives: December 12, 2007 Resolution 206R-642, that the proper City officers be authorized to execute contracts to carry out the intent of the 2008 Consolidated Plan program allocations including CDBG, HOME, ADDI, ESG, and HOPWA entitlement grants.

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Approved by: Steven Bosacker, City Coordinator _____

Presenters in Committee: Peter J. O'Toole

Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval: yes Date May 6, 2008
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval ____ Date _____

Financial Impact

- No financial impact
- Other financial impact: None
- Request provided to the Finance Department when provided to the Committee Coordinator: This is part of HUD sponsored consolidated plan funding included in the annual budget process.

Community Impact

- Other: Provides housing opportunities for persons with HIV/AIDS in Minneapolis and the 13 County metropolitan statistical area eligible under this HUD grant program.

Supporting Information:

The City of Minneapolis solicited applications for annual HOPWA funding in conjunction with CPED's annual Affordable Housing Trust fund RFP announced May 8, 2008. Four organizations applied for funding, however a review committee consisting of staff from the City of Minneapolis Grants office reviewed the applications and concluded that only two proposals are eligible consistent with tenant-based housing priorities of the Minnesota HIV/AIDS Housing Coalition and the City of Minneapolis HUD-approved Consolidated Plan, without providing duplicative services. The two proposals acceptable for funding are the Metro HRA and MAP, renewal proposals with combined efforts, which provide the full continuum of tenant-based housing program support to persons with HIV/AIDS, available to the metropolitan area served with HOPWA funding. The other two applications, Minneapolis Urban League and Clare Housing proposed HOPWA funding for service and operations capacity building, and services that are potentially duplicative and not consistent with the long-term tenant-based continuum of housing assistance currently established as a priority.

The City of Minneapolis supports, among other housing programs, funding for direct programming, capacity building for housing, and direct public services, whereas funding to support organizational operating capacity is not considered a funding priority. Metropolitan Council and MAP are renewal programs previously funded for direct housing assistance which are funding priorities based on the City of Minneapolis HUD-approved Consolidated Plan, and the Minnesota HIV Housing Coalition, an advisory group that makes recommendations to the City of Minneapolis for HOPWA funding serving the metropolitan area. Grants office staff, after reviewing these proposals, will bring the potentially appealing aspects of these proposals to the attention of the Minnesota HIV/AIDS Housing Coalition with recommendations to the Coalition to encourage the development of programming priorities that are consistent with the needs identified and recommended to serve the metropolitan area; and that appropriated funds that exceed the amount necessary to continue current programs at comparable levels will be advertised by the City of Minneapolis through its RFP process, and that proposals that address the priorities identified and recommended by the Minnesota HIV Housing Coalition, consistent with the policies of the City of Minneapolis, to provide housing and service options for persons living with HIV/AIDS, will be considered for funding.