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Re: CPP guidelines

To: Neighborhood and Community Relations Department

The East Isles Residents Association has the following questions and concerns regarding the proposed guidelines for the 2012 Community Participation Program:

- Five NCR staff members working with 71 neighborhoods.
- Execution seems to be missing in the guidelines.
- Funding is subject to NRP rules. The program needs to be amended to ensure that eligible expenses include areas commonly used for community engagement: festivals, events, newsletters and FOOD.
- Extent of involvement and outreach required given the difficulty the neighborhood group has trying to engage residents.
- Concerns about the Neighborhood Priority Plans:
  - Requirements for the NPP are unclear.
  - Processes need to be streamlined so neighborhoods administration of the CPP and NPP are commensurate with the funding.
  - How do neighborhoods create a CPP budget if a NPP has not yet been identified?

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback for this program.

Sincerely,

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