

**To:** NCEC Commissioners  
**From:** Addressing Community Programming Task Force  
**RE:** Task Force Recommendations and Requests for Action  
**Date:** May 11, 2012

## **INFORMATION**

At the April NCEC meeting this task force was formed with the following details:

- Name: Addressing Community Programming Task Force
- Purpose: To establish a fund for alternative ways to fund community organizations in line with the purposes of the NCEC.
- Duration: 3 months
- Membership: Open to 2-8 NCEC commissioners
- Convener: Tessa Wetjen

Kenneth Brown volunteered to join the task force with Tessa, meeting the 2 member requirement.

Ken and Tessa have met with David Rubedor and Howard Blin in order to understand the current status of funding for community programs and projects. In this case, when we refer to “community programs” we are referring to opportunities for funding for groups that are not recognized Neighborhood Organizations. This may include any community based non-profit including culturally specific groups.

In meeting with David and Howard, we identified a strategy to begin funding community programming, using an existing resource, the One Minneapolis Fund. Information on the One Minneapolis Fund is provided in Attachment A. In summary, the fund has \$110,000 set aside in the 2012 budget, \$48,000 of which is designated for the American Indian Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This means there is \$62,000 available for the purpose of:

Increasing relationships with these communities on a range of issues and will get community input and buy-in for city programs and services. The fund will be targeted and will consist of small grants to address disparities and to develop community led and designed leadership development.

David Rubedor suggested that if the NCEC can work with the NCR Department to develop a clear plan to utilize the \$62,000 that was allocated in 2012; we would be able to make an argument to have an increased allocation in the 2013 budget. He also suggested we align the work with the City Goals (Attachment B).

Also discussed was the CIF funding, which is another option for funding increased work in the community. However, the CIF funding, according to David Rubedor, needs to be restricted to Neighborhood Organizations, and will not be available until 2014.

In an effort to include input from the commissioners, we distributed information about the city goals and the One Minneapolis Fund to all commissioners and asked for input regarding which city goal to focus on in the first year.

In light of this information and input from the NCR Department and commissioners, the task force makes the following recommendations and requests for action:

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. The NCEC should create a CIF Task Force in August 2012 to create the funding process for the CIF funding.

## **REQUESTS FOR ACTION**

1. Adjust Attributes of Task Force.

New Name: One Minneapolis Fund Task Force

New Charge:

- A. Lead the formation of the One Minneapolis Fund for 2012 And
- B. Continue to work with NCR staff to secure additional funds for the Fund for 2013

Duration: Extend from 3 months to 8 months (end of December)

2. Invite more members to join the Task Force.
3. Approve Year 1 of One Minneapolis Fund to support community based leadership development through a focus on City Goal #4: Many People, One Minneapolis. The goal will be what we will align with, not the specific strategies that are listed. In the first year of funding, this will be a pilot of the One Minneapolis Fund, to be evaluated both after the granting process and after the completion of the funding period.

## **NEXT STEPS**

In the next month, the Task Force will work with the NCR Department to develop a strategy and draft a Request for Proposals for the One Minneapolis Fund Pilot Grant for 2012.

## **TIMELINE**

### **2012**

- May Define strategies and draft Request for Proposals for One Minneapolis Fund for Goal #4
- June Release RFP and begin to accept proposals
- July Review proposals and make grant decisions
- Aug Contract and release funds
- Sept Evaluation of One Minneapolis Fund process – engage stakeholders
- Oct Start process for 2013 One Minneapolis Fund

### **2013**

- Sept Evaluate results of One Minneapolis Fund 2012 Grant

As specific actions need to be approved by the NCEC, the information will be put forth for action. If this timeline/plan needs to be approved by the NCEC, then we request that is done at the May NCEC Meeting, along with the other Requests for Action.