

# NCR Survey: How Quickly Should NRP Funds Be Used?

## 1. NRP Funds Survey

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this survey! The Neighborhood and Community Relations Department (NCR) has been directed by the Minneapolis City Council to "engage neighborhood associations and the NCEC in developing policy and procedural recommendations for the Council which would establish guidelines for allowable balances of unspent NRP fund allocations and require any neighborhood association not meeting those guidelines to develop a plan with specific timelines on how they will use those funds, as well as developing reporting and monitoring procedures for the deployment of these resources."

**Your early thoughts on what the recommendations should look like is very important to us.** The following questions will help us shape some of the initial proposals NCR staff would put into such a recommendation. Additional background information can be found on our website at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/programs/WCMS1P-139963>.

**Please complete the survey no later than Friday, May 1, 2015. Survey responses are public, and will be made available as part of our review and comment process.** Any information that may identify you as an individual will be removed.

**This survey is not intended to act as a form of ballot or vote, nor is it a scientific survey.** It is intended to provide you with an opportunity to give us your ideas early in the process. If you would prefer not to take the survey, feel free to call your neighborhood specialist at NCR to share your thoughts, or send an email to [ncr@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:ncr@minneapolismn.gov).

Please share the link to this survey with other neighborhood organization board members and staff.

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## 2. What is a reasonable time frame for expenditure of NRP funds?

A recent analysis by NCR shows that, on average, neighborhood organizations are expending NRP Phase I and Phase II funds within seven years of Neighborhood Action Plan approvals (see further down this page), and that most NRP funds should be expended by the year 2021. Currently, 45 of 70 neighborhood organizations have plans that were approved more than seven years ago.

### 1. Should there be an expectation of neighborhood organizations to expend most or all of their Phase I and Phase II funds within seven years of their plan approval?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Comments

### 2. Should the City policy recognize and allow for external circumstances in which neighborhoods may take longer than seven years?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

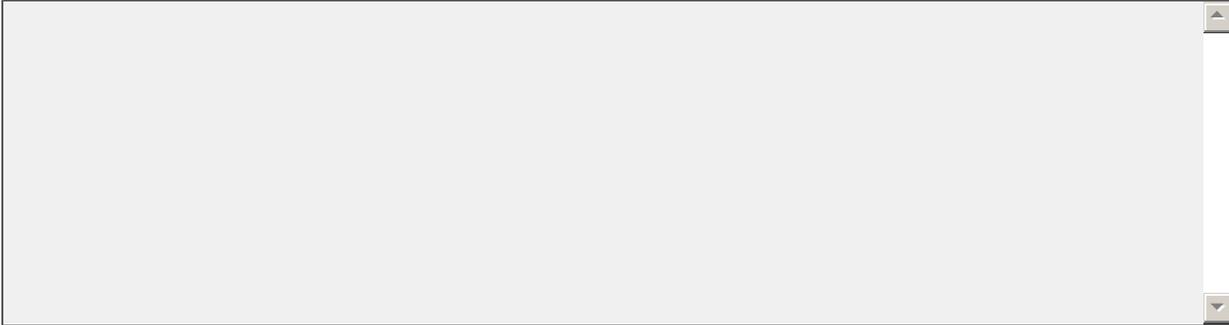
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### 3. Is seven years reasonable? Or do you prefer some greater or lesser time-frame?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Comments



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## 3. Expenditures Threshold

Previous NRP policy required neighborhood organizations to reach a minimum threshold of funds expended (85%) or contracted (95%) before they could begin planning for Phase II of NRP.

### 4. Should all neighborhood organizations be required to review plans after seven years regardless of amount of funds spent, or only if they have a minimum amount of unspent funds?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Comments

### 5. How complete should a neighborhood plan be after seven years? Is the previous threshold of 85% expended or 95% contracted reasonable, or do you prefer some other threshold level?

- Yes, I find it reasonable
- I prefer some other level
- Not sure

If some other level, what would you suggest?

## 4. Planning Requirements

### 6. What process should a neighborhood organization follow if, at the end of seven years, it has not contracted or expended the minimum required amount?

- Nothing should be required.
- Review and recommit to an existing Phase I or Phase II plan.
- Conduct a new neighborhood-wide plan review process for input before recommitting to existing Phase I or Phase II plan strategies or reallocate remaining funds to other existing or new priorities.
- Have any uncontracted funds reallocated to other neighborhoods.

Comments

## 5. Timeframe for Planning

**7. If neighborhood organizations were required to conduct a neighborhood-wide plan review to recommit or reallocate funds, what is a reasonable time period for planning?**

- 6 months
- 1 year
- 18 months
- More than 18 months

Other (please specify)

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## 6. Consequences of No Plan for Unused Funds

What if a neighborhood does not plan for use of unexpended NRP funds?

### 8. What should happen if a neighborhood does not conduct a community-wide plan review in the required time?

- City should continue holding funds for neighborhood until such a process is completed.
- Unused funds should be reallocated to other neighborhoods.
- Funds should be returned to City.

Other (please specify)

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## 7. Your Neighborhood Organization

Please let us know which neighborhood organization you are affiliated with. This will help us to follow up with those organizations we don't always hear from. Thanks!

### 9. What Neighborhood Organization(s) are you affiliated with? (not required, but helpful). You may select more than one if appropriate.

- Armatage Neighborhood Association
- Audubon Neighborhood Association
- Bancroft Neighborhood Association
- Beltrami Neighborhood Council
- Bottineau Neighborhood Association
- Bryant Neighborhood Organization
- Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association
- Calhoun Area Residents Action Group
- Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood Association
- Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization
- Citizens for a Loring Park Community
- Cleveland Neighborhood Association
- Columbia Park Neighborhood Association
- Concerned Citizens of Marshall Terrace
- Corcoran Neighborhood Organization
- Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association
- East Calhoun Community Organization
- East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association
- East Isles Residents Association
- East Phillips Improvement Coalition
- Elliot Park Neighborhood, Inc.
- Field, Regina, Northrop Neighborhood Group
- Folwell Neighborhood Association
- Fulton Neighborhood Association
- Hale, Page, Diamond Lake Community Association
- Harrison Neighborhood Association

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- Hawthorne Neighborhood Council
- Heritage Park Neighborhood Association
- Holland Neighborhood Improvement Association
- Jordan Area Community Council
- Kenny Neighborhood Association
- Kenwood Isles Area Association
- Kingfield Neighborhood Association
- Lind-Bohanon Neighborhood Association
- Linden Hills Neighborhood Council
- Logan Park Neighborhood Association
- Longfellow Community Council
- Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association
- Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association
- Lyndale Neighborhood Association
- Lynnhurst Neighborhood Association
- Marcy-Holmes Neighborhood Association
- McKinley Community
- Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association, Inc.
- Nicollet Island - East Bank Neighborhood Association
- Nokomis East Neighborhood Association
- North Loop Neighborhood Association
- Northeast Park Neighborhood Association
- Northside Residents Redevelopment Council
- Phillips West Neighborhood Organization
- Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association
- Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association
- Seward Neighborhood Group
- Sheridan Neighborhood Organization
- Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association
- Southeast Como Improvement Association
- St. Anthony East Neighborhood Association
- St. Anthony West Neighborhood Organization

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- Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association
- Stevens Square Community Organization
- Tangletown Neighborhood Association
- Ventura Village
- Victory Neighborhood Association
- Waite Park Community Council
- Webber-Camden Neighborhood Organization
- West Bank Community Coalition / Cedar-Riverside NRP
- West Calhoun Neighborhood Council
- Whittier Alliance
- Windom Community Council
- Windom Park Citizens in Action

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### 8. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey!

We are very grateful for your time and thoughtful input. Thank you! For more information, or to share your thoughts, please contact your neighborhood specialist at NCR, or Robert Thompson at (612) 673-2523, or [robert.thompson@minneapolis.gov](mailto:robert.thompson@minneapolis.gov)