

Staff Report

Agenda Item: Draft Guidelines for Review of NRP Funds and Community Engagement Process

Title:

Action Discussion Informational

Date: May 12, 2015

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Attachments: Draft Guidelines on Review of NRP Funds; Draft Community Engagement Plan

Requested Action

Review and share your thoughts on the draft Guidelines for Use of NRP Funds

Background

On November 17, 2014, the Health, Environment and Community Engagement Committee of the Minneapolis City Council directed NCR staff 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.” Staff are to present a draft policy recommendation to Council no later than May 31, 2015.

In October 2014, NCR reported to the City Council, the NRP Policy Board, and the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission that, \$226,094,965.00 was allocated to NRP Phase I and Phase II neighborhood plans between 1991 and 2014. Neighborhood investments earned an additional \$24,583,670.99 in program income, for a total amount of \$250,678,636 obligated through approved NRP Plans. As of the end of July 2014, \$29,163,062 of Phase I and Phase II funds remained unexpended, and \$14,038,309 remained uncontracted.

Discussion

NCR staff has developed a draft community engagement plan and draft guidelines (see attached documents).

NCR staff has created a web page dedicated to this process at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ncr/programs/WCMS1P-139963>.

For reasonable accommodations or alternative formats please contact the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department at 612-673-3737. People who are deaf or hard of hearing can use a relay service to call 311 at 612-673-3000. TTY users call 612-673-2157 or 612-673-2626.

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NCR staff has developed an online survey to gather initial input and comments from neighborhood organizations. Updates, feedback, and survey responses will be posted on the web page. As of May 18, 2015, 75 individuals have responded to the survey.

A 45-day review comment begins on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, and will close on Friday, June 26, 2015.

NCR Staff has scheduled two meetings at the Crown Roller Mill Building on the evenings of May 14, 2015 and June 16, 2015 to provide information, answer questions, and listen to suggestions and concerns. The May 14 meeting was attended by 11 residents.

The NRP Policy Board will review and adopt final draft of Guidelines at their July 2015 meeting prior to transmittal to City Council.

Recommendation

None at this time. NCR staff will provide a report and update on community engagement and responses at the JUNE NCEC meeting.

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