



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

Date: April 29, 2014

To: Honorable Lisa Goodman, Chair, Community Development and
Regulatory Services Committee

Referral to: Honorable John Quincy, Chair, Ways and Means/Budget Committee

Subject: City of Minneapolis 2014 HUD Housing Opportunities for Persons with
AIDS (HOPWA) RFP grant applications (2) for funding approval

Recommendation:

- 1.) Approve funding from the City's 2014 HOPWA grant to Metropolitan Council Housing & Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA) not to exceed \$510,000, and Minnesota AIDS Project (MAP) not to exceed \$520,000, and,**
- 2.) Authorize appropriate City staff to execute the contracts with Metro HRA and MAP necessary to implement the City's 2014 HOPWA grant.**

Previous Directives: 2013R-572 December 11, 2013, Council Adopted 2014 City Budget authorizing proper City officers to execute and/or amend contracts to carry out the intent of the 2014 Consolidated Plan program allocations including CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA entitlement grants.

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Presenters in Committee: Peter O'Toole, Principal Resource Coordinator

Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval: February 27, 2014
- Policy Review Group (PRG): n/a

Financial Impact

- No financial impact
- Other financial impact: None

- Request provided to the Finance Department through PRC and 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 for the 13 County eligible metropolitan statistical area (ESMA)

Supporting Information:

Each year, Minneapolis receives formula HOPWA funds from HUD. Minneapolis is responsible for identifying the needs and distributing these funds across the 13-county metropolitan area, including two counties in Wisconsin. To achieve this undertaking, the City of Minneapolis solicits applications annually for HOPWA funding through an RFP announced approximately at the end of February each year.

Upon receipt of the applications, approximately during the second week of April, a review committee consisting of the staff from the City of Minneapolis Office of Grants & Special Projects, Department of Health, Community Planning & Economic Development (CPED), and Hennepin County reviews and ranks applications based on eligibility consistent with tenant-based housing priorities determined by the Minnesota HIV Housing Coalition and the City of Minneapolis HUD-approved Consolidated Plan.

This year, however, there was no need for the review committee to rank the proposals because only two applications were received and both seek to renew existing HOPWA programming. Since the applications propose to continue eligible programming consistent with a full continuum of case management, and they provide supportive service access and tenant-based housing to persons at risk of homelessness living with HIV/AIDS, the proposals are recommended for funding.

Metropolitan Council and MAP are recommended for continued funding for direct housing assistance at levels proportionately equivalent to that of prior years. Both proposals address the funding priorities of the Minnesota HIV Housing Coalition and the City of Minneapolis' HUD-approved Consolidated Plan.