

City of Minneapolis

Request for Committee Action

To: Transportation & Public Works
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File Type: Action
Subcategory: Grant

Subject:

The Big Jump Project Letter of Interest

Description:

Authorizing the submission of a letter of interest indicating the City's intent to apply for The Big Jump Project, a grant opportunity from People for Bikes.

Previous Actions:

None.

Ward/Address:

All

Background/Analysis:

The City will submit a notice of intent to People for Bikes in anticipation of submitting an application for The Big Jump project. The Big Jump project is a grant opportunity from People for Bikes to help 10 U.S. communities double or triple bicycle ridership by building a network of safe and comfortable places to ride and engaging the community. Applying communities should have "ambitious plans to implement an interconnected network of low-stress biking" by 2020 within a defined geographical focus area.

The project runs from 2017-2019 and includes a support package of technical expertise, funding for outreach and engagement, and evaluation. The support package value is estimated by People for Bikes to be \$450,000. There are additional opportunities for small target grants to assist with the implementation of bicycle networks and community-based support programs valued at \$5,000-\$25,000 each. Local matching funds are encouraged, but not required. People for Bikes expects the lead applicant contact will need to devote an average of 2 hours per week to Big Jump Project business throughout the project period.

Public Works is in the process of identifying a geographical focus area with consideration for programmed bikeway projects, opportunities for community partnerships, and equity criteria. Due to the high-density network of protected bikeways planned over the next three years, the potential focus area may be either in the Whittier and Phillips neighborhoods or surrounding the University of Minnesota.

Key dates:

- August 18, 2016: Letters of interest due
- October 28, 2016: Application due
- Early 2017: Applicants notified of award
- 2017-2019: Program duration

More information is available on the People for Bikes website:

www.peopleforbikes.org/pages/the-big-jump-project-application

Financial Review:

No financial impact.