



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the City Attorney's Office

**Date:** December 6, 2013

**To:** Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair, Ways & Means/Budget Committee

**Subject:** Acceptance of Grant from the Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District and Authorization to enter into a second amended agreement.

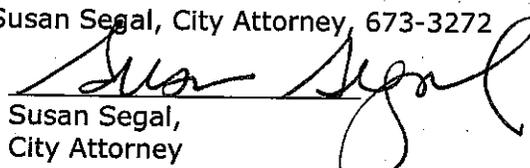
**Recommendation:** Authorize acceptance of a grant in the amount of up to \$195,000 for 2014 from the Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District for the Downtown 100 and Focus 18/24 initiative; and authorize the proper City officials to execute a second amendment to include these funds and to extend the term of the agreement to December 31, 2014 for continuation of the downtown chronic offender prosecution program ("Downtown 100") and Focus 18/24.

**Previous Directives:**

On January 29, 2010, the City Council authorized acceptance of Downtown Improvement District ("DID") Grant Award in the amount of \$85,000 for calendar year 2010; February 11, 2011, the City Council authorized acceptance of DID Grant Award in the amount of \$150,000 for calendar year 2011; on May 25, 2012, the City Council authorized acceptance of a \$150,000 grant from DID for calendar year 2012; and on April 12, 2013, the City Council authorized acceptance of DID Grant Award in the amount of \$175,000 for calendar year 2013 for the Downtown 100 chronic offender prosecution program and for Focus 18/24, a new initiative focused on young adults.

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Approved by

  
Susan Segal,  
City Attorney

Presenter in Committee: Susan Segal

**Permanent Review Committee (PRC)** Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Not Applicable   x  

**Note:** The policy Review Group is a committee co-chaired by the City Clerk and the City Coordinator that must review all requests related to establishing or changing enterprise policies.

**Financial Impact (Check those that apply)**

- No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the \_\_\_\_\_ Capital Budget or \_\_\_\_\_ Operating Budget (01300-1400100) in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ spread over a two-year period.
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase to the CAO Operating Budget (01300-1400100), in the amount of \$195,000.00 for calendar year 2014.
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves.
- Business Plan: \_\_\_\_\_ Action is within the plan. \_\_\_\_\_ Actions requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

### **Community Impact**

City Goals – A Safe Place to Call Home

### **Background/Supporting Information**

The Downtown Improvement District ("DID") is providing grant funding in calendar year 2014 to continue the Downtown 100 initiative and the Focus 18/24 initiative. The purpose of the Downtown 100 initiative is to reduce crime and improve public perceptions of the safety of Downtown Minneapolis through an intense, team-based prosecution approach for the most chronic livability property and drug crime offenders in the Downtown area. The initiative will involve a cooperative effort between the Minneapolis City Attorney's Office, the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, Hennepin County Community Corrections, the Minneapolis Police Department, the DID and its subsidiary, Safe Zone and other downtown community members and stakeholders.

Focus 18/24 is an adjunct to the Downtown 100 program. It focuses on young adults aged 18 to 24 who have a pattern of criminal conduct within downtown Minneapolis primarily involving property, drug, assault and livability offenses. This initiative utilizes a similar holistic approach as the Downtown 100. The strategic team includes MPD, the City Attorney's Office, Hennepin County Attorney's Office, Hennepin County Community Corrections, SafeZone, downtown neighborhood associations and downtown business representatives along with YouthLink and other non-profit partners.

The 2014 grant will support the existing Downtown 100 prosecutor and probation officer and Focus 18/24 support. Increased funding will be utilized to expand the Focus 18/24 initiative.