



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the Office of the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department

**Date:** January 5, 2014  
**To:** Council Member Cam Gordon, Chair, Health, and Environment & Community Engagement Committee  
**Referral to:** City Council  
**Subject:** 2015 One Minneapolis Fund

### Recommendation:

- 1) Authorize the NCR Director to issue a request for proposals for the 2015 One Minneapolis Fund and further authorize the NCR Director and other City officials to execute all necessary contracts associated with the One Minneapolis Fund.
- 2) Authorize the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission to review proposals for funding from the 2015 One Minneapolis Fund and make recommendations to the City Council on funding awards.

### Department Information

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Presenters in Committee: David Rubedor

**Financial Impact:** Funding for the One Minneapolis Fund is included in the 2015 NCR Budget. No further authorization is necessary.

### Community Impact

**City Goal:** *Many People, One Minneapolis.* The City has established the goal of reducing disparities in income, housing and education among racial and cultural communities in Minneapolis. One strategy for achieving this goal is to strengthen organizations working with racial and cultural communities. The One Minneapolis Fund is one means of providing resources to those organizations to promote leadership development and the promotion of civic engagement among the communities served by cultural organizations.

## **Supporting Information**

The One Minneapolis Fund is a City funded grant program established to support organizations serving under represented communities in the city. The focus of the program is on leadership development and building engagement within those communities. Organizations eligible for the program are those which do not receive funding through the traditional neighborhood funding programs.

For 2015, \$182,000 is available for the Fund. This is an increase from the \$80,000 available in 2014. The Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission has developed the attached request for proposals (RFP) for the third year of the program. In this RFP applicants may apply for funding from two groups:

Group A - \$15,000 maximum grant: The category is for projects intended for leadership development projects intended to train people for positions on City boards and commissions as well as neighborhood organizations or similar groups.

Group B - \$25,000 maximum grant: This group is for leadership training projects for specific target audiences, including youth, renters, people experiencing homelessness, African- American and American Indian communities.

This RFP would be distributed widely among non-profit community organizations serving Minneapolis residents. It is recommended that the Commission be authorized to review proposals and determine the projects to be funded. Program administration is the responsibility of NCR and Development Finance staffs.