RESOLUTION
By Goodman and Quincy

Identifying the Need for Livable Communities Demonstration Account Funding and Authorizing Applications for Grant Funds.

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis is a participant in the Livable Communities Act's Housing Incentives Program for 2016 as determined by the Metropolitan Council, and is therefore eligible to apply for Livable Communities Demonstration Account funds; and

Whereas, the City has identified proposed projects within the City that meet the Demonstration Account's purposes and criteria and are consistent with and promote the purposes of the Metropolitan Livable Communities Act and the policies of the Metropolitan Council's adopted metropolitan development guide; and

Whereas, the City has the institutional, managerial and financial capability to ensure adequate project administration; and

Whereas, the City certifies that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the grant agreements; and

Whereas, the City agrees to act as legal sponsor for the projects contained in the grant applications to be submitted by July 2016; and

Whereas, the City acknowledges Livable Communities Demonstration Account grants are intended to fund projects or project components that can serve as models, examples or prototypes for development or redevelopment projects elsewhere in the region, and therefore represents that the proposed projects or key components of the proposed projects can be replicated in other metropolitan-area communities; and

Whereas, only a limited amount of grant funding is available through the Metropolitan Council's Livable Communities Demonstration Account during each funding cycle and the Metropolitan Council has determined it is appropriate to allocate those scarce grant funds only to eligible projects that would not occur without the availability of Demonstration Account grant funding; and

Whereas, cities may submit grant applications for up to three projects during each funding cycle for LCDA Development Grants and Pre-Development Grants combined, but, using the cities' own internal ranking processes, must rank their projects by priority so the Metropolitan Council may consider those priority rankings as it reviews applications and makes grant awards;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That after appropriate examination and consideration, the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

1. Finds that it is in the best interests of the City's development goals and priorities for the proposed projects to occur at these particular sites at this particular time.

2. Finds that the project components for which Livable Communities Demonstration Account funding is sought:

(a) will not occur solely through private or other public investment within the reasonably foreseeable future; and

(b) will occur within three years after the grant award only if Livable Communities Demonstration Account funding is made available for these projects at this time.

3. Ranks the project funding applications, according to the City's own internal priorities, in the following order:

Development Grants

Priority	Project Name	Grant Amount Requested
1	West Broadway Curve Phase II	$1,108,000
2	The Siwek Development	$1,300,000
3	Sabathani Senior Housing	$1,400,000

4. Represents that the City has undertaken reasonable and good faith efforts to procure funding for the project components for which Livable Communities Demonstration Account funding is sought but was not able to find or secure from other sources funding that is necessary for project component completion within three years and states that this representation is based on the following reasons and supporting facts:

West Broadway Curve Phase II: LCDA is a primary funding source for the uses requested in the application. The requested elements may not be of the quality or demonstration value possible, without an award of LCDA funds.

The Siwek Development: LCDA is a primary funding source for the uses requested in the application. The requested elements may not be of the quality or demonstration value possible, without an award of LCDA funds.

Sabathani Senior Housing: LCDA is a primary funding source for the uses requested in the application. The requested elements may not be of the quality or demonstration value possible, without an award of LCDA funds.

5. Authorizes its Director of the Department of Community Planning and Economic Development to submit on behalf of the City applications for Metropolitan Council Livable Communities Demonstration Account grant funds for the project components identified in the applications and, upon acceptance of any awards by the City Council, its Finance Officer or designee to execute such agreements as may be necessary to implement the projects on behalf of the City.