

City of Minneapolis Request for Committee Action

To: Community Development & Regulatory Services
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From: Community Planning & Economic Development
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File Type: Action
Subcategory: Contract/Agreement

Subject:

Contract amendment with Minnesota Homeownership Center for financial wellness counseling services administered by the Minnesota Homeownership Center.

Description:

1. Authorizing an increase to contract C-35981 (official contract #) with the Minnesota Homeownership Center by \$50,000, for a not-to-exceed total of \$300,000, for the financial wellness counseling services by a network of counseling agencies.
2. Authorizing the use of \$50,000 to support the financial wellness counseling services from Fund (01SRF)—Residential Housing.

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Previous Actions:

On May 27, 2016, the City Council approved the Minnesota Homeownership Center as counseling administrator for homeownership, foreclosure prevention, and financial wellness counseling services ([16-00690](#)).

Ward/Address:

All Wards

Background/Analysis:

The City Council previously approved a contract with the Minnesota Homeownership Center for homeownership, foreclosure prevention and financial wellness counseling services.

Staff is requesting approval to increase the funding by \$50,000 for the financial wellness counseling services, raising the total amount of funds from \$85,000 to \$135,000. The financial wellness services will be provided to participants that:

- have demonstrable barriers to achieving homeownership and a likely path to addressing such barriers
- have adequate income needed to support homeownership or will achieve adequate income through the support of financial wellness services
- have a primary goal of obtaining homeownership and are willing to make a commitment to work with the financial wellness counseling service provider to achieve homeownership

Homeownership and financial wellness counseling services will be provided by a select network of Minneapolis organizations that work with low income renters and within the following communities of color:

- African American
- East African
- Southeast Asian
- Latino
- Native American

The additional funds will increase the opportunity for sustainable homeownership for low income renters and communities of color in Minneapolis.

Financial Review:

No additional appropriation required, amount included in current budget. Financial wellness counseling services are an eligible use of these funds budgeted for administration and program services.