

# Request for MCDA Board of Commissioners Action from the Department of Community Planning & Economic Development - CPED

Date: May 20, 2008

To: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Community Development Committee

Referral to: MCDA Board of Commissioners

**Subject:** A Public Hearing and Request for Preliminary and Final Approval of up to \$2,000,000 in 501(c)(3) Bank Qualified Bank Direct Tax-exempt Minneapolis Community Development Agency Revenue Bonds for the YWCA.

**Recommendation:** City Council Recommendation: Adopt the attached Resolution, giving Preliminary and Final Approval to the issuance of up to \$2,000,000 in Tax-exempt 501(c)(3) Bank Qualified Bank Direct Minneapolis Community Development Agency Revenue Bonds, Series 2008, for the YWCA.

**MCDA Board Recommendation:** Forward this report to the Minneapolis Community Development Agency Board of Commissioners for their approval and adoption of the attached Resolution giving Preliminary and Final Approval of up to \$2,000,000 in Tax-exempt 501(c)(3) Bank Qualified Bank Direct Revenue Bonds, Series 2008, for the YWCA.

**Previous Directives:** None

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Catherine A. Polasky, Director, Economic Development _____
Presenters in Committee: Charles Curtis

## Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval N.A. Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Financial Impact

- Other financial impact: The issuance of revenue bonds for the YWCA will generate revenue bond administrative fees of approximately \$5,000 a year that are used to support the small business assistance programs of the City of Minneapolis.

## Community Impact

- Neighborhood Notification: The East Isles representatives have been notified of this project.

- City Goals: This project promotes a healthy environment and healthy lifestyles and enhances the communities.
- Sustainability Targets: N.A.
- Comprehensive Plan: The project is in compliance with the policies of the Minneapolis Plan.
- Zoning Code: The project is in compliance.
- Living Wage/Business Subsidy Agreement Yes \_\_\_\_ No X All conduit revenue bonds allocated under State Statute Chapter 474A, refunding bonds and 501 ( c )( 3 ) bonds are exempt from the State Act. City bond financing is not subject to the City’s local Ordinance if the intent of the bond financing is not to create jobs.
- Job Linkage Yes \_\_\_\_ No X
- Other: N.A.

**Supporting Information**

**Project Location & Description:**

The YWCA is a 117 year old Minnesota non-profit 501 ( c )( 3 ) corporation. The mission of the YWCA of Minneapolis is to empower women and girls and eliminate racism. Its efforts are focused on health and fitness, early childhood education, youth development, public policy and racial justice.

The proposed project at the facility located at 2808 Hennepin Avenue would upgrade the HVAC system for better ventilation and energy efficiencies, convert one gym to a fitness area to double available space, convert the pool to ultraviolet with less chloramines, increase the size of the family locker room and repair the roof.

**Type of Financing:**

Industrial Development Bonds (commonly known as IDB’s or tax-exempt revenue bonds) have been used by the City of Minneapolis since 1972 to finance the capital needs of many small companies and organizations. In 2003, the City of Minneapolis developed a financing program to provide cost-effective tax-exempt financing for small 501 ( c )( 3 ) nonprofit organizations. Tax-exempt revenue bonds have often not been a practical financing option for small organizations in the past due to the high costs of borrowing. Providing a streamlined application and documentation process has resulted in lower borrowing costs for nonprofits.

Within the existing federal tax code, there is the ability to issue bank qualified debt that local lenders can purchase and take advantage of the partial tax deduction of the interest earnings. With the bank qualified status, banks are allowed to deduct 80% of their “carrying costs” (interest paid on the borrowed funds to purchase bonds) associated with buying tax-exempt bonds. Banks, therefore, can get the dual benefits of tax-exemption and deductibility of carrying costs. This translates into lower borrowing costs for the nonprofit organizations that work with a city (issuer) on the issuance of bank qualified bank direct bonds. Tax-exempt revenue bonds are underwritten and collateralized just like any conventional bank loan. The bank approval process for the revenue bond program does not differ from conventional financing.

The issuance of bank qualified bank direct tax-exempt revenue bonds is limited to issuers who issue less than \$10 million a year in revenue bonds. Based on this limitation, the MCDA has the ability to issue bank qualified bank direct tax-exempt revenue bonds.

The bonds for the YWCA project will be underwritten and purchased by Wells Fargo Bank.

Sources of funds:

MCDA Bonds \$2,000,000  
 YWCA 550,000

Uses of funds:

Building improvements \$1,900,000  
 Equipment 600,000  
 Costs of Issuance 50,000



YWCA: N.A.

Tax-exempt Institution

Refinancing is permitted when new jobs are created or when a significant number of jobs is preserved; any interest cost savings must directly reduce patient costs.

YWCA: Not a refinancing. All jobs will be preserved.

IRB CAP:

The project is not subject to the volume cap, in that the project is exempt from income tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) for its exempt purposes and is classified, thereunder, as a non-profit organization.

BOND COUNSEL:

Gray, Plant & Mooty

UNDERWRITER:

Wells Fargo Bank

**Resolution**  
**of the**  
**City of Minneapolis**

Giving preliminary and final approval to and authorizing the financing of a project on behalf of YWCA of Minneapolis (the “Company”), and authorizing the issuance of a revenue bond of the Minneapolis Community Development Agency therefor.

Whereas, pursuant to Laws of Minnesota 1980, Chapter 595, as amended (“Chapter 595”), the City Council of the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota (the “City”) established the Minneapolis Community Development Agency (the “Agency”) and granted certain powers and duties to the Agency; and

Whereas, pursuant to such granted powers, the Agency has been authorized to issue revenue obligations for various purposes; and

Whereas, it has been proposed that the Agency issue a revenue bond in the amount of \$2,000,000 (the “Bond”) to finance the renovation and equipping of the Company’s community program and health and fitness facility located at 2808 Hennepin Avenue South in the City; and

Whereas, the Agency expects to give final approval to the issuance of the Bond by a resolution to be adopted on the date hereof; and

Whereas, the Bond shall bear interest at an initial interest rate expected to not exceed 5.50% per annum, shall have a final maturity date not later than December 31, 2018, and shall have such other terms as required or permitted by the Agency’s resolution, which terms are to be incorporated herein by reference;

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

That the City Council hereby gives preliminary and final approval to the issuance by the Agency of the Bond in a principal amount of \$2,000,000 for the purpose of financing the renovations and equipment described above.

That the Bond is hereby designated as a “Program Bond” and is determined to be within the “Economic Development Program” and the “Program,” all as defined in Resolution 88R-021 of the City adopted January 29, 1988, and as amended by Resolution 97R-402 of the City adopted December 12, 1997.

**Resolution**

**of the**

**MCDA Bd of Commissioners**

**Relating to the Minneapolis Community Development Agency Revenue Bond (YWCA of Minneapolis Project) Series 2008; authorizing the issuance thereof pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.152 to 469.1651, as amended.**

Be It Resolved by the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of the Minneapolis Community Development Agency (the "Agency"), as follows:

Section 1. Definitions.

1.01. In this Resolution the following terms have the following respective meanings unless the context hereof or use herein clearly requires otherwise:

"Act" means Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.152 to 469.1651, as amended;

"Agreement" means the Loan Agreement to be entered into between the Agency and the Company relating to the Bond;

"Bond" means the Revenue Bond (YWCA of Minneapolis Project), Series 2008 to be issued by the Agency pursuant to this Resolution in the principal amount of \$2,000,000;

"Bond Documents" means the Agreement, the Pledge Agreement and the Bond;

"City" means the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota;

"Company" means YWCA of Minneapolis, a Minnesota nonprofit corporation, its successors and assigns;

"Holder" means the registered holder of the Bond;

"Pledge Agreement" means the Pledge Agreement to be entered into between the Agency and the Holder relating to the Agreement and the Bond;

"Project" means the renovation and equipping of the Company's community program and health and fitness facility located at 2808 Hennepin Avenue South in the City;

"Resolution" means this resolution of the Agency.

## Section 2. Findings.

2.01. It is hereby found and declared that:

(a) based upon representations made to the Agency by representatives of the Company as to the nature of the Project as described in the Agreement, the Project constitutes a project authorized by the Act;

(b) the purpose of the Project is and the effect thereof is to promote the provision of nonprofit facilities;

(c) the financing of the Project, the issuance and sale of the Bond, the execution and delivery of the Bond Documents and the performance of all covenants and agreements of the Agency contained in the Bond Documents and of all other acts and things required under the Constitution and laws of the State of Minnesota to make the Bond Documents valid and binding obligations of the Agency in accordance with their terms are authorized by the Act;

(d) it is desirable that the Bond be issued by the Agency upon the terms set forth herein and that the Agency pledge its interest in the Agreement and grant a security interest therein to the Holder as security for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bond;

(e) the payments contained in the Agreement are fixed and are required to be revised from time to time as necessary, so as to produce income and revenue sufficient to provide for prompt payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bond when due, and the Agreement also provides that the Company is required to pay all expenses of the operation and maintenance of the Project, including, but not limited to, adequate insurance thereon and all taxes and special assessments levied upon or with respect to the Project and payable during the term of the Agreement;

(f) under the provisions of the Act, the Bond is not to be payable from nor charged upon any funds of the Agency or City other than the revenue pledged to the payment thereof; the Agency and City are not subject to any liability thereon; no Holder of the Bond shall ever have the right to compel any exercise of the taxing power of the Agency or City to pay the Bond or the interest thereon nor to enforce payment thereof against any property of the Agency or City; the Bond, premium, if any, and interest thereon shall not constitute an indebtedness of the Agency or City within the meaning of any constitutional, charter or statutory limitation and shall not constitute or give rise to a pecuniary liability of the Agency or City or a charge against their general credit or taxing powers and shall not constitute a charge, lien or encumbrance, legal or equitable, upon any property of the Agency or City;

(g) the execution and delivery of the Bond Documents shall not conflict with or constitute, on the part of the Agency, a breach of or a default under any existing agreement, indenture, mortgage, lease or other instrument to which the Agency is subject or is a party or by which it is bound; provided that this finding is made solely for the purpose of estopping the Agency from denying the validity of the Bond Documents by reason of the existence of any facts contrary to this finding;

(h) no litigation is pending or, to the best knowledge of the members of this Board, threatened against the Agency questioning the organization of the Agency or the right of any officer of the Agency to hold his or her office or in any manner questioning the right and power of the Agency to execute and deliver the Bond or otherwise questioning the validity of the Bond or the execution, delivery or validity of the Bond Documents or questioning the pledge of revenues to payment of the Bond or the right of the Agency to make available the proceeds of the Bond to the Company;

(i) all acts and things required under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Minnesota to make the Bond Documents the valid and binding limited obligations of the Agency in accordance with their terms shall have been done upon adoption of this Resolution and execution of the Bond Documents; provided that this finding is made solely for the purpose of estopping the Agency from denying the validity of the Bond Documents by reason of the existence of any facts contrary to this finding; and

(j) the Agency is duly organized and existing under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Minnesota and is authorized to issue the Bond in accordance with the Act.

### Section 3. Authorization and Approval of Documents.

3.01. Authorization. The Agency is authorized by the Act to issue revenue bonds and enter into revenue agreements to finance the acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of facilities constituting a "project" as defined in the Act, and to make all contracts, execute all instruments and do all things necessary or convenient in the exercise of such authority.

3.02. Approval of Documents. Pursuant to the foregoing, there have been prepared copies of the following documents, all of which are now or shall be placed on file in the office of the Agency:

- (a) the Agreement;
- (b) the Pledge Agreement; and
- (c) the Bond.

The forms of the documents listed above are approved, with such variations, insertions and additions as are deemed appropriate by the parties and approved by the Agency.

#### Section 4. Execution of Bond Documents.

4.01. Upon the completion of the Bond Documents approved in Section 3.02 hereof and the execution thereof by the other parties thereto, the Executive Director (or Deputy Executive Director) and the Finance Officer (or Assistant Finance Officer) shall execute the same on behalf of the Agency, and the foregoing persons and other officers of the Agency shall execute such other certifications, documents or instruments as bond counsel shall require, subject to the approval of the Agency, and all certifications, recitals and representations therein shall constitute the certificates, recitals and representations of the Agency. Execution of any instrument or document by one or more appropriate officers of the Agency shall constitute and shall be deemed the conclusive evidence of the approval and authorization by the Agency and the Board of the instrument or document so executed.

#### Section 5. The Bond.

5.01. Form and Authorized Amount. The Bond shall be issued substantially in the form on file with the Agency on the date hereof with such appropriate variations, omissions and insertions as are permitted or required by this Resolution. The terms of the Bond are set forth therein, and such terms, including, but not limited to, provisions as to interest rate, dates and amount of payment of principal and interest and prepayment privileges, are incorporated by reference herein. The Bond shall bear an initial interest rate that does not exceed 5.50% per annum. The Bond shall mature on or before December 31, 2018.

5.02. Execution. The Bond shall be executed on behalf of the Agency by the persons described in Section 4.01 hereof. In case any officer whose signature shall appear on the Bond shall cease to be such officer before the delivery thereof, such signature shall, nevertheless, be valid and sufficient for all purposes.

5.03. Delivery and Use of Proceeds. Prior to delivery of the Bond, the documents referred to in Section 3.02 hereof shall be completed and executed in form and substance as approved by the Agency. The Agency shall thereupon deliver to the Holder the Bond together with a certified copy of this Resolution and such closing certificates as are required by bond counsel.

#### Section 6. Limitations of the Agency's and City's Obligations.

6.01. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Bond Documents, the Bond and any premium and interest thereon shall not constitute an indebtedness of the Agency or City within the meaning of any constitutional, charter or statutory limitation and shall not constitute or give rise to a pecuniary liability of the Agency or City or a charge against their general credit or taxing powers and shall not constitute a charge, lien, or encumbrance, legal or equitable, upon any property of the Agency or City, and no Holder of the Bond shall ever have the right to compel any exercise of the taxing power of the Agency or City to pay the Bond or the interest thereon or to enforce payment thereof against any property of the Agency or City. The agreement of the Agency to perform the covenants and other provisions contained in this Resolution or the Bond Documents shall be subject at all times to the availability of revenues furnished by the Company sufficient to pay all costs of such performance or the enforcement thereof, and neither the Agency or City nor any of their officers, employees or agents shall be subject to any personal or pecuniary liability thereon.

Section 7. Agency Representative.

7.01. The Finance Officer or Assistant Finance Officer of the Agency is hereby designated and authorized to act on behalf of the Agency for purposes of the Bond Documents.

Section 8. Governmental Program.

8.01. The Bond is hereby designated as a "Program Bond" and is determined to be within the "Economic Development Program" and the "Program," all as defined in Resolution 88R-021 of the City adopted January 29, 1988, and as amended by Resolution 97R-402 of the City adopted December 12, 1997.

Section 9. Bank Qualification.

9.01. In order to qualify the Bond as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the Agency makes the following representations:

(a) The Agency hereby designates the Bond as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code;

(b) The reasonably anticipated amount of tax-exempt obligations (other than obligations described in clause (ii) of Section 265(b)(3)(C) of the Code) which will be issued by the Agency (and all subordinate entities whose obligations will be aggregated with those of the Agency) during this calendar year 2008 will not exceed \$10,000,000; and

(c) Not more than \$10,000,000 of tax-exempt obligations issued by the Agency during this calendar year 2008 have been designated as qualified tax-exempt obligations for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.