



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Community Planning & Economic Development**

Date: December 4, 2008

To: Council Member Gary Schiff, Chair of Zoning and Planning Committee

Referral to: Ways and Means Committee, December 8, 2008

Subject: Accept federal grant through Minnesota Historical Society to conduct historic resource survey and appropriate CPED-Planning division budget

Recommendation:

- 1) Authorize acceptance of the federal Certified Local Government (CLG) grant, administered by the State Historic Preservation Office of the Minnesota Historical Society to revise the City's survey of historic properties in parts of Seward, Longfellow, Cooper, Howe, and Hiawatha neighborhoods
- 2) Amend the General Appropriation Resolution by increasing the Community Planning and Economic Development agency Federal Fund (0300-890-8962) by \$16,000
- 3) Increase the Revenue Budget for the Community Planning and Economic Development agency Federal Fund (0300-890-8962-3210) by \$16,000
- 4) Authorize City to enter into Professional Services Agreement with selected contractor as a result of RFP process

Previous Directives: City Council approved authorizing application for Certified Local Government grant, February 1, 2008 to conduct a historic resource survey in parts of Seward, Longfellow, Cooper, Howe, and Hiawatha neighborhoods.

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Approved by: Jack Byers, Supervisor, Planning _____

Presenter(s) in Committee: Molly McCartney

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Seward Neighborhood Group and Longfellow Community Council have been notified of Historic Resource survey

Ward: 2, 9, 12

City Goals: Consistent with the following goal:

ENRICHED ENVIRONMENT

In five years there will be plentiful green spaces, public gathering areas, celebrated historic architectural features and urban forests in Minneapolis; lakes, rivers and the soil and air will be clean; the city's parks and the Mississippi riverfront will be valued and utilized; opportunities to experience diverse cultures and the arts will abound; and usage of renewable energy will be increasing.

Comprehensive Plan: Consistent with the following policy of The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth

Policy 8.2: Continue to evaluate potential historic resources for future studies and designation as the city ages.

Background/Supporting Information:

The Certified Local Government (CLG) grant is a federal grant administered through the Minnesota State Historic preservation Office of the MN Historical Society. Since 1983, as a Certified Local Government, the City of Minneapolis has been eligible to apply for, and has received grants for projects such as historic theme studies, landmark designations, and historic resource surveys. The proposed grant application is part of a long-term plan to survey historic resources throughout the City of Minneapolis. In 1999, the Preservation study Group of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) concluded that the existing citywide historic resources inventory should be updated, and devised a plan for gathering funds. Since 2000, the City applied for, and received CLG funds for historic resource surveys of several areas of Minneapolis.

The Minnesota Historical Society approved a request for \$16,000. CPED is requesting that the City accept the grant for \$16,000. CPED will match the grant with \$16,000 within the department budget. Application for matching federal funds and RFP process was previously approved by Council on February 1, 2008.

Attachments:

- Attachment A. April 9, 2008 Award letter from the Minnesota Historical Society for the CLG grant
- Attachment B. February 1, 2008, City Council actions approval authorizing application for Certified Local Government grant to conduct a historic resource survey in parts of Seward, Longfellow, Cooper, Howe, and Hiawatha neighborhoods.
- Attachment C. Map of 2008-2009, Historic Resource Survey area