

Recommended Projects – 2016 Innovation Fund

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<p><i>Developing a guide and conducting training sessions on hosting community events/festivals in Saint Paul.</i></p> <p><i>Lead Organization: District 2 Community Council</i></p> <p>Compile a manual on community events planning in Saint Paul. The manual will be available in print and downloadable from several City department webpages as well as the Minnesota Festival and Events Association site and the St Paul Festival Association. The manual will focus on the many regulations and considerations an event planner or district council staff encounters when planning and facilitating an event in the City of St Paul. This grant would also fund the development and hosting of a series of four trainings citywide based on the manual.</p>	<p>Steering committee members representing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – District Councils 1,2,3,6, and 14 – White Bear Avenue Business Association – Phalen Corridor Business Association – Saint Paul Police Community Services – Saint Paul Department of Safety and Inspections <p>Manual content providers representing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Saint Paul Police Community Services – Saint Paul Department of Safety and Inspections – Environmental Coordinator, Saint Paul Public Works Department – Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Department – Minnesota Department of Health <p>Training participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Saint Paul district councils, Saint Paul ethnic and neighborhood business associations and other nonprofit organizations planning events in Saint Paul 	<p align="right">\$17,000</p>
<p><i>District Council Community Engagement Assessment</i></p> <p><i>Lead Organization: Union Park District Council (District 13)</i></p> <p>Coordinate a series of in-depth conversations with District Council staff and boards from at least ten district councils to explore how these organizations frame their work and arrive at a deeper understanding of impact and potential.</p> <p>Research and observe different models of city-wide community engagement to arrive at examples of strong community engagement models and a set of best practices.</p> <p>This project will parallel City of Saint Paul’s examination of their civic engagement systems.</p>	<p>Steering committee members representing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Project leads : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Hamline Midway Coalition (District 11) o Union Park District Council (District 13) o Macalester Groveland Community Council (District 14) – Staff from up to seven additional district councils <p>Board members from up to 10 district councils and staff from up to 17 district councils.</p> <p>Mayor’s Office of the City of Saint Paul</p> <p>Civic engagement staff in selected cities</p>	<p align="right">\$45,700</p>

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<p><i>District Council Database/Mapping Project</i></p> <p><i>Lead Organization: Union Park District Council (District 13)</i></p> <p>The mapping tool and associated database are designed to help identify and connect residents around common interests and relevant issues, and to assist District Councils and the City to be more effective and targeted in our outreach. The tool was originally developed with a McKnight Foundation grant. The project involves updating the tool and implementing it in ten district councils.</p> <p>Mapped data will help participating district councils identify neighborhood assets and challenges, make better connections between residents and issues and provide the opportunity for district councils to identify residents with common concerns across district council boundaries.</p>	<p>Participation by 10 district councils confirmed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – District 1 Community Council – District 2 Community Council – West Side Community Organization (District 3) – Dayton’s Bluff Community Council (District 4) – Payne Phalen District 5 Planning Council – Summit-University Planning Council (District 8) – Hamline Midway Coalition (District 11) – Union Park District Council (District 13) – Macalester Groveland Community Council (District 14) – Summit Hill Association (District 16) <p>City of Saint Paul staff from several departments, including Saint Paul Planning and Economic Development</p> <p>Nonprofit research technical assistance organizations, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minnesota Compass - University of Minnesota Center for Urban and Regional Affairs 	<p align="right">\$13,775</p>