

**HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA**

REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONERS

DATE: August 12, 2015

REGARDING: AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN ROUND 9 OF THE NATIONAL FORECLOSURE MITIGATION COUNSELING PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE MINNESOTA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY AND ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE MINNESOTA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE PREVENTION COUNSELING. (CITYWIDE)

Requested Board Action

1. Authorization to participate in Round 9 of the National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling Program (NMFC) administered by the MHFA for the contract period July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.
2. Authorization to accept a grant from MHFA in an amount not to exceed \$6,600 for the Foreclosure Counseling Program. The program will receive \$6,000 of program counseling funds and \$600 of program related support funds.

Background

Saint Paul’s Department of Planning & Economic Development (PED) has been a HUD-approved Housing Counseling Agency for over 29 years and provides mortgage foreclosure counseling and financial budgeting to Saint Paul residents.

Our foreclosure counselors provided mortgage foreclosure prevention counseling to the following number of households:

October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010	1,472
October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011	667
October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012	601
October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013	315
October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015	204

We have participated in eight previous rounds of the federal government National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling Program administered by the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. We

have received grant awards totaling \$667,795 through Round 8 to support the mortgage foreclosure prevention program.

Budget Action

NA

Future Action

NA

Financing Structure

NA

PED Credit Committee Review

NA

Compliance

NA

Green/Sustainable Development

NA

Public Purpose/Comprehensive Plan Conformance

The public purpose is to assist Saint Paul homeowners with mortgage foreclosure prevention counseling to help homeowners stay in their homes.

Recommendation:

The Executive Director of the HRA recommends the HRA Board authorizes participation in Round 9 of the NMFC program and acceptance of the grant funds.

Sponsored by: Commissioner Brendmoen

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