

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

REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONERS

DATE: December 11, 2013

**REGARDING: AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A \$250.00 GIFT DONATION FOR THE
READY FOR RAIL FORGIVABLE LOAN PROGRAM LOAN POOL.**

Requested Board Action

Authorize the acceptance of a \$250.00 gift donation for the Ready for Rail Forgivable Loan Program Loan Pool.

Background

The Ready for Rail Forgivable Loan Program was recognized in October with a 2013 Community Development Award from Twin Cities Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) and the Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD). U.S. Bank was a presenting sponsor of the awards and provided each winner with a \$250 donation.

The Ready for Rail Forgivable Loan Program was recognized as a Program/Initiative in the awards program that recognized people, projects, organizations, initiatives, and programs that have substantially contributed to the field of community development in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area by demonstrating innovation, collaboration, inspiration and vision.

Partners in the Ready for Rail Forgivable Loan Program include the Saint Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority, City of Minneapolis, Metropolitan Council, Central Corridor Funders Collaborative, Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers, and the Neighborhood Development Center.

The program has had a significant impact on businesses located along the Central Corridor Green Line, providing loan assistance during light rail construction. Over \$3.6 million has been lent to 200 businesses; no-interest loans ranged from \$1,105 to \$20,000. Nearly two-thirds of the businesses assisted were owned by people of color. Thirty-six reported pre-construction monthly sales of less than \$5,000.

Budget Action

Increase Ready for Rail Forgivable Loan Program budget by \$250.

Future Action

No further action will be required.

Financing Structure

NA

PED Credit Committee Review

NA

Compliance

NA

Green/Sustainable Development

NA

Environmental Impact Disclosure

NA

Historic Preservation

NA

Public Purpose/Comprehensive Plan Conformance

NA

Statement of the Chairman

NA

Recommendation:

The Executive Director recommends approval of the acceptance of this gift donation in accordance with the attached resolution.

Sponsored by: Commissioner Thune

Staff: Sara Swenson (651-266-6575)

Attachments

- **Attachment A -- Resolution**
- **Attachment B – Financial Analysis Sheet**