



CITY OF SAINT PAUL
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Carter
Council President Brendmoen
Members of the City Council

FROM: Derek Anders-Turner, Vice Chair *DEAT*
Neighborhood STAR Board

DATE: March 16, 2018

SUBJECT: Request for Neighborhood STAR Funding Change

Background

In 2017, The Union Gospel Mission Association of Saint Paul was awarded a \$45,000 grant through the Neighborhood STAR Program for roof renovations to the Bethel Men's Homeless Shelter. Matching funds of \$97,000 were pledged to this initiative. Out of the 31 proposals received in 2017, the roofing project was ranked 18 out of the 19 projects recommended for funding.

Presentation

On March 14, 2018, Barb Martenson, Grants and Development Advisor and Greg Verley, Facilities Director for the Union Gospel Mission, presented their request to change the use of their 2017 STAR award due to the success of their capital campaign dedicated to the roof project, enough funds were received to completely re-roof the building. Since the shelter serves a high number of Saint Paul's homeless population, the current bathrooms do not cover the high volume of use. Therefore, their request is to utilize STAR funds to remove a closet in order to expand both the women's and men's bathrooms to potentially double the number of stalls available.

Recommendation

After discussion on the merits of this organization and the numerous benefits they provide to our homeless community, the STAR Board voted to recommend the change in use of STAR dollars as requested.

Thank you for your continued support and assistance. If you have questions, or if staff can provide you with additional information, please call: Michele Swanson, x66574 or Austria Castillo, x66691

CC: Barb Martenson

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