

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

REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONERS

DATE: AUGUST 13, 2014

REGARDING: AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) AS A SUB GRANTEE OF THE MINNESOTA HOME OWNERSHIP CENTER (MNHOC) FOR FUNDING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR COUNSELORS FOR THE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE PREVENTION PROGRAM. (CITYWIDE)

Requested Board Action

Authorization to accept \$27,500 grant for Comprehensive Counseling from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as a Sub Grantee of the Minnesota Home Ownership Center to conduct a housing counseling program for the contract period October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014.

Background

Saint Paul’s Department of Planning & Economic Development (PED) has been a HUD-approved Housing Counseling Agency for over 28 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 over the past HUD contracts:

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

In the past years, we have applied directly to HUD for grants for the Comprehensive Counseling funding which includes; first time homebuyer education, foreclosure prevention counseling, financial literacy, reverse mortgage counseling and rental housing counseling. HUD amended the NOFA requirements; partnerships and network organizations would score higher for funding. MNHOC with the Minnesota network of HUD approved counseling agencies applied for the Comprehensive Counseling funding. MNHOC was awarded \$555,073 for the 20 Minnesota network agencies providing Comprehensive Counseling.

Budget Action

NA

Future Action

NA

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

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 HRA Board acceptance of the grant funds.

Sponsored by: Commissioner Brendmoen

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Attachments

- **Attachment A -- Resolution**