

Memorandum

To: Policy Board Members and Alternates

From: Robert D. Miller, Director

Date: April 13, 2004

Subject: Final Payment to the Youth Coordinating Board

When NRP began in 1990, the Minneapolis City Council included in the ordinances establishing the program the obligation to provide \$200,000 per year from NRP's revenues to the Youth Coordinating Board. This commitment was discontinued, effective in 2004, with the passage of the revised Chapter 419 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances on August 22, 2003.

All of the required payments have been made to the YCB with the exception of a remaining uncommitted balance of \$65,000 from the 2003 allocation. As many of you will remember, the Board discussion on the transfer and use of this fund in 2002 was extensive. After much debate and discussion the Board chose to authorize the immediate transfer of \$135,000 to the YCB for fiscal year 2003 "for transitional purposes". The remaining \$ 65,000 was "reserved for joint approval by the YCB and the Policy Board for mutually agreed upon projects".

Since the middle of last spring, the YCB has been trying to develop a proposal consistent with its mission and purpose that would be acceptable to the Policy Board. They have prepared several program proposals and offered them to neighborhood representatives for review and comment. These efforts have consumed considerable amounts of YCB time, NRP time and time from the organizations developing the possible programs for implementation. The neighborhood representatives to the Policy Board have agreed to support the use of the remaining 2003 funds for a neighborhood youth resources mapping project and a neighborhood data collection effort by the YCB of neighborhood identified youth needs.

In an effort to provide needed resources in a timely and effective manner, with minimal delays during the period when activities for young people are most needed, I am recommending that the Policy Board move forward and provide the YCB with its final appropriation of \$65,000. The YCB would be required to report back to the Board by March 31, 2005 on the results achieved from NRP's commitment and the benefits that accrued to the neighborhoods.

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I am recommending action on the following resolutions:

RESOLVED: That the NRP Policy Board (Board) approves the transfer of \$65,000 of NRP funds from fund CNR0 to the Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board (YCB) for youth activities that benefit neighborhoods as the final payment on its 2003 commitment to the YCB;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That these funds be used to map neighborhood resources for young people and solicit neighborhood organization ideas on the services, programs and activities for young people that are needed in their neighborhood; and,

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the YCB shall report back to the Board by March 31, 2005 on the uses of these funds and the specific benefits received by neighborhoods.