

## Memorandum

To: Policy Board Members and Alternates

From: Robert D. Miller, Director, NRP

Date: May 11, 2004

Subject: Hennepin County "Second 7.5%" NRP funds for Bryant Neighborhood

The Bryant Neighborhood Action Plan was adopted by the Policy Board on January 30, 1995. City Council approval for the plan occurred on February 24, 1995. In the Youth and Family Services section, the second objective was to connect neighborhood residents with Hennepin County Services.

The Bryant Neighborhood Organization has approved the use of \$12,500 of their Hennepin County "Second 7.5%" NRP funds to partially fund planning for the expansion of the Bryant Village Initiative (BVI) to include families. This expanded approach will include dealing with families who are highly involved with involuntary County services. It is expected that these families will have multiple dilemmas and a history of involuntary County involvement, primarily with child protection and corrections. The initial families involved in this project will likely be those whose youth are already involved with BVI's youth initiative.

Based upon the request of the neighborhood and my review of this request, I find that this is an appropriate use for these funds and I recommend that the Policy Board adopted the following resolution.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board hereby approves the use of up to \$12,500 of Hennepin County "Second 7.5%" NRP funds to support the Bryant Village Initiative expansion project from May 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004; and,

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That this approval is contingent upon final approval by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners; and,

**RESOLVED FURTHER:** That the effective date of this approval will be May 1, 2004.

Request for Board Action 04-222- 2004  
05/05/04 - Resolution Adopted on 05/04/04

| County Administrators RBA Type: |  
| Recommendation: Routine RBA  
| Recommend Approval Reason:  
| | NRP funding request

| Originating Department: Human Is your department composing this |  
| Services - Resource Development RBA on behalf of another |  
| Originating Division: department? No

Immediate Approval? |-----|  
| (\*) No |  
( ) Yes

Item:

Bryant Neighborhood Organization \$12,500 County Neighborhood Revitalization  
Program (second 7.5%) funding request

Distribution:

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Board Action Requested:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners approves the Bryant Neighborhood  
Organization \$12,500 County Neighborhood Revitalization Program (second 7.5%) funding request to partially fund  
the planning for the expansion of the Bryant Village Initiative to include families for the period May 1, 2004 to  
December 31, 2004; and authorizes the Chair of the Board to sign contracts for the release of the funding.

Background:

Resolution 95-10-712R1 established guidelines and a funding allocation formula for Hennepin County  
Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) 2nd 7.5% funding. The maximum funding available to the Bryant  
Neighborhood under the approved County NRP funding formula is \$31,000. The Bryant  
Neighborhood Organization has approved this initial funding request for the Neighborhood to use \$12,500 of the  
\$31,000 to partially fund planning for the expansion of the Bryant Village Initiative to include families.  
The Hennepin County Human Services Department will provide another \$12,500 for the planning for this project  
through an amendment to its contract with Sabathani Community Center, which is acting as the fiscal agent for the  
Bryant Village Initiative. The time period for this expansion project is  
May 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004.

The Bryant Village Initiative (BVI) is working to redesign public services to better respond to community needs and  
issues by having the community redesign and provide ongoing direction for public services. BVI moved services  
from a case management approach to a community building approach involving outreach and organizing. The  
Hennepin County Human Services Department Resource Development Area would like to expand the BVI approach  
to include dealing with families who are highly involved with involuntary County services. Via a demonstration  
project, the Resource Development Area will redesign and provide services in a more effective way to at least 25  
families who voluntarily become part of the project. It is expected that these families have multiple dilemmas and  
have a history of involuntary County involvement, primarily with child protection and corrections. The initial  
families involved in this project will likely be those whose youth are already involved with BVI's youth initiative.

Funding under this contract will be used for organizing in the community, and for beginning the initial phases of planning and coordination of the various parties involved in the project. Activities will include developing materials about the project, identifying the various people, organizations, institutions and resources in the community who should be involved in the project's planning and convincing them to join the project, mapping out the specific details of the project from planning to implementation, and developing a funding and resource development plan that involves funds and other types of support from the public, private, and philanthropic sectors.

The Bryant Neighborhood Organization County second 7.5% funding request meets the guidelines established in Resolution 95-10-712R1. A contract will be executed to release the funding and will require the signature of the Chair of the County Board. Funding will be released by the Minneapolis Community Development Agency upon authorization by Hennepin County, as stipulated in the contract.

Services under this contract will support the Human Services Department result of Safety and Stability - Children and adults are in a safe and stable living environment.

Background Data: On file

Comments:

Approved

Department Status: Approved

Department Coordinator: Coordinator Review Date:

Department Reviewer: | Department Review Date:  
Robert Olander | 04/12/2004

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Deputy/Asst Administrator Status: Approved

| Deputy/Asst Administrator: | Deputy/Asst Administrator Date: |  
| Kristi Lahti-Johnson | 04/16/2004 |

| County RBA Coordinator: | County Coordinator Date: |  
| Melissa Booth | 04/16/2004 |

| County Administrator: | County Administration Date: |  
| Sandy L. Vargas | 04/16/2004 |

| RBA/Resolution Number: | RBA Status: |  
| 04-222 | Adopted |

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| RBA Type: | Referral: |

| Routine RBA | |

| Reason: | |

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| Date Communicated: | Referred to Committee: |  
| 04/20/04 | Budget & Capital Investment |

| Originating Committee: | Sent to Committee Chair: |

| Date of Committee Meeting: | Committee Action: |

04/27/04                      Consent

Date of Board Meeting: 05/04/04

Is this Old Business on the Committee Agenda? No

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04/27/04 - Committee Action: Consent

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04/20/04 - Board Referred to Budget & Capital Investment Committee meeting scheduled for 04/27/04

04/16/2004 - RBA forwarded with County Administrators Approval by Sandy L.

Vargas with a status of Communication

04/16/2004 - Advanced to Sandy L. Vargas - County Administrator with a status of New 04/16/2004 - Request

Approved/Forwarded to County Admin. (Melissa Booth ) by Kristi Lahti-Johnson 04/12/2004 - Request

Approved/Forwarded to County Admin. (Daniel E. Engstrom ) by Robert Olander

04/12/2004 - Request Submitted For Approval by Michael Miller

04/12/2004 - New Request Created by Michael Miller

Additional Readers:

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