

M E M O R A N D U M

To: NRP Policy Board Members and Alternates

From: Robert D. Miller, Director

Date: June 25, 2007

Subject: Hennepin County Second 7.5% for Bryant

On December 13, 2005 the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners, at the request of the Bryant Neighborhood Organization, approved the use of up to \$10,000 of the County's "Second 7.5%" NRP funds which had been allocated for the Bryant Neighborhood to provide funding for the Urban Arts Academy. The Academy provides programs serving children and families to Bryant residents.

The funds were spent in 2006, as contracted, on programs offered as part of the Family and Community Arts program of the Academy and more than 200 residents participated in the offered programs. Unfortunately, the Policy Board was never asked to act on this appropriation of the County's "Second 7.5%" funds and Policy Board approval is required for these funds to be expended. The issue is now before us because the Urban Arts Academy has submitted their invoice for reimbursement of the expenses associated with providing these activities for Bryant. No payment can be made on this contract until the Policy Board approves the use of the funds.

The activities and services provided by the Academy were priorities of the Bryant Neighborhood and this expenditure is an appropriate use of these funds. The failure to provide approval prior to the execution of the contract with the Urban Arts Academy was an unfortunate oversight that must now be corrected. Therefore, I recommend the Policy Board adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board (Board) approves the use of up to \$10,000 of Hennepin County "Second 7.5%" NRP Funds to provide funding for the Urban Arts Academy in support of children and family programs offered by the Academy in the Bryant Neighborhood,

RESOLVED FURTHER: That this approval is retroactive to January 1, 2006 based on the action taken by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners on December 13, 2005.