

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: March 17, 2014

For the Management Committee meeting of April 9, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 23, 2014

Subject: 2014-65 Authorization to Amend the 2014 Unified Budget: First Quarter Amendment

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statute 473.315 for Parks Capital Budget

Staff Prepared/Presented: Nora Riemenschneider, Corridors of Opportunity Project Coordinator;
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Division/Department: Community Development

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council amend the 2014 Unified Budget in accordance with this memorandum and the attached table.

Background

Operating Budget (Carry Forward)

The following item was inadvertently not included in the Carry Forward amendment (Agenda Item No. 2014-34):

\$566,000 Consultant expenses from \$566,000 federal revenues

\$566,000 of the Corridors of Opportunity funding remains of 3-year HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant. This represents funds not yet drawn down for sub-grantee final reimbursements and remaining personnel, fringe and travel expenses.

Capital Budget (Parks)

The proposed capital program and budget amendment includes the following change to the final 2013 Parks capital budget.

2013 Amended Capital Budget as of 12/31/2013	\$21,056,251
Proposed Amendment	\$ 3,025,000
Final Amended Budget	\$24,081,251

Actual capital expenditures for 2013 exceeded the 2013 amended capital budget because of a large \$7.4 million disbursement in December 2013. At the end of December, actual expenditures exceeded the amended capital budget by \$3.0 million, or 14.4 percent. Staff is proposing to amend the final 2013 capital budget to \$24,081,251 so that there is sufficient budget authority to cover the actual expenditures for 2013.

The proposed capital program and budget amendment includes the following changes to the 2014 Parks capital budget for the first quarter.

Reducing Funding Commitments

As a result of reconciling previously authorized grant expenses against revenues, the balance of unobligated Acquisition Opportunity Fund grants financed from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Acquisition Account is adjusted by deducting \$13,107 from State funds and adding \$698,263 of regional bonds.

As a result of reconciling previously authorized grant expenses against revenues, the balance of unobligated Acquisition Opportunity Fund grants financed from the Environmental Trust Fund Acquisition Account is adjusted by deducting \$2,383 of regional bonds.

The net result is a multi-year increase of \$682,773 for both accounts.

Increasing Funding Commitments

There were no grants authorized since the Carry Over Budget Amendment item 2014-34 was approved.

Change in Current Year Expenditures:

The Multi-Year Authorization is increased by \$682,773 as shown in the bottom row of attachment 1 based on the net results of deducting the reduced funding commitments from the increased funding commitments.

Rationale

Operating Budget (Carry Forward)

Staff is recommending this amendment to the 2014 Unified Budget to enable final payment to sub-grantees of the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant along with remaining personnel, fringe and travel expenses.

Capital Budget (Parks)

Staff is proposing to amend the final 2013 Parks capital budget to \$24,081,251 so that there is sufficient budget authority to cover the actual expenditures for 2013.

The amendment to the 2014 Parks capital budget adjusts the balance of unobligated funds for Land Acquisition Opportunity Fund grants based on reconciling previously authorized grant expenses against revenues

Funding

Operating Budget (Carry Forward)

The Community Development Division ended 2013 with a positive fund balance (unaudited) reflecting the delay in the payments to the sub-grantees and other remaining personnel, fringe and travel expenses.

Capital Budget (Parks)

The 2013 budget amendment and 2014 budget amendment are financed with State appropriations and Metropolitan Council bonds.

Known Support / Opposition

The grants are consistent with legislative and Metropolitan Council policies/requirements. There is no known opposition to the amendment.

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Attachment 1

Item 2014-65

Agency	Park/Trail	Description	CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED			PROPOSED CHANGES			AMENDED			2014	Multi-Year	
			State	Regional	Total	State	Regional	Total	State	Regional	Total	Budget	Authorization	
		PARKS AND OPEN SPACE												
												Original Adopted	\$ 25,450,082	\$ 106,084,538
												After Prior Amendments	\$ 25,575,082	\$ 106,084,538
												After This Amendment	\$ 25,575,082	\$ 106,767,311
		RP=Regional Park, PR=Park Reserve, RT=Regional Trail												
		Reducing Funding Commitments												
		Grants that were completed and closed out												
					\$ -			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
					\$ -			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
		Subtotal - Closed Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
		Beginning Balance of Unobligated Land Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grants												
		Park and Trails Legacy Fund Acquisition Account (FY 2011, 2012, 2013 and FY 2014 appropriation)												
		Adjust Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Balance from Agenda Item 2014-34 reconciling grant expenses with grant revenues	\$ 577,982	\$ 2,165,791	\$ 2,743,773	\$ (13,107)	\$ 698,263	\$ 685,156	\$ 564,875	\$ 2,864,054	\$ 3,428,929		\$ 685,156	
		Environmental Trust Fund Acquisition Account (FY 2010, FY 2012 and FY 2013 appropriation)												
		Adjust Environmental Trust Fund Balance from Agenda Item 2014-34 reconciling grant expenses with grant revenues	\$ 3,424	\$ 2,383	\$ 5,807	\$ -	\$ (2,383)	\$ (2,383)	\$ 3,424	\$ -	\$ 3,424		\$ (2,383)	
		Subtotal Acquisition Account Changes	\$ 581,406	\$ 2,168,174	\$ 2,749,580	\$ (13,107)	\$ 695,880	\$ 682,773	\$ 568,299	\$ 2,864,054	\$ 3,432,353	\$ -	\$ 682,773	
		Increasing Funding Commitments												
		Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Acquisition Account												
			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
		Subtotal Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Acquisition Account	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
		Subtotal New Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
		PARKS AND OPEN SPACE TOTAL	\$ 581,406	\$ 2,168,174	\$ 2,749,580	\$ (13,107)	\$ 695,880	\$ 682,773	\$ 568,299	\$ 2,864,054	\$ 3,432,353	\$ -	\$ 682,773	