

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: February 19, 2013

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 13, 2013

Subject: Amend Metropolitan Council 2013 Unified Operating Budget – Carry Forward

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statute 473.13 – Council Budget Requirements

Staff Prepared/Presented: Beth Reetz, Director, Housing and Livable Communities

Division/Department: Community Development

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council amend the 2013 Unified Operating Budget as indicated below.

Background

During the first quarter of each year, staff requests changes to the Unified Operating Budget adopted by the Council the previous December. Requests are to continue or complete projects initiated in the previous year. This amendment carries forward previously budgeted expenses from the 2012 Unified Operating Budget to the 2013 Unified Operating Budget. The changes are described below:

1. \$68,100 , Janna King, Economic Development Services, under current contract for economic competitiveness study. Work began in 2012 but will be completed and payment made in 2013.
2. \$50,350, Citilabs, under contract for Forecast Model. Some work completed in 2012, but will be completed in 2013.
3. \$78,300, Parsons Brinckerhoff, under contract for Transit Oriented Development Strategic Action Plan. Work began in 2012, but will be completed in 2013.
4. \$50,000 for visualization and illustration work to support Thrive MSP 2040. Budgeted in 2012, but will be completed in 2013. No contract at this time.
5. 98,350 for an outside writer for the Thrive MSP 2040 plan. Budgeted in 2012, but will be completed in 2013. No contract at this time.
6. \$10,000 for focus group research on use of and barriers to use of regional parks and trails by communities of color. Budgeted in 2012, but will be completed in 2013. No contract at this time.

This request will also be presented to the Management Committee on February 27, 2013 as part of a consolidated request.

Rationale

Staff is recommending the following revisions to the 2013 budget to complete essential Department work.

Funding

General Fund Operations, which includes Community Development, ended 2012 with a positive fund balance (unaudited) reflecting the delay in the requested activities/projects.

Known Support / Opposition

None