

Metropolitan Council

Meeting date: July 10, 2013

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 10, 2013

Subject: Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate a sub-grant of the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant to PB Placemaking for \$30,000.

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: N/A

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Division/Department: All

Proposed Action

Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate a sub-grant of the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant to PB Placemaking for \$30,000.

Background

The Council began the TOD Strategic Action Plan in early 2012 with the following objectives:

- Identify appropriate roles for the Council in TOD in relation to its partners, and
- Identify a set of action steps to implement these roles.

Over the course of 2012 and early 2013, a consultant team from PB Placemaking, Center for Transit-oriented Development (CTOD) and Parsons Brinckerhoff worked with a staff team and large group of external stakeholders toward these objectives, resulting in a final report. After the Metropolitan Council formally receives this report, staff will begin implementation. This sub-grant would enable continued support from PB Placemaking for implementation of the TOD Strategic Action Plan.

Rationale

GB Arrington from GB Placemaking was a key consultant in the development of the TOD Strategic Action Plan. Mr. Arrington's experiences in developing this plan, as well as his background as TOD Manager for TriMet in Portland, uniquely position him to work with the Council and its partners on implementation.

Funding

The proposed funding source for engaging PB Placemaking is the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant. This is an appropriate and eligible use of the HUD grant, which seeks to implement sustainable development throughout the region.

The proposed \$30,000 in funds are derived from the following specific sources within the \$5 million HUD grant: (1) funds that were originally budgeted for staff but not utilized and (2) funds originally budgeted for projects that were subsequently cancelled. The sub-grant will be executed after Council action and will terminate on December 31, 2013.

Known Support / Opposition

None.