



REPORT/RECOMMENDATION

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| To: MAYOR AND COUNCIL | Agenda Item <u>No. IV. C.</u> |
| From: Scott Neal City Manager | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Information |
| Date: August 21, 2012 | |
| Subject: APPOINTMENTS TO THE 2012 HUMAN SERVICES TASK FORCE | |

ACTION REQUESTED:

That the following seven members of the City Council's advisory boards and commissions be appointed to serve on the 2012 Human Services Task Force for the purpose of developing a proposed budget for 2013:

- Art Center Board: Hafed Bouassida, Barbara LaValleur and Ray Meifert
- Energy & Environment Commission: Bob Gubrud
- Heritage Preservation Board: Colleen Curran
- Human Rights & Relations Commission: Russ Stanton
- Transportation Commission: Ann Braden

INFORMATION/BACKGROUND:

For the second year since the Human Rights & Relations Commission stepped aside from the role of reviewing proposals and recommending funding for human services, the advisory boards and commissions self-appointed members for Council's approval to serve on the 2012 Human Services Task Force. Its mission will be to study the proposals submitted for 2013 funding, conduct a providers' hearing and develop a proposed 2013 human services budget for the City Council's consideration. The Task Force will meet three times in October to complete its work and prepare for the presentation to the City Council on November 5th.

ATTACHMENTS:

- City Manager's memo to advisory board and commission members
- Press release for 2013 human services funding

Good Afternoon –

Each year the City appropriates approximately \$80,000 from its General Fund to pay human services agencies to provide outsourced services to Edina residents. In the past, the process for appropriating these funds started with a publicly advertised RFP, which then led to a review & recommendation process at the Human Rights & Relations Commission (HRRC) and ended finally with an approval by the City Council.

Last year, the HRRC asked the Council to consider changing the process for making this budget decision. The Council agreed to the request. Instead of that function being done by the HRRC, it was completed by a new body called the Human Services Task Force, which is being created once again to look at funding for 2013. The 2011 Task Force Members were Ann Braden, Transportation Commission; Colleen Curran, Heritage Preservation Board; Carolyn Peterson, Community Health Committee; Louise Segreto, Park Board; and Russ Stanton, Human Rights and Relations Commission. They did an awesome job! And now I'm looking for a 2012 Task Force to become engaged in this important process.

The 2012 Human Services Task Force will again consist of one representative from each of our official advisory boards and commissions. The task force will be created for this process only, and then it will be dissolved. It will come together for three Wednesday meetings in October and a City Council Work Session in November:

- 1) Wednesday, October 3rd, 5:30-8:00 PM (meal provided), to review the proposals for 2013 funding;
- 2) Wednesday, October 17th, 5:00-9:00 PM (meal provided), to hear from the providers who have requested funding;
- 3) Wednesday, October 31st, 6:30-9:00 PM, to form and approve a recommendation for 2013 human services funding; and
- 4) Monday, November 5th, 5:00-7:00 PM, to bring the recommendation for 2013 human services funding to the City Council for discussion.

I'm hoping to hear that a number of you are interested in being appointed to this year's Human Services Task Force. Please give it thoughtful consideration and check in with last year's team members about their experience. The goal is to have the 2012 Task Force determined by August 31st for appointment at the September 4th City Council meeting. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are willing to serve in this capacity.

Gratefully,



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Human Services Task Force Accepts Proposals for 2013 Funding

Edina, Minn., July 6, 2012 – The City of Edina’s Human Services Task Force is seeking proposals for 2013 human services funding. The task force, made up of members of Edina’s advisory boards and commissions, will make recommendations on human services funding to the Edina City Council.

Human services providers may submit proposals for 2013 funding of their services, indicating how they intend to meet the needs of Edina residents. Applicants will be invited to a public hearing Oct. 17 to make short presentations supporting their funding requests. At the hearing, applicants will introduce their organizations and briefly share how they serve the Edina population, how the requested funds will be spent and what other sources of funding the organization expects to receive.

Requests and proposals for 2013 funding are due 4:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31. For more information or to request an application, contact Executive Assistant Susan Howl, 952-826-0403, or visit www.EdinaMN.gov/Finance.