

**Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association
Neighborhood Priority Plan**

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Plan Development

The highest priority for the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association continues to be the implementation of the organization's NRP Phase II Action Plan. The DMNA developed the plan using neighborhood input gathered over a multi-year period using a variety of methods from surveys to focus groups to community charrettes. The neighborhood approved the plan in December of 2010. The Phase II Action Plan outlines numerous goals and objectives designed to strengthen and improve the health and overall livability of the downtown community. Additional funding is necessary to fully implement the action plan.

Proposed Neighborhood Priority Plan

The Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association proposes the \$235,038.98 in NPP funds be contracted to continue the following NRP Phase II Goals and Objectives. These Goals and Objectives have proven to be most desired and or feasible by DMNA constituents:

Arts, Culture and Education (\$45,000)

Goal 1: The DMNA will work to ensure there are arts, cultural and educational opportunities easily accessible to people of all ages and diverse backgrounds.

Objective 1: Support efforts to increase or expand the availability of arts, cultural and educational resources and activities to people living, working or visiting the Downtown community.

Strategy 1.1.1.1: Assist with, support, and contribute to the creation of the Minnesota Planetarium and Space Discovery Center at the Hennepin County Central Library. Funds may also be used for other arts, cultural and educational programs.

Crime and Safety (\$50,879)

Goal 1: The DMNA will work to ensure that the Downtown community is a safe place to live, work, learn and play.

Objective 1: Support efforts to improve the perception of safety in the Downtown community.

Strategy 2.1.1.1: Continue to support safety initiatives that help improve the perception of safety (e.g., bike, foot and mounted patrol, National Night Out, and/or other programming opportunities that may present themselves).

Objective 2: Support initiatives that help reduce and or eliminate nuisance crime in the Downtown community.

Strategy 2.1.2.1: Continue to support safety initiatives that help reduce and or eliminate nuisance crime in the Downtown community (e.g., Court Watch/Downtown 100, Restorative Justice, SafeZone Collaborative, and/or other programming opportunities that may present themselves).

Downtown Development (\$89,159.98)

Goal 1: The DMNA will work to ensure that the Downtown community is a clean, attractive and vibrant place to live, work, learn and play.

Objective 3: Improve the walk-ability and accessibility of the Downtown community.

Strategy 3.1.3.1: Support initiatives that improve pedestrian access and make the Downtown community more pedestrian and handicap friendly.

Objective 5: Improve and expand green spaces in the Downtown community, particularly in the residential areas of the neighborhoods.

Strategy 3.1.5.1: Support efforts to improve and expand green spaces in the Downtown community, particularly in the residential areas of the neighborhoods.

Housing (\$50,000)

Goal 1: The DMNA will work to maintain and build upon the strength, vitality and stability of the neighborhood by providing a variety of housing opportunities to meet the needs of all members of the community.

Objective 4: Support efforts to reduce and/or eliminate homelessness in the Downtown community.

Strategy 4.1.4.1: Provide financial support to organizations working toward ending homelessness in the Downtown community.

Contracting the DMNA's Neighborhood Priorities Plan funds as outlined above responds to the community's most important needs and priorities.