

From the LHENA Executive Committee:

- **Motion B:** Allocate \$125,016.76 in NRP funds to administrative contract (community vote)
 - Motion to approve allocating \$125,016.76 in uncontracted NRP funds to LHENA's administrative contract (staff, office, communications).

The Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) was designed to “make the city's residential areas better places to live, work, learn and play.” NRP is an investment program that began in the 1990s and continued through the early 2000s, resulting in neighborhood organizations receiving funds to address community needs and objectives. The NRP program has sunset, but funds remain. Traditionally, neighborhoods have used NRP funds for housing, safety, economic development, recreation, health, social service, environment and transportation needs. Additionally, NRP funds are used for staffing, engagement, and communications. In 2018, LHENA and its members voted to allocate \$150,000 in NRP program income into an administrative contract to help fund our current outreach manager position.

Currently, LHENA has \$125,016.76 remaining in uncontracted NRP funds combined between phase 1 ('90s) and phase 2 (2000s). This means that this money has not been allocated to any specific neighborhood program dating back nearly 30 years. LHENA has roughly \$500k in contracted NRP funds, mostly tied to its loan programs.

After hiring its first full-time executive director three years ago and outreach manager one year later, the LHENA board and executive committee has expressed a desire to maintain staff in 2021 and beyond in some capacity after considerable progress in LHENA's capacity to support the neighborhood, its member growth, and shoring up internal processes/policies.

The initial 2018 funding allocation for the outreach manager position will exhaust this fall, and current CPP funding levels* from the city in 2021 and beyond are uncertain. With this in mind, the LHENA board and executive committee opted to use its remaining uncontracted NRP funds for administrative expenses. To do so, the allocation of \$125,016.76 will be put to a member vote.

*LHENA has received \$63k in CPP funds from the city each of the past three years. The City has proposed substantially cutting funding for neighborhood organizations beginning in 2021. LHENA's 2020 budget was \$152k.