

C Community Development Committee
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 28, 2012

Item: 2012-90

Date Prepared: March 21, 2012

Subject: City of Mahtomedi Request to Change the Grantee, Mahtomedi
Redevelopment Initiative, SG011-146

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council change the name of the grantee from the City of Mahtomedi to the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority for the Livable Communities Demonstration Account award to the Mahtomedi Redevelopment Initiative, SG011-146.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Committee members had no questions, and the motion passed unanimously without discussion.

Meeting date: March 19, 2012

For the Council Meeting of March 28, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	March 13, 2012
Subject:	City of Mahtomedi Request to Change the Grantee, Mahtomedi Redevelopment Initiative, SG011-146
District(s), Member(s):	12 – Harry Melander
Policy/Legal Reference:	MN Statutes Sec. 473.25 Livable Communities Act
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Deb Jensen, Livable Communities Grant Coordinator, 651.602.1554
Division/Department:	Community Development / Livable Communities

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Background

The Council awarded \$1,030,000 in Livable Communities Demonstration Account funds to the City of Mahtomedi for its Redevelopment Initiative on December 14, 2011. The application for the Redevelopment Initiative project was completed jointly between the City of Mahtomedi (City) and the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA). Since the time of the award, the City has determined that it would be more efficient for the HRA to administer the award, stating in their attached amendment request that the HRA is negotiating directly with the property owner for the purchase of the redevelopment site and will contract directly with a project developer.

Rationale

Staff supports the change in grantee, because the HRA will be the entity most directly involved in the work. Adding another layer of administration through the City will increase overall public costs and slow processing time. The HRA is an eligible recipient of Livable Communities funds. Both the HRA and the City have signed the amendment request, and the City has provided a resolution of support for the change.

Funding

This action will have no impact on funding.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.