

CITY OF OVERLAND PARK

Intra-City Communication

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

June 15, 2010

To: Mayor Carl Gerlach
Council President Dave Janson
Members of the City Council

From: Bill Ebel
Director Planning and Development Services

Re: Memorandum Agreement for an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

Policy Issue: City policy requires Governing Body acceptance of Memorandum Agreements

Recommendation: Staff recommends accepting the Memorandum Agreement with the City of Kansas City, Missouri for a total maximum amount 12% of \$77,000 or \$9,240.

Background: An analysis of impediments to fair housing choice was required by HUD within one year of the effective date of the Consolidated Plan Rule (1995). Entitlement Grantees are required to certify they will affirmatively further the policies of the Fair Housing Act and are therefore strongly encouraged to annually update their analysis of impediments as a condition of receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement funds. Grantees are also to take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and to maintain records reflecting the analysis and related actions.

A number of local jurisdictions in the Kansas City region are jointly contracting by Memorandum Agreement with Kansas City, Missouri to secure impediments to fair housing choice analysis for their respective communities under a single contract.

Completing this study will meet the expectation to update the analysis of impediments in the Consolidated Plan. Each jurisdiction is agreeing to pay a computed pro-rata share of the contract cost.

Budget Impact: Funding for Overland Park's portion of the contract for services, \$9,240, is provided from the administrative costs portion of the CDBG grant.

Attachment: Memorandum Agreement with Kansas City, MO.