



SUPPLEMENTAL

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Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Albert Balagso

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: 09-21-06

Approved

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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE, PROCESS, AND EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR THE 2007-2008 HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS VENTURE FUND (HNVF) APPLICATION CYCLE 8

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REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM

This supplemental memorandum is to provide additional information requested by the Rules Committee on September 20, 2006.

ANALYSIS

The HNMF Committee met on the following dates. All meetings were publicly noticed and at each of the meetings the public had an opportunity to speak. All meeting materials were sent to applicants and interested parties via e-mail prior to August 2006 and via notification including a link to the HNMF website after August 1, 2006.

Date	Time	Location of meeting
THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2006	4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.	Council Chambers
MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2006	4:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.	Council Chambers
MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2006	4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.	Northside Community Center
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2006	4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2006	4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2006	4:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.	Council Chambers

International Children's Assistance Network (ICAN) sent correspondence for and participated in the public comment at the June 21, 2006 and August 16, 2006 HNVF meetings.

On September 18 and 19, 2006, Deputy City Manager, Mark Linder, met with representatives from ICAN and listened to their issues. ICAN's issues and staff responses are detailed below:

ICAN Concern #1: The \$25,000 cap on new projects for Fiscal Year 06-07 came at the end of the process and was not part of the initial application information. This is unfair to the new groups.

Staff Response: The HNVF application did not specify exact funding amounts for new projects. Funding options were presented to the Committee in April 2006 for discussion and public comment. The Committee made their funding recommendation in May 2006.

ICAN Concern #2: ICAN should be treated as an ongoing organization for Fiscal Year 07-08 funding rather than have a \$37,500 cap for the second year of a new program.

Staff Response: ICAN will be considered a returning pilot project and may request a 50% maximum increase for a total request of \$37,500. Ongoing organizations, not returning pilot projects, will be capped at a 5% increase. If ICAN was considered an ongoing organization their maximum request would be \$26,250 (25,000 x 5%).

ICAN Concern #3: The HNVF Committee changed the Past Performance criteria for Fiscal Year 06-07 at the last minute, which resulted in more groups being eligible for funding.

Staff Response: The committee did change a component of past performance. The Committee relaxed the past performance criteria due to agency concerns. This was beneficial for agencies, allowing them to be more competitive in the process.

ICAN Concern #4: HNVF should be a venture fund that encourages innovative ideas to address community needs.

Staff Response: The committee discontinued the "innovative" category in Cycle 7 for 2006-2007. In past cycles, the innovation category confused the process because of challenges in defining "innovative."

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ICAN Concern #5: The needs of immigrant communities are continually changing and HNVF should be flexible to adjust funding to align with these needs.

Staff Response: Staff is currently exploring alternative ways to direct, allocate and manage HNVF resources through a results based accountability model (San Jose BEST model).



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