

# Memo

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**From:** Joe Kohlmann, City Administrator  
**Date:** February 10, 2015  
**Re:** WeCan's Annual Application for CDBG Funding

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Each year (since 2000) the City receives a request from the Western Communities Action Network (WeCan) to support their request for CDBG funding.

As in previous years, the City has sent a letter of support. Attached are the following:

1. Request from WeCan for letter of support
2. Draft letter of support for Council's review
3. Map of Hennepin County outlining WeCan's service area which includes Tonka Bay
4. Chart showing 2014 statistics

**Council Action Requested:**

Motion to authorize the City Administrator to send a letter of support on behalf of the City Council.



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January 8, 2014

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Dear Mayor De La Vega and City Council,

On behalf of Western Communities Action Network (WeCAN), I am asking the City of Tonka Bay to support our application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Pool fund for 2015 with a resolution and/or a letter of recommendation.

WeCAN is your community-based social service organization who mission is to work in a personalized manner with individuals and families to enhance their stability and self-sufficiency. Our vision is that our neighbors will thrive in a vibrant community with full access to resources and support services.

WeCAN provides emergency rent/mortgage/utility assistance, family support programs, job counseling, Meals-on-Wheels and referrals for other services needed by our low-income clients. We also offer space for clients to meet Hennepin County outreach workers, WIC, CAPSH, Employment Action Center workers, and Adult Basic Education classes (GED and ELL). Our newest program, the Mobile Market, is successfully delivering food to those that cannot access a traditional food shelf, mainly seniors and those with disabilities. We also provide kid-friendly food bags to children during school breaks.

Your support for our application is vital to our organization receiving these funds.

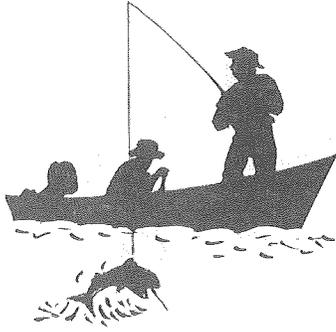
The deadline for your resolution and/or a letter of recommendation is **February 18, 2015**. I have included sample documents for you to use. Please feel free to call or email me with any questions, or to arrange a presentation for the council or staff. I look forward to our continued partnership and we make our community a better place for all.

Sincerely,

Christie Larson  
Executive Director

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# City of Tonka Bay

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February 11, 2015

Consolidated Pool CDBG  
Application Review Committee  
c/o Jim Ford  
Hennepin County Housing, Community Works and Transit  
417 North Fifth Street #320  
Minneapolis MN 55104-1362

Dear CDBG Application Review Committee

I am writing on behalf of the City Council of the City of Tonka Bay in support of the application by WeCAN for funding through the CDBG Program.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of February 10, 2015, the Tonka Bay City Council expressed its support for the WeCAN CDBG application and directed that a letter be sent to the Consolidated Pool Committee.

WeCAN provides a variety of essential services to low income residents in western Hennepin County which includes Tonka Bay. It is important that WeCAN continue to receive financial support through the CDBG program.

Sincerely,

Joseph Kohlmann  
City Administrator

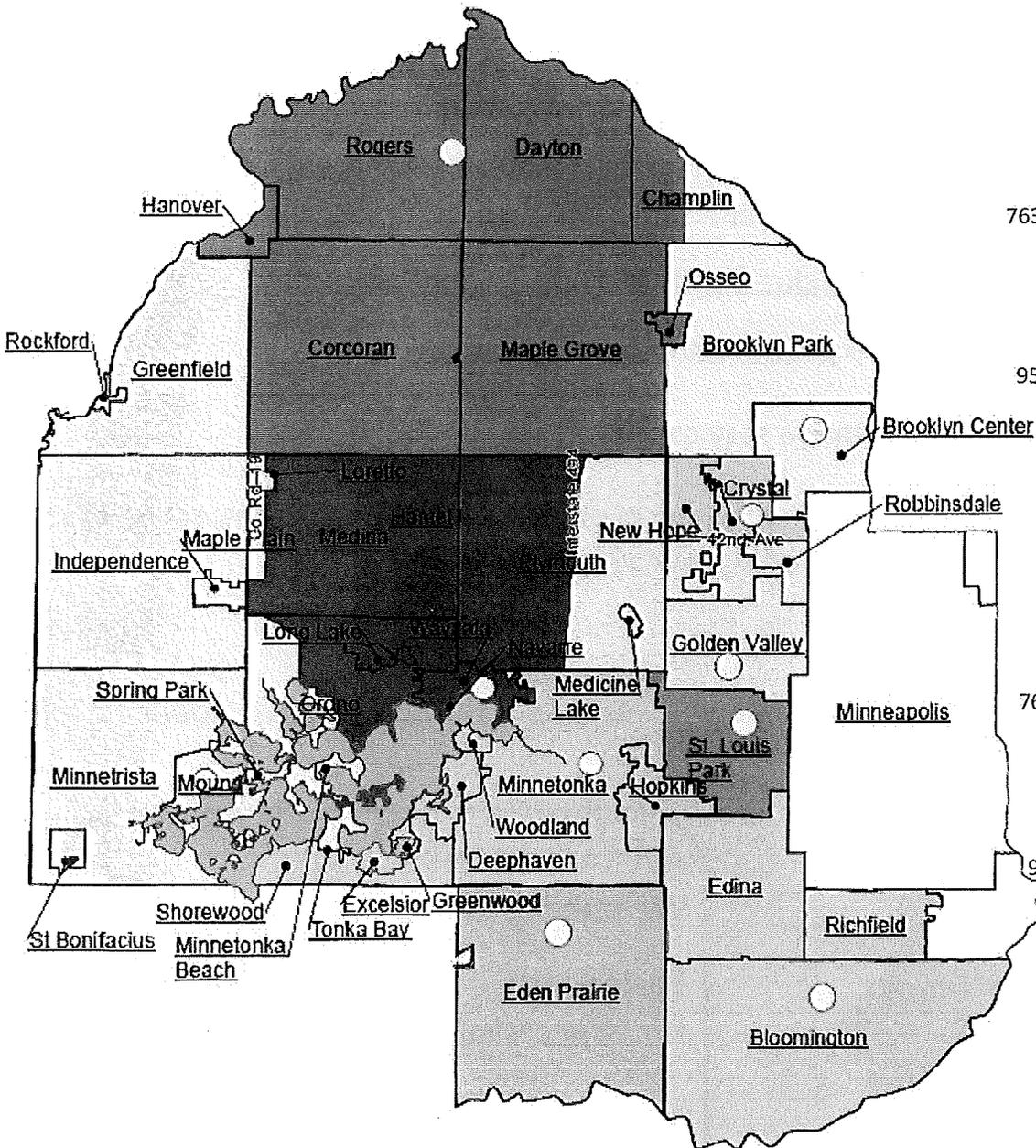
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## WeCAN Services 2014

	<b>Emergency Assistance</b>	<b>Family Support</b>	<b>Meals on Wheels</b>
<b>By Household Count</b>			
Tonka Bay	3	3	0
Total for WeCAN	215	358	68
<b>By Individuals in Household</b>			
Tonka Bay	9	9	0
Total for WeCAN	517	1037	78
<b>Units of Service</b>			
Tonka Bay	6	7	0
Total for WeCAN	393	1115	8462