CITY OF TONKA BAY
ITEM NO. 9A

Memo

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Joe Kohlmann, City Administrator

Date: February 11, 2014

Re: WeCan's Annual Application for CDBG Funding

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.

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

WeCAN
Western Communities Action Network

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January 31, 2014

City of Tonka Bay
4901 Manitou Road
Tonka Bay, MN 55331

Dear Mayor De La Vega and City Council,

On behalf of Western Communities Action Network (WeCAN) and the people needing WeCAN's services, I am asking the City of Tonka Bay to support our application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Pool funds for 2014 with a resolution and/or a letter of recommendation.

WeCAN is your community-based human service organization whose mission is to work in a personal 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 assistance, family support programs, Meals on Wheels, job counseling and referrals for other services needed by our low-income clients. We also offer space for clients to meet Hennepin County outreach workers, WIC, and Adult Basic Education classes (GED and ELL). WeCAN will soon begin a mobile food delivery program for those with barriers to traditional food shelves, mainly senior citizens and children during out-of-school times.

Your support for our application is important as CDBG consolidated pool funds continue to decrease. Last year WeCAN was awarded $6,444, down from $8,070 the prior year. This year we will request $6,444 to help us continue to assist low-income residents and those in crisis and facing homelessness.

The deadline for your ~~resolution and/or a~~ letter of recommendation is **February 25th.** Our application is due on the 27th.

Please feel free to call or email me with questions or to arrange for a presentation to the council or staff. 2013 year end data will be sent to you soon.

Sincerely,

Leah Weycker

Leah Weycker
Executive Director

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February 12, 2014

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 11, 2014, 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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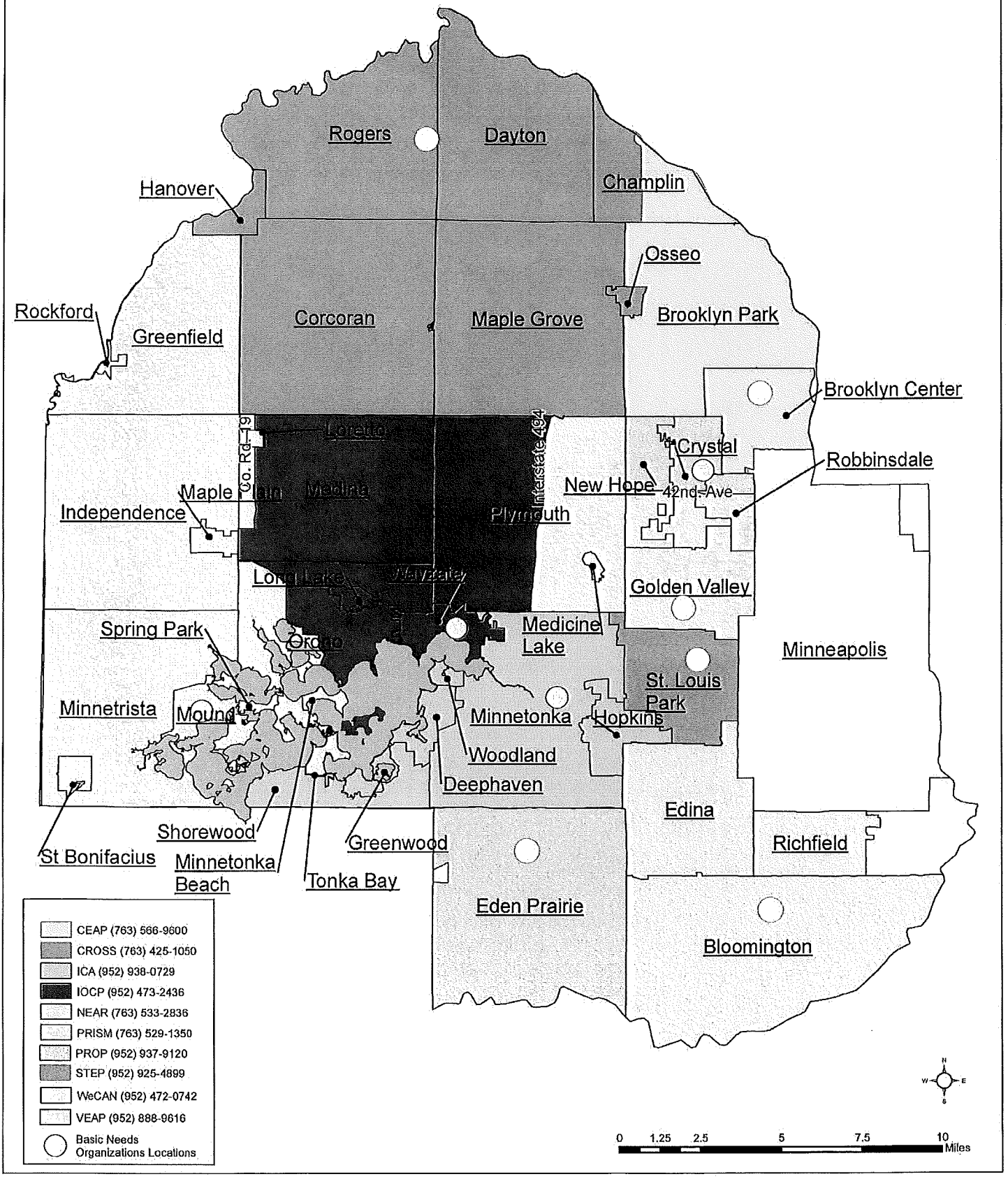
Emergency Services Eligibility Areas in Suburban Hennepin County



Northwest Hennepin Human Services Council, 2012