

# Memo

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**From:** Joe Kohlmann, City Administrator  
**Date:** February 14, 2012  
**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. An annual report outlining the services provided the number of people helped in Tonka Bay was not available at packet time but may be in your blue folder on Tuesday.

A draft letter of support is attached for the Council's review.

**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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February 10, 2012

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

Dear Mayor and City Council,

On behalf of Western Communities Action Network (WeCAN) and the people in crisis who will need 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 2012. The application is due Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012.

WeCAN is a community-based human service organization whose mission is to work in a personalized manner with individuals and families to enhance their stability and self-sufficiency.

WeCAN provides emergency assistance, family support programs, Meals on Wheels and referrals for other services needed by our low-income clients. We also offer space for clients to meet with job counselors and Hennepin County outreach workers.

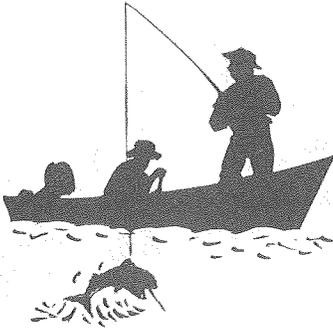
We served 1344 unduplicated households in 2011, just slightly less than what we served in 2010. I will be sending more data from 2011 soon.

This year, we will be asking for \$15,000 from the CDBG consolidated pool funds and appreciate your letter of support for this application. It helps WeCAN's request when our application includes a letter of support or Council Resolution from the cities we serve.

Please feel free to call or email me with questions or to arrange a presentation.

Sincerely,

Leah Weycker



# City of Tonka Bay

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February 15, 2012

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 14, 2012, 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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