



Finance Department

DATE: February 27, 2024

FROM: Dmitriy Chernyak, Finance Director

ITEM: Vision Fund Replenishment

REQUEST:

Consider requesting resources from NPCC to refill the Vision Fund for projects and ongoing costs.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Vision Fund has a non-committed balance of less than \$300,000. Annually, the Vision Fund pays \$200K - \$250K in fees for economic development in addition to annual projects / applications that are submitted to the Vision Fund Committee more frequently with the current interest rate environment. Vision Fund uses funds to provide loans to businesses/development at a below-market interest rate based on an established criterion, which should create a benefit for development. The Vision Fund Committee discussed future resources at the February 16, 2024, meeting. Vision Fund Committee is requesting that the City Commission approve a transfer of \$1 million from the Northern Plains Commerce Center (NPCC) to cover future approved low-interest rate loans for economic development projects. The purchase/sale of properties in the Northern Plains Commerce Center (NPCC) was original financed by the Sales Tax Fund in 2006 as an economic development project. Properties were developed and sold by the City since then and accumulated a cash balance from those proceeds.

RECOMMENDED CITY COMMISSION ACTION:

Approve a transfer of \$1 million from the NPCC Fund to the Vision Fund.

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ATTACHMENTS:

None