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**NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITY FUND GRANT PROPOSED FOR WEST
ENGLEWOOD GROCERY STORE**

CHICAGO – A neighborhood grocery store would be developed in West Englewood through a \$1.75 million Neighborhood Opportunity Fund grant introduced to City Council today by Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot.

The new funds would support a \$2.9 million project by the Inner-City Muslim Action Network to transform a vacant, two-story building at 1211 W. 63rd St. into a grocery store. The new store would operate as a Healthy Marketplace featuring locally sourced produce and grocery items. Additionally, the 7,000-square-foot complex would include a sit-down café, space for visual arts displays, a community room and offices.

As part of the proposal, seven permanent jobs and 23 construction jobs would be created by the project. The grant funding would primarily be used for rehabilitation and build-out costs, with up to \$250,000 for local hiring subsidies.

Founded in 1997, Inner-City Muslim Action Network is a nonprofit community organization that provides social services and operates a network of 42 neighborhood grocery stores across Chicago.

The Neighborhood Opportunity Fund uses zoning fees from downtown construction projects to provide grants that support neighborhood commercial corridors on the South, Southwest, and West sides. Projects with grant amounts exceeding \$250,000 require City Council approval. The Inner-City Muslim Action Network applied for the grant late last year.

More information is available at www.neighborhoodopportunityfund.com.

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LAND ACQUISITION PROCESS PROPOSED FOR NEW STREETS AND SANITATION FACILITY

CHICAGO – A proposal introduced to City Council today by Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot would authorize the City’s acquisition of a vacant site in the Pilsen Industrial Corridor for a future Department of Streets & Sanitation (DSS) facility.

The site, consisting of .5 acres of vacant land at 1635 S. Canal St., is adjacent to a public alley and existing City-owned property that would be combined for the new facility.

Acquisition authority, if approved, would enable the City to negotiate the purchase of the site, which consists of seven vacant lots owned by Goodale Corp. and used for outdoor storage.

The proposed DSS facility would replace an outmoded complex at 18th and Clark streets, providing enhanced operational efficiency for department vehicles and compatibility with surrounding land uses.

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