



# Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Community Planning & Economic Development

Date: January 31, 2012

To: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Community Development Committee

**Subject: Request to apply for a grant from the Minnesota Department of  
Employment and Economic Development.**

**Recommendation:** Committee approval to apply for grants in excess of \$250,000 from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, Office of Youth Development.

**Previous Directives: None**

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Presenters in Committee: Anne Fischer, METP

**Reviews**

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval \_\_\_ Date       N/A
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval \_\_\_ Date       N/A

**Financial Impact**

- No financial impact

**Community Impact**

- City Goals – Jobs and Economic Vitality

**Supporting Information**

The City of Minneapolis Employment and Training Program (METP) anticipates making an application for a State Fiscal Year 2013 Minnesota Youth Workforce Development Competitive Grant Pilot Program. The grant is designed to provide training and summer job placement assistance to youth who are economically disadvantaged or have at least one at-risk characteristic. The goal of METP’s application is to increase the skills and employability of STEP-UP interns while ultimately helping them achieve life long self sufficiency. STEP-UP provides a comprehensive array of services to Minneapolis youth including work readiness training, mentorship, financial workshops and opportunity to earn high school credit.

City procedures require an approval of grant applications in excess of \$250,000.