



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

Date: March 20, 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 Workforce Development.

Previous Directives: None

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Approved by: Charles T. Lutz, Deputy Director, CPED _____
Cathy Polasky, Director Economic Policy & Development, CPED _____
Presenters in Committee: Marie Larson, RENEW Program Coordinator

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

On March 2, 2012, The City of Minneapolis Employment and Training Program, in partnership with Ramsey County Workforce Solutions, submitted an application for State Fiscal Year 13 MN Adult Workforce Development Fund - Competitive Grant Round proposal, in the amount of \$400,000.00. The project proposal expands the current RENEW Minneapolis program to include racial minorities residing in Hennepin and Ramsey Counties. All program participants enrolled will be of racial/ethnic/cultural minority status, with incomes below 200% of federal poverty guidelines. Non-custodial parents and veterans will receive service priority.

RENEW provides job skills training, leading to industry-recognized credentials, in the areas of construction, manufacturing, building systems maintenance, transportation and related services, and renewable energy.

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