



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 U.S. Department of Labor.

Recommendation: Committee approval to apply for grants in excess of \$250,000 from the U.S. Department of Labor Funds for Young Adult (ages 18-21) Ex-Offenders.

Previous Directives: None

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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 in partnership with the Hennepin/Carver Workforce Investment Board will be applying for a \$1.5 million Department of Labor Grant for Serving Young Adult Ex-Offenders through Training and Service-Learning. This grant will serve young adults residing in or near the four North Minneapolis neighborhoods of Folwell, Hawthorne, Jordan and McKinley. The grant will have a 30-month period of performance that includes up to four months of planning with a minimum of 26 months of operation. The grant will serve young adults (ages 18-21) who have been involved in the juvenile justice system from the age of 14 or above and have never been convicted as an adult under Federal or State law. Training provided through these grants is expected to lead to credentials recognized by in-demand industries. Service-learning projects conducted will integrate meaningful community service with instruction and reflection that enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility and encourage lifelong civic engagement. Through service-learning, returning ex-offenders are offered the opportunity to re-establish community-based trust while enhancing their work-based skill and status in their communities. City procedures require an approval of grant applications in excess of \$250,000.