



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Health & Family Support**

Date: March 21, 2012

To: PUBLIC SAFETY, CIVIL RIGHTS & HEALTH COMMITTEE
Referral to: WAYS & MEANS/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Subject: GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR FUNDING THE VOICE PROJECT

Recommendation:

Council authorization for the proper City officials to:

1. enter into an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health to accept \$15,000 in support of the VOICE project of story based community dialogues, and
2. increase both the revenue estimate in fund/department 01300-8600120 (revenue code 321007) and the 2012 appropriation in fund/department 01300-8600120 by \$15,000.

Previous Directives: None

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Approved by:

Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ____ Not Applicable X
Policy Review Group (PRG) Approval ____ Date of Approval ____ Not Applicable X

Presenters in Committee: Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

X Action requires an appropriation increase to the ____ Capital Budget or X Operating Budget.
 X Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The Department is requesting to enter into an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health for funding in support of the VOICE (Valuing Our Individual Cultures through Engagement) project story based community dialogues. This funding specifically supports work being done by the department in obesity prevention, and is a process to better understand why five different cultural groups in Minneapolis are disproportionately affected by obesity and chronic disease. This process is an aspect of community engagement work and is informing the field of public health on how different cultural communities, immigrant populations, and underrepresented ethnic groups think about food choices and healthy eating.