



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

Date: August 22, 2012

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

Subject: REQUEST TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO IMPROVE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH BY INCREASING FATHER INVOLVEMENT

Recommendation:

Council authorization for the proper City officials to apply for a three-year research grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services, for an amount not to exceed \$300,000 per year or \$900,000 total, beginning February 1, 2013. The purpose of the grant is to develop a system to encourage father involvement in caregiving to support healthy outcomes for their children and families.

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 Other Financial impact (Explain): The City would receive a grant of up to \$900,000.

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The Department requests authorization to apply for a three-year grant, not to exceed \$300,000 per year or \$900,000 total, from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources Services Administration. This grant would build on existing home visiting programs by adding a father navigator who would meet with new and expectant fathers, provide a health risk assessment, and continue with follow up services and education for up to the first year of their child's life. The project would develop specific interventions to reduce exposure to second hand smoke, reduce alcohol and substance use during caregiving, promote positive responses to mental stress during caregiving, and promote infant safe sleep to prevent Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.