



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

**Date:** September 12, 2012

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

**Subject:** RECEIVE GRANT REVENUE FROM THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO REDUCE YOUTH VIOLENCE

**Recommendation:**

Council authorization for the proper City officials to:

1. enter into a grant agreement with the US Department of Justice to accept an estimated revenue of \$20,000 to develop a citywide Youth Violence Prevention Strategic Plan; and
2. increase both the revenue estimate in fund/department 01300-8600111 (revenue code 321010) and the 2012 appropriation in fund/department 01300-8600111 by \$20,000.

**Previous Directives:** None

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**Approved by:**

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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 of Health and Family Support will use a four-step process to develop a comprehensive, citywide Youth Violence Prevention Strategic Plan that will serve young people ages 8 to 24 who reside in Minneapolis. This will build upon the foundation of the current plan, the *Blueprint for Action: Preventing Youth Violence* in Minneapolis. The current plan is a framework for coordinating multi-sector efforts, and will be enhanced by a strategic planning process, updated to include action items that focus on the unique needs of cultural communities, and include improved coordination with enforcement and re-entry strategies.

The award will also give the City membership in the National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention. The Forum is a network of communities and federal agencies that work together, share information and build local capacity to prevent and reduce youth violence. Established at

the direction of President Obama in 2010, the Forum brings together people from diverse professions and perspectives to learn from each other about youth and gang violence in the U.S and to build comprehensive solutions on the local and national levels. Participating Federal agencies include the Departments of Justice, Education, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Labor, and the Office on National Drug Control Policy. The Forum's first set of participating communities includes Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Memphis, Salinas, and San Jose, and in 2012 they will expand the forum to include 4 additional cities, including Minneapolis. This status will provide the City with opportunities for training and technical assistance in completing its strategic planning process, and coordination with other member communities in preventing youth violence.