



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Health Department**

Date: September 25, 2013

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

Subject: REQUEST TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE US HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION TO ENHANCE SERVICES FOR EXPECTANT AND NEW FATHERS

Recommendation:

Council authorization for the proper City officials to apply for a 3-year grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Health Services and Resources Administration, Maternal Child Health Research Program for an amount not exceed \$900,000, beginning April 1, 2014. The purpose of the grant is to implement and study the benefits of engaging expectant fathers to address their psychosocial needs in order to promote their provision of beneficial social and emotional support to their partner during pregnancy and after childbirth.

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

To further the city's goal to improve birth outcomes, the Health Department requests authorization to apply for a 3-year research grant, not to exceed \$900,000, from the federal Health Services and Research Administration to implement and evaluate a model of enhancing services for expectant and new fathers. The services would be provided in conjunction with Healthy Families America (HFA) enhanced prenatal and postpartum services offered to families at higher risk of poor birth outcomes or child maltreatment. Contracted partners providing HFA services would include the Minnesota Home Visiting Nurse Agency and The Family Partnership. The intervention would include facilitation for couples to negotiate the provision of social, emotional, and practical support, and for a subset of study participants, case management services designed to address the expectant father's needs to address issues such as education, job training, employment, housing, mental health, substance use or stress.