



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

Date: June 2, 2014

To: HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
COMMITTEE

Referral to: WAYS & MEANS/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Subject: REQUEST TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH
UNDER THE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY VIOLENCE PREVENTION
PROGRAM

Recommendation:

Council authorization for the proper City officials to apply for a 3-year grant from the Office of Minority Health (OMH) for an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000, beginning September 1, 2014. The purpose of the grant is to support an evidence-based program to address unhealthy behaviors in at-risk minority male youth.

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 \$500,000.

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The Youth Empowerment II Program of the Office of Minority Health is focused on providing at-risk minority male youth with opportunities to learn skills and gain experiences that contribute to more positive lifestyles and enhance their capacity to make healthier life choices. The City of Minneapolis Health Department is seeking up to \$1,500,000 over a 3-year period to coordinate a collaborative effort with City and community partners to implement interventions that will employ a public health approach to providing skill development, academic support, employment support, and mentoring. Youth served will be minority males ages 10-18 who are located in areas with high rates of one or more of: gun violence, homicide, teen pregnancy, low educational attainment, suspensions, truancy, and/or delinquency. A minimum of 70 youth who are at-risk for violence will be served each grant year, and the program will seek to reduce risk factors and risk-taking behavior while promoting protective factors and building self-confidence and resiliency.