

Request for Committee Action

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Subject:

Minnesota Department of Health revenue contract for Lead and Healthy Homes Services

Description:

Authorizing a contract with the Minnesota Department of Health to accept \$20,000 for Lead and Healthy Homes services that include healthy home in-home education events and a lead paint awareness campaign.

Previous Actions:

None

Ward/Neighborhood/Address:

Not Applicable

Background/Analysis:

A portion of the funding will be used to implement Healthy Homes services that target health inequities in the Latino and Somali population through community engagement and education utilizing the model of in-home parties such as the "Tupperware party." These immigrant families will be provided culturally specific healthy homes education on the unique challenges of living in and maintaining homes in a cold climate. Topics would include: water, mold, ice dams, freezing pipes, water intrusion in spring (melting snow around foundation); the importance of cleaning gutters; pests - cockroaches, mice (including food storage to prevent pests); toxins - lead, household chemicals; dangerous gases - Radon, CO; fire safety - cleaning furnace filters and dryer vents; slips, trips and falls in the home and on ice. The "in home party" atmosphere would be an intimate 2-hour health and safety educational event that includes a home health and safety tour. In exchange for participating, attendees will receive a Healthy Homes gift basket with products such as a fire extinguisher, food storage containers and safe and green cleaning supplies for participating.

The balance of the funding will be used for a lead paint awareness campaign in collaboration with Hennepin County and the Minnesota Department of Health. An ad will be designed in the first year by a graphic artist, and then printed and placed on bus benches in our target neighborhoods. Bench posters should last for at least 2 years.

Financial Review:

Additional appropriation required.

- Future budget impact anticipated.
- Approved by the Permanent Review Committee.

Meets Small and Underutilized Business Program goals.

Increase both the revenue estimate in fund/department 01300-8600122 (revenue code 321007) and the 2015 appropriation in fund/department 01300-8600122 by \$20,000.