

# City of Minneapolis

## Request for Committee Action

**To:** Health, Environment & Community Engagement  
**Date:** 5/16/2016  
**Referral:** Ways & Means  
**From:** Health Department  
**Lead Staff:** Lara Pratt, Manager Healthy Living Program.  
**Presented by:** Lara Pratt  
**File Type:** Resolution  
**Subcategory:** Appropriation

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**Subject:**

Grant acceptance from Blue Cross Blue Shield for the Greenway Project

**Description:**

1. Accepting \$225,000 grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota to support ongoing planning and community engagement for the north Minneapolis greenway and the formalization of a North Minneapolis Greenway Council.
2. Authorizing an agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota.
3. Passage of Resolution approving appropriation of funds to the Health Department.

**Previous Actions:**

August 16, 2013 Council approval of an initial, three-year BCBS contract for this project.

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**Ward/Address:**

Select a ward.

Wards 4 and 5.

**Background/Analysis:**

In 2013, the Public Works Department received a grant from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota to support design, planning, and community engagement activities for a 30-block greenway in north Minneapolis. The grant provided salary support for Public Works and Health Department staff and funds to conduct community engagement activities and to initiate a resident-led North Minneapolis Greenway Council. Through the current request, Blue Cross is providing a two-year grant extension to the Health Department directly to 1) transition and formalize the Council into an independent entity, self-sustaining entity; and 2) continue planning and community engagement on the southern section of the proposed greenway.

**Financial Review:**

**Additional appropriation required.**

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget of \$225,000 in fund/department 01600-8600120 (revenue code 372001) and the 2016 appropriation in fund/department 01600-8600120 by \$225,000.

- Future budget impact anticipated.**
- Approved by the Permanent Review Committee.**
- Meets Small and Underutilized Business Program goals.**