



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Public Works**

Date: August 17, 2010
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral: Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair Ways & Means Committee
Subject: **Accept Source Water Protection Plan Implementation Grant from the Minnesota Department of Health**

Recommendation:

- A. Accept the Minnesota Department of Health Source Water Protection Plan Implementation Grant.
- B. Authorize the appropriate City staff to execute grant, subrecipient and/or disbursement and related agreements for this grant.
- C. Authorize appropriation of the grant funds in the amount of \$10,000 to the Grant Fund 01600, Department 6900200, Project number G6690001.

Previous Directives:

- November 21, 2008: Transportation & Public Works Committee recommends approval of Part II of the Source Water Protection Plan: *Potential Contaminant Source Inventory and Management Strategy*, as set forth in Petition No. 273147 on file in the office of the City Clerk.

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Approved by:

Steven A. Kotke, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

Presenters: Annika M. Bankston, Senior Professional Engineer, Department of Public Works, Water Treatment & Distribution

Reviews (None required)

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget or Operating Budget

Dept Name: 6900200 (Public Works, Water Administration)

Fund Name: 01600 (Grants - Other)

Project Name: G6690001 (Source Water Protection)

Amount: \$10,000

Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

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Background/Supporting Information

Since 1998, the City of Minneapolis has worked collaboratively with the City of St. Cloud and Saint Paul Regional Water Services in source water protection efforts on the upper Mississippi River – the primary source of drinking water for the three utilities. The Upper Mississippi River Source Water Protection Planning group has been operating under various state grants to delineate priority protection areas, identify potential sources of contamination, and develop objectives and plans of action to address source water quality issues. In November 2008, the City of Minneapolis adopted Part II of its Source Water Protection Plan. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) endorsed this plan in March 2009.

The Clean Water, Wildlife, Cultural Heritage, and Natural Resources Amendment to the Minnesota constitution provides funding to MDH to establish a source water protection implementation grant program administered through the Drinking Water Protection Section. Through this program, MDH made grants available to assist public water suppliers to implement their source water protection plans.

Minneapolis applied for and was awarded a \$10,000 grant to implement two specific activities identified in its source water protection plan: work with local watershed organizations to address secondary containment of above-ground storage tanks with known concerns and to establish an electronic newsletter with a focused group of watershed organizations in the City's high-priority source water protection area. These activities will be completed as part of the ongoing efforts and management of the Upper Mississippi River Source Water Protection Planning group.

Attachments: June 25, 2010 award letter from the Minnesota Department of Health



June 25, 2010 *Protecting, maintaining and improving the health of all Minnesotans*

City of Minneapolis
Dept. of Public Works
Division of Water Treatment and Distribution Services
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Gentlemen/Ladies:

The Minnesota Department of Health is pleased to inform you that your Source Water Protection Plan Implementation Grant application has scored enough points to be placed on the list for funding, as soon as the funds become available. We anticipate that funds will be available at the beginning of the new state fiscal year which starts on July 1, 2010.

Terms of the grant agreement are July 15, 2010, through June 30, 2012. Allotted grant funds must be spent by June 30, 2012.

Using a predetermined scoring method included in the public notice of grant availability, three members of the Source Water Protection Unit staff in the St. Paul central office, reviewed and scored each application. A minimum of 5 points was used to qualify an application. Also, the date and time of submittal was used to place it on a list for funding.

We will notify you when we proceed with completing the grant agreement, so you can implement the activities proposed in your grant application.

If you have any questions, please contact me at cristina.covalshi@state.mn.us or 651/201-4696.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cristina", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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