



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Health & Family Support**

Date: April 13, 2009

To: HEALTH, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Referral to: WAYS & MEANS/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Subject: ACCEPT FEDERAL GRANT AWARD FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA FOR A PILOT RESEARCH PROJECT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Recommendation:

Council authorization for the proper City officials to:

1. contract with the University of Minnesota to receive a grant of \$13,196 for a research project for public health emergency preparedness, and
2. increase both the revenue estimate in fund/department 01300-8600150 (revenue code 321000) and the 2009 appropriation in fund/department 01300-8600150 by \$13,196.

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: Pam Blixt, Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- X Action requires an appropriation increase to the ____ Capital Budget or X Operating Budget.
 X Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The Department requests authorization to contract with the University of Minnesota to receive a grant for a pilot research project to test the effectiveness of different types of training for public health staff in preparing to respond to an emergency. The funding from the University comes from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as part of its Preparedness and Emergency Response Centers program. The project is expected to begin after April 1, 2009, and to run for no more than 12 months.