



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

Date: November 16, 2004

To: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Referral to: WAYS & MEANS/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Subject: RECEIPT OF STATE FUNDS FROM FRIENDS OF SKYWAY SENIOR CENTER TO ENHANCE CAPACITY TO PROVIDE INCOME TAX SERVICES TO LOW INCOME RESIDENTS

Recommendation:

That the proper City officials be authorized to accept \$23,058 in state funds from the Friends of the Skyway Senior Center for taxpayer assistance services for the period of November 15, 2004-September 30, 2005, and increase both the revenue budget (revenue source code 3215) and the appropriation in fund/org 0600-860-8607 by \$23,058.

Previous Directives:

None

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Ken Dahl, Interim Commissioner of Health & Family Support

Presenters in Committee: Ken Dahl, Interim Commissioner of Health & Family Support

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget

Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

Background/Supporting Information:

The Friends of the Skyway Senior Center, a not-for profit organization, has secured a grant from the Minnesota Department of Revenue for the purpose of providing taxpayer assistance services to low income and disadvantaged residents. "Friends" requested that the City of Minneapolis Senior Ombudsman's Office manage this grant on behalf of Minneapolis residents. The Senior Ombudsman presently manages a taxpayer assistance service on behalf of eligible City of Minneapolis residents. The grant will enhance the capacity of this service by providing resources to promote the service and to purchase up-to date technology.