



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

Date: April 8, 2005

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

Subject: AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ELIGIBLE PROVIDERS FOR THE TWIN CITIES HEALTHY START PROGRAM

Recommendation:

Council authorization to issue a Request for Proposals to establish a four year Eligible Providers list for the federally funded Twin Cities Healthy Start project.

Previous Directives: None

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Approved by: _____
Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Presenters in Committee: Coral Garner, Project Coordinator, Twin Cities Healthy Start

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The department has applied for federal funding to continue the Twin Cities Healthy Start (TCHS) project for an additional four years (6/05-5/09). Because notification of any award and amount will likely not be received until the end of May for a June 1 start date, and to comply with the City's procurement requirement for competitive access by agencies to City funds (local tax or grant), the department is requesting to issue this RFP to create a four year Eligible Providers list for the TCHS project. The Eligible Providers list will address both the short timeline issue, and meet City requirements for a competitive process, by identifying and certifying in advance community providers who would be eligible receive contracts for services for the period of June 2005- May 2009. Initial contracts would be issued for a one year period, and could be renewed annual through May 2009, contingent upon funding and performance.

The Healthy Start project focuses on reducing infant mortality and morbidity among African American and American Indian women in selected areas of Minneapolis and St. Paul. The specific areas include: Camden, Near North, Northeast, Phillips, and Powderhorn in Minneapolis; and Dayton's Bluff, Hazel Park/Hayden, Northend, Payne/Phalen, Summit University, and Thomas/Dale in St. Paul.

The RFP has been reviewed and approved by the Permanent Review Committee.