



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

**Date:** February 16, 2011

**To:** PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE  
**Referral to:** WAYS & MEANS/BUDGET COMMITTEE

**Subject:** REQUEST TO APPLY FOR A FEDERAL GRANT TO IMPLEMENT EVIDENCE BASED ANTI-GANG STRATEGIES THAT SUPPORT THE CITY'S YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PLAN

**Recommendation:**

Council authorization for the proper City officials to apply for a 36-month grant from the US Department of Justice for an amount not to exceed \$750,000 for a grant period beginning no later than September 30, 2011. The project aims to seek funding to sustain youth gang prevention and employment training programs for youth and their families age 18 years and younger.

**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:** Coral Garner, Director of Public Health Initiatives

**Financial Impact (Check those that apply)**

X  Other financial impact (Explain): The City would receive a grant of up to \$750,000.

**Community Impact (use any categories that apply)**

City Goals: A Safe Place to Call home; Jobs and Economic Vitality. Also addresses health department goal of Thriving and Violence Free youth.

**Background/Supporting Information Attached**

In June 2010 MDHFS released a report which outlined the prevalence of youth gang related crime in North Minneapolis, and an inventory of services available to prevent youth gang crime. The department proposes to use funding to continue implementation of parent support services, street based outreach, and employment training and placement for youth ages 18 and younger in gangs or at risk of gang involvement. Funding will also be used to support improvements in MPD data tracking and comprehensive gang assessment focused on Latino and Somali communities.