



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

**Date:** March 13, 2007

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

**Subject:** RECEIVE STATE FUNDS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE SKYWAY  
SENIOR CENTER FOR TAX SERVICES FOR LOW INCOME ADULTS

**Recommendation:**

Council authorization for the proper City officials to:

1. to accept an estimated revenue of \$19,445 of Minnesota Department of Revenue funds from the Friends of the Skyway Senior Center for tax services to low income adults, and
2. increase both the revenue budget (revenue source code 3220) and the 2007 appropriation in fund/org 0600-860-8607 by \$19,445.

**Previous Directives:**

None

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**Approved by:**

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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:** Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

**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**

The department is requesting approval to accept funding from the Friends of the Skyway Senior Center that they received from the Minnesota Department of Revenue. These funds can only be awarded to a non-profit organization, and the Friends applied for and were awarded a third year of support for tax services through the City's Senior Ombudsman's office. The focus of the grant is to provide services to low income adults, including limited English populations, seniors and the disabled. These funds are to be used for computers for tax preparation, parking for tax volunteers, and marketing of these services to the City's limited English populations. The volunteer tax preparers participating in the program are all trained and must pass Department of Revenue and IRS exams.