Request for City Council Committee Action from the Fire Department

Date: August 16, 2006

To: Don Samuels, Chair, Public Safety and Regulatory Services

Referral to: Paul Ostrow, Chair, Ways and Means/Budget Committee

And Barb Johnson, Chair, City Council

Subject: Approval and authorization for the Minneapolis Fire Department to enter into a non standard grant agreement with the Minnesota Counties Research Foundation, to assist with the costs of the ECHO (Emergency Community and Health Outreach) Project.

Recommendation: City Council approval and authorization for the Minneapolis Fire Department to enter into a non standard grant agreement with the Minnesota Counties Research Foundation to assist with the costs of the ECHO Project year 2005 public education television shows. Funding for the agreement will be from the 2005 MMRS Grant, in the amount of $97,000.

Previous Directives: N/A

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Presenters in Committee: James Clack, Fire Chief

Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ___ Date _____
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval ___ Date _____

Financial Impact

X No financial impact

- Action requires an appropriation increase to the ___ Capital Budget or ___ Operating Budget

- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Action is within the Business Plan
- Action requires a change to the Business Plan
- Other financial impact
- Request provided to the Finance Department when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact
- Neighborhood Notification
- City Goals
- Comprehensive Plan
- Zoning Code
- Other

Supporting Information:

The Minneapolis Fire Department had agreed last year to assist with the costs of the ECHO Project public education television shows, from the 2005 MMRS grant funds. This does comply with the purpose and requirements of the 2005 MMRS Grant. The Minnesota Counties Research Foundation is the fiscal agency for the ECHO Project.

The ECHO Project provides health and safety information to limited English speaking persons in Minnesota. In 2005, $100,000 of the 2005 MMRS grant was allocated for this project, to continue producing additional emergency preparedness programs to be aired in six different languages on public television.