



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

**Date:** May 5, 2010

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

**Subject:** REQUEST TO APPLY FOR A FEDERAL GRANT TO REPLICATE A  
YOUTH GANG PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION PROGRAM

**Recommendation:**

Council authorization for the proper City officials to apply for an 18-month grant from the US Department of Justice for an amount not to exceed \$325,000 for a project period beginning no later than September 30, 2010. The project aims to replicate a program that redirects the behavior of gang-affiliated youth and potential gang recruits and to increase the stability and safety of their communities.

**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 Community and Public Health Initiatives

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

X Other financial impact (Explain): The City of Minneapolis would receive a grant of up to \$325,000.

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

City Goals: The proposed project addresses the City Goal of A Safe Place to Call Home; and department goal of addressing youth violence through increased youth development opportunities.

**Background/Supporting Information Attached**

MDHFS proposes to replicate a secondary gang prevention and intervention program targeted at youth ages 11-17 years old. The program model will be based on BUILD (Broader Urban Involvement and Leadership Development Detention Program), a gang prevention program currently being implemented in Chicago. MDHFS intends to pilot a program in specific Minneapolis communities partnering with YMCA, Minneapolis Parks and Recreation, Hennepin County Juvenile Corrections, and Minneapolis Public Schools. Program components include gang and drug use prevention education, street outreach, and mentoring.