



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

Date: September 29, 2008

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

Subject: ACCEPT FEDERAL AWARD OF \$200,000 FOR A TWO YEAR GANG PREVENTION COORDINATION ASSISTANCE GRANT, AND ADD A GRANT FUNDED POSITION

Recommendation:

Council authorization for the proper City officials to:

1. to accept the federal Department of Justice Gang Prevention Coordination Assistance grant of \$200,000 to prevent gang involvement among youth ages 13 to 17 years by improving youth service coordination;
2. increase both the revenue budget in fund/department 01300-8600110 (revenue code 321010) and the 2008 appropriation in fund/department 01300-8600110 by \$200,0000; and,
3. add a 1.0 FTE grant funded position to manage the grant project.

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: Jan Fondell, Family Support Specialist for Youth Development

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.

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

City Goals: A Safe Place to Call Home

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The department is requesting approval to receive the two year Gang Prevention grant, and to authorize a new 1.0 FTE grant funded position to oversee the project. All candidates will be informed that the position is anticipated to be in place for the duration of the two year grant, and that employment beyond the end of the grant is contingent upon additional funding.

This grant will enable the department to provide a full time Gang Prevention Coordinator to work directly with community based organizations to:

- Improve the coordination of gang prevention and intervention activities between community agencies, faith-based organizations, law enforcement, school personnel, and families.
 - Assure prevention and intervention activities are informed by local data and grounded in positive youth development.
 - Assure youth re-entering the community from corrections are receiving appropriate services and completing re-entry plans.
 - Coordinate educational opportunities to inform service providers about gang involvement and activity.
- This work is aligned with the recommendations under Goal 3 in the Youth Violence Blueprint for Action which is to “restore youth who have gone down the wrong path.”