



## Request for City Council Committee Action

### From the Department of Community Planning & Economic Development

**Date** May 16, 2007

**To** Council Member Paul Ostrow, Chair, Ways & Means Committee

**Subject** Authorization to approve \$92,000 from the federal Empowerment Zone grant to execute a contract with Achieve!Minneapolis to administer the Step-Up Youth Summer Employment Program.

#### Recommendation

(1) Approve the Empowerment Zone Governance Board Executive Committee recommendations payable from 0300-890-8942; and

(2) Authorize the proper city officers to execute contracts with Achieve!Minneapolis setting forth the terms and conditions of administering federal Empowerment Zone funds.

Submitted by/

Presenter in committee

Jonathan Palmer, Director, Empowerment Zone, 673-5016

Approved by

Chuck Lutz, Deputy Director, Community Planning and Economic Development \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent Review Committee (PRC) Approval Not Applicable**

**Policy Review Group (PRG) Approval Not Applicable**

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

No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).

#### Background/Supporting Information

On May 10, 2007 the Empowerment Zone (EZ) Governance Board Executive Committee approved a grant of \$92,000 for the "Step-Up" program, administered by Achieve!Minneapolis. The funds will be used to expand Achieve!Minneapolis' existing Summer Youth Employment and Training Program's subsidized jobs at Minneapolis community agencies and businesses.

The purpose of the Step Up program is to provide summer employment and life-skills mentorship to forty six (46) Empowerment Zone youth residents. Summer jobs will be provided using EZ funding to subsidize the jobs.