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

Date: **February 23, 2009**

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

Subject: **REPROGRAM YEAR 34 CDBG PUBLIC SERVICE FUNDS FOR THE 348-TOTS PRE-SCHOOL SCREENING PROGRAM**

Recommendation:
Council authorization to reprogram $34,500 in unexpended Year 34 (2009-10) CDBG public service funds to support early childhood pre-school screening services provided by Hennepin County through its 348-TOTS program, and include in the 2009 Consolidated Plan.

Previous Directives:
February 9, 2007 council approval of CDBG awards for Years 33 and 34.

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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: Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

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

Background/Supporting Information Attached
The Department is requesting the reprogramming of these Year 34 funds that are unexpended from those recommended by the Public Health Advisory Committee. The funds were initially approved for a project that is able to complete its program using carryover funds from Year 33.

One of the priorities for funding for this two year funding cycle was support for early childhood services. The 348-TOTS program is recommended for this one time funding because it is a key partner, along with the Minneapolis Public Schools, to ensure that children receive developmental screening at age 3 and management of any necessary referrals for services and tracking through the Follow Along program. This also addresses the Results Minneapolis indicator of increasing the proportion of three year olds receiving preschool screening.