



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

Date: March 9, 2009

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

Subject: AUTHORIZATION NTO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR
TWIN CITIES HEALTHY START SERVICES

Recommendation:

Council authorization for the proper City officials to issue a Request for Proposals for the federally funded Twin Cities Healthy Start program for the provision of infant mortality reduction and improved birth outcome services for the period of June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2014.

Previous Directives: None

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Approved by:

Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval Not Applicable _____
Policy Review Group (PRG) Approval _____ Date of Approval _____ Not Applicable

Presenters in Committee: Doriscile Everett-O'Neal, Project Director
Twin Cities Health Start Program

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

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

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The Department is requesting authorization to issue a Request for Proposal for the Twin Cities Healthy Start program. Healthy Start is a federally funded program to reduce infant mortality and improve birth outcomes in targeted high risk communities in Minneapolis and St. Paul. The City has been a Healthy Start grantee for the past nine years, and is anticipating being funded for an additional five year grant period of June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2014. Funding will be awarded to approved agencies annually, with the second through fifth years contingent upon federal funding and agency performance.