



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Community Planning & Economic Development**

Date: April 18, 2005
To: Council Member Johnson Lee, Health and Human Services Committee
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Approved by Mike Christenson, Director, Economic Policy and Development

Subject: Request to apply for a grant of up to \$500,000 from the U.S. Dept. of Labor

RECOMMENDATION: Committee approval to apply for a grant of \$500,000 from the U.S. Dept. of Labor in fund 0300-890-8943

Previous Directives: None

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

Other financial impact (Explain) A grant of up to \$500,000 would be awarded to the City of Minneapolis.

Background/Supporting Information: The Community Planning and Economic Development Department requests authorization to apply for an 18 month grant of up to \$500,000 from the U.S. Dept. of Labor, WIA – Grants to Workforce Investment Boards. The purpose of the program is to form working partnerships with grassroots faith-based and community organizations.

As the local staff and administrative entity for the Minneapolis Workforce/Private Industry Council, the Minneapolis Employment and Training Program is eligible to apply for this grant on behalf of the Workforce Council and other partner agencies. A project funded by the grant would target hard to serve people, in a designated area of the city. The project would also serve targeted industries and employers by helping them find employees or increase wages and job responsibilities for employees.