



# Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Community Planning & Economic Development

Date: May 14, 2007

To: Council Member Scott Benson, Health, Energy & Environment Committee

Referral to: Council Member Paul Ostrow, Ways & Means/Budget Committee

**Subject: Request to apply for grants from foundations.**

**Recommendation: Committee approval to apply for grants in excess of \$250,000 for Northway Foundation.**

**Previous Directives: None**

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Approved by: Mike Christenson, Director of Economic Policy and Development

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Presenters in Committee: Deb Bahr-Helgen, METP

### Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval \_\_\_ Date N/A
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval \_\_\_ Date N/A

### Financial Impact

- No financial impact

### Community Impact

- City Goals – One Minneapolis
- Living Wage/Business Subsidy Agreement Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No X

**Supporting Information** The Minneapolis Employment and Training Program, Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department, and the Minneapolis Public Schools propose to Northway a unique and unprecedented partnership to provide a family-centered approach in serving disadvantaged and low income families in North Minneapolis. This partnership would assist disadvantaged youth and their families obtain work based life skills, earn a wage, and strengthen connections back to the school the youth attends. This is a new concept of reaching an entire family with employment, coaching sessions, and a potential career path. This approach will systematically change the lives of 200 families through family-centered employment and training services. City procedures require an approval of grant applications in excess of \$250,000.