



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

**Date:** February 7, 2005

**To:** HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
**Referral to:** WAYS & MEANS/BUDGET COMMITTEE

**Subject:** AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FUNDING FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
TO IMPROVE THE MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC HEALTH  
LABORATORY'S FORENSIC DRUG TESTING CAPACITY

**Recommendation**

That the proper City officials be authorized to enter into an agreement to accept up to \$10,000 in U.S. Department of Justice funds from the State Department of Public Safety to improve the Minneapolis Public Health Laboratory's forensic drug testing capacity for the period October 1, 2004 – July 31, 2005, and increase both the revenue budget (revenue source code 3210) and the appropriation in fund/org 0300-860-8614.

**Previous Directives**

None

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**Approved by:**

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Ken Dahl, Interim Commissioner of Health & Family Support

**Presenters in Committee:** Becky McIntosh

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

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget

Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

**Background/Supporting Information Attached**

The Minneapolis Public Health Laboratory has been awarded up to \$10,000 in funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, "Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program", through the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. The grant will be used to improve the laboratory's capacity to test whether substances brought to the laboratory by the Minneapolis Police Department are illicit drugs. Funding will be used for equipment, parts and supplies, and staff training.