



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

**Date:** July 10, 2006

**To:** Council Member Scott Benson, Health, Energy & Environment  
Committee  
Council Member Paul Ostrow, Ways & Means/Budget Committee

**Subject:** Acceptance of Minneapolis School funds to provide a quality summer  
education program for Minneapolis youth.

**Recommendation:** Authorization to enter into a contract with Minneapolis Special School  
District # 1 to accept up to \$53,460.

**Previous Directives:** None

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

**Permanent Review Committee (PRC)** Approval  Not Applicable

**Note:** To determine if applicable see <http://insite/finance/purchasing/permanent-review-committee-overview.asp>

**Presenter in Committee:** Deb Bahr-Helgen, Director, METP (612) 673-6226

### Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the  Capital Budget or  Operating Budget.
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves.
- Business Plan:  Action is within the plan.     Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

### Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

Neighborhood Notification:

City Goals:

Comprehensive Plan:

Zoning Code:

Other:

**Background/Supporting Information:** The City of Minneapolis has the opportunity to enhance the academic skills to support the participation of youths through the Younger Youth STEP-UP program in coordination with Special District #1. A maximum of 244 students, grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade and a maximum of 56 students, grades 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades could benefit from this program. Program operates from June 19 through August 18, 2006, Monday – Thursday. Students will spend up to 6 hours in classes and they will be pre-tested in reading and mathematics when they register, and then tested again during the last week of the program. The curriculum will include reading, mathematics, career exploration, employability skills, at least one field trip, first aide training for outdoor worksites, financial management, including use of the credit union and how to open an account.

All students will be employed by the City of Minneapolis in work based activities for up to 24 hours per week. These learning-rich work sites will help students develop and understand relationships between school and work.