



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of

Date August 24, 2006

To Council Member Paul Ostrow  
Chair, Ways and Means

Referral to none

**Subject: Acceptance of grant of \$50,000 from the Pohlad Family Charities, for efforts focused on youth and learning.**

### Recommendation

Accept grant funding; passage of resolution to appropriate funding to the Mayor's Office (0600-375-3760-5130).

**Previous Directives** None

Prepared or Submitted by Tina Smith, Mayor's Chief of Staff, x3888

Approved by Tina Smith, Mayor's Chief of Staff

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

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

**Policy Review Group (PRG)** Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Not Applicable

**Note:** The Policy Review Group is a committee co-chaired by the City Clerk and the City Coordinator that must review all requests related to establishing or changing enterprise policies.

Presenters in Committee (name, title) Tina Smith, Mayor's Chief of Staff

### 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):

x Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

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

Neighborhood Notification

City Goals x

Comprehensive Plan

Zoning Code

Other

### **Background/Supporting Information Attached**

In the City of Minneapolis Vision and Goals, the Mayor and City Council identified "Lifelong Learning Second to None" as one of six five year goals. Specifically, the Mayor and City Council set strategic directions that included:

- All kids ready to read by kindergarten
- Education; stronger partnerships toward better results
- 21<sup>st</sup> century skills for all 21 year olds

To this end, the Pohlada Family Charities has agreed to make a generous grant of \$50,000 to fund work in the Mayor's office focusing on youth and learning. This grant will fund work in the mayor's office for 2006/2007, including hiring a staff person. Funding for making this position permanent is included in the Mayor's 2007 budget.

The grant from the Pohlada Family Charities will be used in the Mayor's office to advance the following:

- Improved the capacity of the Mayor's office to work with the Youth Coordinating Board. Work with the YCB to advance its priorities, including its Youth and Children's Agenda.
- Improved capacity of the Mayor's office to work with the Minneapolis School District to support its work during its transition, including strategic planning, helping the MSD find solutions to building and facilities issues, and participating in efforts to more fully engage parents in schools and education, and coordinating violence prevention work with the schools.
- Work with the MDS and the Minneapolis Park Board to identify opportunities for collaboration and merged programs.
- Support the Mayor and the City's strategies to increase physical activity among children and youth, including promoting bike trails, safe passage to school, and creating other opportunities for city-sponsored activities for youth.
- Support and advance the City's efforts to promote literacy.

As we have discussed, this position will allow the Mayor's office and the city of Minneapolis to be a more effective collaborator. We see this position as a connector and collaborator, and we will always seek to augment existing work where we find it.