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

Date: **May 11, 2009**

To: **HEALTH, ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**
Referral to: **WAYS & MEANS/BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Subject: **APPROVAL OF AWARDS RECOMMENDED FOR TWIN CITIES HEALTHY START PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH APPROVED AGENCIES; AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH AGENCIES APPROVED BUT NOT FUNDED IF FUNDING BECOMES AVAILABLE**

Recommendation:
Council action to:

1. approve the attached list of agencies and not to exceed amounts recommended for funding following a competitive RFP process for federal Healthy Start funds, for the period of June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2014, contingent upon final notification of award from HHS.
2. authorization for the proper City officials to enter into annual contracts with the approved list of agencies for the period of June 1, 2009 – May 31, 2014, with all years of funding contingent upon funds available from HHS and agency performance. The total for all contracts for the first year will not exceed $498,500 in fund/dept 01300-8600154.
3. approve an additional list of agencies recommended as approved but not funded under existing funding caps, and authorization to contract with one or more if funding becomes available.

Previous Directives:
March 27, 2009, Council authorization to issue the Request for Proposals.

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Approved by: _____
Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval _____ Not Applicable _X___
Policy Review Group (PRG) Approval ____ Date of Approval ____ Not Applicable __X__

Presenters in Committee: Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

_X__ No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).

Background/Supporting Information Attached
The Department is requesting approval of the attached list of agencies recommended for up to five years of funding with the Twin Cities Healthy Start Program in both Minneapolis and St. Paul. These agencies were selected following a competitive RFP process that involved notifying over 500 community agencies and individuals about the availability of the funds. A total of 13 proposals were received with requests for $1,035,117 in funding for the available maximum of $498,500. A review committee consisting of representatives from the community that reflected both expertise in the program area and cultural competency provided the review for final department recommendations.

Under the terms of the federal Healthy Start Initiative, local programs are required to serve a population or populations with an infant mortality rate at least 1.5 times the national average. In the Twin Cities, the African American and American Indian communities both meet this threshold and are the target populations for the local Healthy Start program. The federal funder also requires that programs serve women throughout pregnancy and for two years following the infant's birth. Twin Cities Healthy Start has designated pregnancy and the early postpartum period (six weeks after birth) as Phase I, and the remainder of the 2 years after birth as Phase II. Applicants had the option to propose services for either phase or both phases.

The second list is agencies recommended to be approved but not funded under the current funding cap. Funding may be awarded to one or more agencies if any of the funded agencies is unable to comply with programmatic requirements or if additional funding becomes available.

Agencies Approved and Recommended for Funding	Activities and Location	Amount Recommended NTE
Indian Health Board of Minneapolis	Phase I & II, Minneapolis	$85,000
NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center (Hennepin County)	Phase I, Minneapolis	$80,000
Reuben Lindh Family Services	Phase I & II, Minneapolis	$60,000
University of Minnesota (Broadway Family Medicine)	Phase I & II, Minneapolis	$85,000
American Indian Family Center	Phase I & II, St. Paul	$48,500
Open Cities Health Center	Phase I & II, St. Paul	$60,000
West Side Community Health Services	Phase I & II, St. Paul	$80,000
Total Not To Exceed		**$498,500**

Agencies Approved But Not Funded Pending Availability of Additional Funding	Activities and Location	Amount Recommended NTE
Division of Indian Work	Phase I & II, Minneapolis	48,500
Hennepin County Medical Center (Family Medical Center and Hennepin Care-East Lake Clinic)	Phase I & II, Minneapolis	50,000
Southside Community Health Services	Phase I, Minneapolis	50,000