



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

**Date:** November 9, 2009  
**To:** WAYS & MEANS/BUDGET COMMITTEE  
**Subject:** INCREASE ANNUAL CONTRACT AMOUNT FOR THE LINK FOR  
NEW NTE OF \$280,000 FOR 2009 AND 2010

**Recommendation:**

Council authorization for the proper City officials to increase the contract amount for The Link to a new not-to-exceed annual amount of \$280,000 for 2009 and 2010 for services to the Juvenile Supervision Center.

**Previous Directives:**

November 2, 2007 authorization for up to \$220,000 annually for 2008-2010.

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**Approved by:**

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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:** Coral Garner, Director of Community and Public Health Initiatives

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

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

**Background/Supporting Information Attached**

In 2007 the department issued a Request for Proposals for the provision of curfew truancy services through the Juvenile Supervision Center (JSC). The RFP included services for youth that were projected to cost up to \$220,000 per year over three years, and funding was awarded to The Link. Since that time there have been two significant changes that have resulted in unanticipated costs to operate the program.

The most significant change was in the area of transportation. Previously, the Minneapolis Police Department was the primary provider of transportation for youth who did not have another means of transportation home or to school. Due to the high costs of having officers assigned to this detail, the officers time assigned to this duty was reduced. In order to ensure that youth will be seamlessly transported home multiple options were explored. The most cost effective solution was to increase the capacity of The Link to be able to provide transportation using a van leased to the agency by Hennepin County for \$1 per year. The contractor has had to increase insurance, workman's compensation

insurance, pay for monthly parking, and increase staffing levels to accommodate this change. This is at an estimated cost of \$35,000 per year. After soliciting bids from transportation companies that were closer to \$80,000 annually, this was determined to be the most cost effective and programmatically consistent solution.

The second significant program cost increase was the development of a new server and database for the Juvenile Supervision Center. In order to meet the multiple requests for data and support in the redesigned center and to be able to compile data from the City, Minneapolis Public Schools, and Hennepin County, it was necessary to significantly increase the capacity of the data resources connected to the center. These costs over an 18 month period are estimated to be \$25,000 and will decrease once the system is developed and moves into maintenance mode.

The JSC is a project of the joint powers board that includes the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, and the Minneapolis Public Schools. The purpose of the JSC is to ensure youth who are brought to the center for curfew, truancy and other low level violations are screened and returned to the appropriate safe environment. Youth who are identified as having significant risk factors for future involvement in the juvenile justice system are offered services that may include up to six months of case management in order to assist youth to reduce these risks and increase their strengths.

The increase in resources needed for the JSC program has been approved by the Joint Powers Board, and is within the funding available from CDBG and program revenue provided by the partners Hennepin County and Minneapolis Public Schools.