



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

Date: February 9, 2009

To: Council Member Scott Benson, Health, Energy & Environment Committee

Referral to: Council Member Paul Ostrow, Ways & Means/Budget Committee

**Subject: Request to apply for a grant from Living Cities.**

**Recommendation: Committee approval to apply for grants in excess of \$250,000 for the Living Cities' Green Jobs Initiative.**

**Previous Directives: None**

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Approved by: Cathy Polasky, Director of Economic Policy and Development

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Presenters in Committee: Deb Bahr-Helgen, METP

**Reviews**

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval \_\_\_ Date     N/A
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval \_\_\_ Date     N/A

**Financial Impact**

- No financial impact

**Community Impact**

- City Goals – One Minneapolis
- Living Wage/Business Subsidy Agreement Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No   X

**Supporting Information**

Living Cities is a philanthropic collaborative of 20 foundations and financial institutions dedicated to bringing opportunities and the power of mainstream markets to urban neighborhoods and residents historically left behind. Living Cities has made available through grants in the range of \$150,000-\$300,000 to support initiatives over 15 months to strengthen the green jobs capacity of workforce partnerships and/or conduct start-up efforts to launch a green sector initiative. The City of Minneapolis will be the lead entity on a public/private partnership to ask Living Cities for \$300,000 to support a Minneapolis-based initiative to grow our green sector. City procedures require an approval of grant applications in excess of \$250,000.