



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

Date: October 12, 2011

To: PUBLIC SAFETY, CIVIL RIGHTS & HEALTH COMMITTEE
Referral to: WAYS & MEANS/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Subject: REQUEST TO APPLY FOR A STATE OF MINNESOTA GRANT TO
REDUCE OBESITY AND REDUCE THE USE OF AND EXPOSURE TO
TOBACCO

Recommendation:

Council authorization for the proper City officials to apply for an 18 month grant from the Minnesota Department of Health, for an amount not to exceed \$3,135,944, beginning January 1, 2012, to continue the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) Minneapolis. The purpose of SHIP Minneapolis is to use evidence-based strategies targeted at reducing the percentage of Minneapolis residents who are obese or overweight and reducing the use of and exposure to tobacco.

Previous Directives: March 27, 2009 approval to apply for SHIP grant; July 17, 2009 approval to accept a two year grant for \$2,650,000.

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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 Other financial impact (Explain): The City would receive a grant of up to \$3,135,944.

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The Department of Health and Family Support requests authorization to apply for an 18 month grant, not to exceed \$3,135,944, from the Minnesota Department of Health's Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) to continue Minneapolis SHIP. Since July, 2009 the Department of Health and Family Support has delivered the SHIP program to help city residents live longer, healthier lives by reducing the burden of chronic diseases such as asthma, cancer, heart disease and diabetes. When nutritious food and physical activity is available and affordable, people are less likely to be obese. Likewise, smoke-free environments reduce tobacco related illnesses. This grant would allow the department and its partners to continue making long-term, sustainable improvements in Minneapolis parks, schools, worksites, child care, corner stores, housing complexes and other environments to support healthy living. As with the first two years of SHIP funding, the state requires a 10% match of the total award. Authorization is requested to use City in-kind resources and contributions from project partners to meet the match of up to \$313,594.