



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

Date: April 13, 2009

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

Subject: MINNEAPOLIS ECONOMIC RECOVERY STRATEGY –
REQUEST TO APPLY FOR A TWO YEAR GRANT OF UP TO \$600,000
FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO PROVIDE
OPPORTUNITIES FOR POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WITH
YOUTH AT RISK FOR PARTICIPATION IN VIOLENCE.

Recommendation:

Council authorization for the Minneapolis Department of Health and Family Support to apply for a grant of up to \$600,000 for the period July 31, 2009 to July 30, 2011 from the U.S. Department of Justice to provide opportunities for positive youth development with youth at risk for participation in violence.

Previous Directives: None

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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 award of up to \$600,000

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The Department requests authorization to apply for this grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to support community based organizations providing opportunities for positive youth development with youth at risk for participation in violence. Services would be provided via contracts with community and/or faith based organizations to carry out strategies that are specifically designed for engaging disconnected and disengaged youth. These dollars are from the Recovery Act: Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program, and will create and retain jobs within community based organizations as well as maintain services that are essential toward the City's goals outlined in the Youth Violence Blueprint for Action. Grant goals are also in alignment with the department's Gang Prevention project as well as the ongoing work being performed under its Youth Violence Prevention Initiative.