



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Community Planning & Economic Development**

Date: May 16th, 2005
To: Council Member Johnson Lee, Health and Human Services Committee
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Approved by Mike Christenson, Director, Economic Policy and Development
Subject: Acceptance of Minnesota Department of Public Safety funds.

RECOMMENDATION: Authorization to enter into contract with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety to accept \$50,000 into 0300-890-8943 for the period of 6/1/05-4/30/06

Previous Directives: None

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

No financial impact – or – Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).

Background/Supporting Information: The City of Minneapolis sponsored an application by Resource Inc. (EAC) for extending services at the Folwell Middle School in the Phillips Neighborhood of South Minneapolis. Since 1998 EAC has successfully operated this delinquency prevention program called "First Opportunity".

This funding is Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funding for School-based projects to reduce "Disproportionate Minority Contact" in the Juvenile Justice system. This funding will allow EAC the ability to expand their First Opportunity caseload from 25 to 50 youth.

The program serves youth ages 11-15 who live in the Phillips neighborhood and surrounding community. The program addresses the needs of these students through a range of holistic services including: total family service, case management, career planning and exploration, college visits, first opportunity for employment with a community service organization, work-site one to one mentoring, peer mentoring, and leadership development skills workshops.

The City of Minneapolis Employment and Training Program (METP) has worked previously with RESOURCE Inc. to manage funding and monitor the First Opportunity Program at Folwell Middle School.