



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

**Date:** December 7, 2009

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

**Subject:** ACCEPT REVENUE CONTRACT WITH HENNEPIN COUNTY TO INCREASE ACCESS TO FRESH PRODUCE

**Recommendation:**

Council authorization for the proper City officials to:

1. contract with Hennepin County to accept an estimated revenue of \$3,500 for promotion of access to affordable fresh produce funded through Blue Cross Blue Shield, and
2. increase both the revenue estimate in fund/department 01600-8600130 (revenue code 372001) and the 2009 appropriation in fund/department 01600-8600130 by \$3,500.

**Previous Directives:**

None

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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:** Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

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

X  Action requires an appropriation increase to the \_\_\_\_ Capital Budget or  X  Operating Budget.

X  Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.

**Background/Supporting Information Attached**

Hennepin County received a Healthy Eating Minnesota grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota to conduct a county-wide food assessment and develop a Food Policy Council that will address key recommendations that arise from the food assessment. Hennepin County provides a \$3,500 stipend to each member of the Food Policy Council (including Health and Family Support) as an incentive for their involvement. Aside from convening a focus group on food access (already completed) and providing input at the Hennepin County Food Policy meetings, MDHFS is not responsible for specific deliverables related to this stipend. MDHFS will use the funds to support implementation of Homegrown Minneapolis recommendations.