



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Regulatory Services

Date: May 2, 2011

To: Council Member Elizabeth Glidden, Chair – Regulatory, Energy & Environment Committee

Referral to: Council Member Betsy Hodges, Chair – Ways & Means/Budget Committee

Subject: Request for authorization to apply for grant monies from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Recommendation: Approval to apply for a \$2 million Healthy Homes grant

Previous Directives: None

Department Information

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Financial Impact

- No financial impact

Community Impact

- City Goals

Supporting Information

Healthy Homes

In 2003, the City of Minneapolis was awarded a 3-year HUD Healthy Homes Demonstration Grant to study the impact of housing-related hazards on our children's health and provide low-cost interventions to families that participated in the study. In 2006, HUD awarded the City of Minneapolis another 3-year Healthy Homes Demonstration Grant to continue strategies and best-practices that worked in our community. In April 2011, HUD released the Notice of Funding Availability for HUD's Fiscal years 2011-2014.

The requested grant application with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is for up to \$2 Million. The resulting Healthy Homes Production grant would be targeted to reduce environmental hazards related to children's health and resolve problematic deficiencies in housing for the elderly, including solutions for mold and moisture problems, radon identification and reduction, trip/fall hazards, chemical poisoning, green cleaning, lead dust hazards, dust mites and other asthma triggers, bed bugs, roach and other pest infestations, etc. The intended project work areas will be specific to property owners and residents in Minneapolis proper, although partnerships with local governments, non-profits, community-based organizations will be reached as part of the grant application process. The city and its partners would be required to provide 10 percent of the total award as matching funds. In the past, this money has been easily leveraged by partnering with Community Action of Minneapolis and other weatherization programs.