



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Health Department**

Date: December 11, 2013

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

Subject: REQUEST TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE US HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION TO ELIMINATE DISPARITIES IN PERINATAL HEALTH

Recommendation:

Council authorization for the proper City officials to apply for a 5-year grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal Child Health Bureau, Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services for an amount not to exceed \$3,750,000, beginning June 1, 2014. The purpose of the grant is to improve perinatal health outcomes and reduce racial and ethnic disparities in perinatal health outcomes by using community-based approaches to service delivery and to facilitate access to comprehensive health and social services for women, infants, and their families.

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 of up to \$3,750,000.

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The Health Department is requesting authorization to apply for five-year grant, not to exceed \$3,750,000, from the Federal Health Resources and Services Administration to support Community-based Healthy Start Program activities. The project funded under this grant will address the five approaches of Healthy Start, which are to 1. Improve women's health, 2. Promote quality services, 3. Strengthen family resilience, 4. Achieve collective impact, and 5. Increase accountability through quality improvement, performance monitoring, and evaluation. Eligibility for an award is based on a defined geographic area or a specific racial ethnic group having an infant mortality rate equal to or exceeding 9.9 deaths per 1000 live births during the period 2007-2009. In Minneapolis, the African American population is the only racial ethnic group with an infant mortality rate (12.9) and number of infant deaths (69) that met these eligibility criteria. Minneapolis will be required to direct the majority of Healthy Start program services towards this target population.