



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

**Date:** January 5, 2015

**To:** HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE

**Referral to:** WAYS & MEANS/BUDGET COMMITTEE

**Subject:** RECEIVE REVENUE FROM UCARE TO ADDRESS  
ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS FOR CHILDREN WITH ASTHMA

**Recommendation:**

Council authorization for the proper City officials to:

1. accept an estimated revenue of \$25,000 to address environmental factors affecting children with asthma, and
2. increase both the revenue estimate in fund/department 01600-8600122 (revenue code 372001) and the 2015 appropriation in fund/department 01600-8600122 by \$25,000.

**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:** Lisa Smestad, Manager of Environmental Services

**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**

The department has received a \$25,000 U-Care grant for a pilot project to provide in-home environmental assessments to identify asthma triggers for selected asthmatic children. U Care providers will make referrals for the home assessment when a child's asthma is not controlled despite medical treatment. Based on the outcome of the home assessment, products such as vacuums, air cleaners and allergen mattress covers may be provided to families to prevent asthma episodes for the child. The home assessor will report back to the medical provider the types of environmental asthma triggers found at the home, a list of products provided, and a list of recommendations for the resident. If corrective housing orders are given to a rental property owner, this information will also be included.