



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

**Date:** March 23, 2015

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

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

**Subject:** RECEIVE FEDERAL REVENUE FROM MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
FOR SUPPLEMENTAL EBOLA FUNDING.

**Recommendation:**

Council authorization for the proper City officials to:

1. contract with the Minnesota Department of Health to accept an estimated revenue of \$40,000 to address the gaps in department plans and response activities related to Ebola Virus Disease; and,
2. increase both the revenue estimate in fund/department 01300-8600150 (revenue code 321007) and the 2015 appropriation in fund/department 01300-8600150 by \$40,000.

**Previous Directives:** None

**Prepared or Submitted by:** Becky McIntosh, Director of Planning & Administration  
Phone: x2884

**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  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 Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) provides local health departments with grant funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to upgrade our ability to effectively respond to a range of public health threats, including infectious diseases, natural disasters, and biological, chemical, nuclear, and radiological events. Preparedness activities funded through this grant are targeted specifically for the development of emergency-ready public health departments that are flexible and adaptable. The CDC federal funds help to ensure that state and local public health systems are prepared for public health emergencies because of our unique abilities to respond to infectious, occupational, or environmental incidents that affect the public's health.

This supplemental funding is designed to address gaps and build additional capacity related to infectious disease response, and specifically Ebola Virus Disease. This funding will address communications with treatment facilities and health care systems, training for Personal Protective Equipment, response coordination with regional partners, and psycho-social issues in the affected community.