



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Community Planning & Economic Development - CPED

Date: May 19, 2015

To: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Chair, Community Development and
Regulatory Services Committee

Subject: Request to apply for a grant from the Minnesota Department of
Employment and Economic Development.

Recommendation: Committee approval to apply for grants in excess of \$250,000 from the
Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, Office of Youth
Development.

Previous Directives: None

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Presenters in Committee: Mark Brinda, Employment and Training

Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ___ Date ___ **N/A** _____
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval ___ Date ___ **N/A** _____

Financial Impact

- No financial impact, no local match required for this grant

Community Impact

- City Goals – One Minneapolis
- City Goals – A hub of economic activity and innovation

Supporting Information

City of Minneapolis Employment and Training anticipates making an application for a State Fiscal Year 2015 Minnesota Youth Workforce Development Competitive Grant Pilot Program for \$850,000 for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016. The grantee will be awarded \$850,000, with funding for a potential second year of the program based on performance. The grant is designed to provide training and summer job placement assistance to youth who are economically disadvantaged or have at least one at-risk characteristic. The goal of Employment and Training’s application is to increase the skills and employability of STEP-UP interns while ultimately helping them achieve life-long self-sufficiency. STEP-UP provides a comprehensive array of services to Minneapolis youth including work readiness training, mentorship, financial workshops and opportunity to earn high school credit. City procedures require an approval of grant applications in excess of \$250,000.