



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Health & Family Support**

Date: October 16, 2008

To: HEALTH, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Referral to: WAYS & MEANS/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Subject: REQUEST TO APPLY FOR A THREE YEAR GRANT FROM THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION FOR CULTURE AS A PROTECTIVE FACTOR TO PREVENT YOUTH VIOLENCE

Recommendation:

Council authorization for the proper City Officials to apply for a three year grant of up to \$500,000 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for a project period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012 to co-develop and co-implement a rites of passage pilot project to prevent youth violence in six cultural communities.

Previous Directives: None

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Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Presenters in Committee: Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

Other financial impact (Explain): The City of Minneapolis would receive funding of \$500,000 over three years

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The Department of Health and Family Support requests authorization to apply for a three year grant of up to \$500,000 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Local Funding Partnerships program. In collaboration with a group of community advisors, the Department of Health and Family Support will co-develop and co-implement a pilot project to prevent youth violence in six cultural communities. The project will conduct intergenerational health storytelling in the cultural communities to pilot a "Rites of Passage" project focused on developing and implementing a culturally-based component of the City's work to prevent youth violence. Through its Local Funding Partnerships program, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation will match dollar-for-dollar funding secured from local grant makers for the project. The Otto Bremer Foundation has committed to raising the matching funds from local funding partners for this project for a possible total budget of \$1 million during the three year project.