



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

**Date:** December 7, 2009

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

**Subject:** CONTRACT WITH FRIENDS OF THE MEDICA SKYWAY SENIOR CENTER TO ACCEPT REVENUE FOR CENTER OPERATIONS

**Recommendation:**

Council authorization for the proper City officials to contract with the Friends of the Medica Skyway Senior Center to accept an estimated revenue of \$60,000 for the period of September 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010 for general operations of the Center. The revenue is already reflected in the 2009 approved budget and pending 2010 budget.

**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:** Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

**Financial Impact (Check those that apply)**

X No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).

**Background/Supporting Information Attached**

The Medica Skyway Senior Center was formed in 2001 to provide services to seniors living in and around the downtown area as well as metro-wide, and is operated through Health & Family Support. The Center is entirely supported by grants, and the non-profit Friends of the Medica Skyway Senior Center was created in 2003 by seniors interested in ensuring the existence of the Center given the up and down nature of grant funding. The Friends will provide financial support as a supplement to other resources ensuring the level of current service is offered. The center sees over 75 unduplicated visitors per day and over 16,000 visits per year, and is a vibrant addition to the downtown Minneapolis culture.