



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

Date: June 23, 2008

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

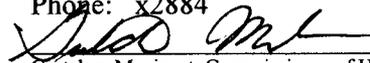
Subject: REQUEST TO APPLY FOR A THREE YEAR GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR A YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION RELATED YOUTH MENTORING FUNDING

Recommendation:

Council authorization for the proper City officials to apply for a three year grant of up to \$500,000 for a project period of October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2011 from the U.S. Department of Justice to provide youth mentoring through community partnerships towards meeting a goal of the *Blue Print for Action to Reduce Youth Violence as a Public Health Issue*.

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Presenters in Committee: Bass Zanjani, Youth Violence Prevention Coordinator

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

Other financial impact (Explain): The City of Minneapolis would receive funding of up to \$500,000.

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 U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The grant would provide support for youth mentoring that addresses goal # 1 from the Blue Print to address youth violence in Minneapolis. The purpose of the program is to increase the capacity of the five target neighborhoods/communities to implement "effective" mentoring programs through cross-system collaboration among city agencies and public and private partner organizations (school district, park board, police department, mentoring programs, and community-based youth serving organizations, and businesses) who share a common interest in supporting at-risk youth. The Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota (MPM) will lead process of identifying quality program standards and develop and deliver the training and technical support. A local match is not required, and services would be provided through contracts with project partners.