

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date	March 22, 2010
	Agenda Item No. 24 Roll Call No. <u>10-</u> Communication No. <u>10-167</u> Submitted by: Chris Johansen, Assistant City Manager	

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Submittal of the Multiple Education Pathways Blueprint (MEPB) Grant Close out Document to the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL).

SYNOPSIS:

Authorizing the Mayor to submit the DOL’s electronic close out documents for the MEPB program operated under a sub contract with the Des Moines Area Community College.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

Amount: Pass through grant from DOL totaling \$491,666 for the two and one-half year period from July1, 2007 to December 31, 2009.

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Labor

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On June 4, 2007 by Roll Call No. 07-1083, the City Council approved submitting a grant application to the Department of Labor to monitor and administer the MEPB drop-out prevention program to be operated by the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC). Some of the program’s accomplishments include the following:

- DMPS and other partners serving youth adopted a new and improved process to analyze data used to assess dropouts and their needs.
- Early Warning Systems were set up in the fall of 2009 for the district and community partners to identify potential drop-outs and align services with student needs.
- Future Pathways, (a DMPS strategy to address credit recovery) has been implemented and is hailed as a viable option and not a "consequence."
- A Community in Schools model is being piloted at middle and high schools in Des Moines. United Way, in an effort to demonstrate a pilot, has funded the research and a position to start the first “Community in Schools” project in Iowa. United Way is also interested in the concept of bundling services at high schools and is now in the process of partnering with DMPS to hire staff to coordinate this city-wide.
- A Business Summit unveiled the MEPB produced video and Blueprint report and invited the business community to take an active role in building employment and career opportunities for struggling students.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: September 10, 2007

Roll Call Number: 07-1787

Action: Approved a revised grant agreement increasing the grant amount from \$300,000 to \$491,666 and approved the contractual agreement with DMACC. Council Communication 07-542. Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion carried 6-0. Coleman absent.

Date: July 13, 2009

Roll Call No: 09-1234

Action: Approved a DOL grant modification requested by the City, to extend the deadline to December 31, 2009. Council Communication 09-441. Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion carried 7-0

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

For more information on this and other agenda items, please call the City Clerk's Office at 515-283-4209 or visit the Clerk's Office on the second floor of City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive. Council agendas are available to the public at the City Clerk's Office on Thursday afternoon preceding Monday's Council meeting. Citizens can also request to receive meeting notices and agendas by email by calling the Clerk's Office or sending their request via email to cityclerk@dmgov.org.