


TO: Mayor via City Secretary

## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

<b>SUBJECT:</b> A resolution supporting the expenditure of City funds to implement the My Brother's Keeper Houston Local Action Plan, an initiative that addresses persistent opportunity gaps faced by boys and young men of color		<b>Category #9</b>	<b>Page 1 of 2</b>	<b>Agenda Item #</b>
<b>FROM</b> (Department or other point of origin): Houston Health Department		<b>Origination Date</b> 10/20/15	<b>Agenda Date</b>	
<b>DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 		<b>Council District affected:</b> All		
<b>For additional information contact:</b> Kathy Barton - Telephone: 832-393-5045; 713-826-5801		<b>Date and identification of prior authorizing Council action:</b>		
<b>RECOMMENDATION: (Summary):</b> Approval of a resolution supporting the expenditure of City funds to implement the My Brother's Keeper Houston Local Action Plan, an initiative that addresses persistent opportunity gaps faced by boys and young men of color				
<b>Amount of Funding:</b> N/A			<b>Finance Department:</b>	
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDING:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Enterprise Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Other ( Specify) –				
<b>SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:</b> The Houston Health Department (HHD) requests City Council approval of a resolution supporting the expenditure of City funds to implement the My Brother's Keeper Houston (MBK) Local Action Plan, an initiative that addresses persistent opportunity gaps faced by boys and young men of color.  President Obama's initiative challenged cities, governments, nonprofits, educational agencies and businesses to become MBK communities that implemented policies to address disparities and committed to nurturing and mentoring our youth.  Statistics for the Houston area show disparities, opportunity gaps, and disproportionately negative effects for boys and young men of color in comparison to their peer groups, such as: (1) more than 75% of Houston's male population aged 10 to 24 years are boys and young men of color; (2) African American and Latino boys are more than twice as likely to be in poverty; (3) Latino boys are more than 3 times more likely to lack health insurance; (4) African American boys are over 7 times more likely to have an encounter with law enforcement and more than 2 times more likely to have an out of school suspension.  In order to address the disparities, MBK focuses on 6 milestones of achievement: (1) entering school ready to learn; (2) reading at grade level by third grade; (3) graduating from high school ready for college and career; (4) completing post-secondary education or training; (5) successfully entering the workforce; and (6) reducing crime and violence and providing a second chance.  HHD sought input from a wide array of community stakeholders, representing over 75 organizations and interests groups to develop an MBK Local Action Plan. HHD serves as the backbone infrastructure support to coordinate resources and programs offered by the Houston Independent School District, community based organizations, and nonprofit groups to ensure the successful implementation of the MBK Houston Local Plan.				
<b>REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION</b>				
<b>Finance Department</b>	<b>Other Authorization:</b>		<b>Other Authorization:</b>	

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The MBK Houston Local Action Plan contains the following cross-cutting strategies to achieve the MBK milestones: (1) establish baseline data and success indicators, (2) bolster parental engagement, (3) drive community partnerships, (4) promote in-school efforts, (5) engage progress-monitoring systems, and (6) assess action plan effectiveness.

The City has identified savings of approximately \$1.3 million in the budget for Fiscal Year 2016, which savings will support an initial investment in MBK for critical infrastructure needs, such as data systems and evaluation, establishing the core connecting services, obtaining contractual services for family support workers, care coordination teams, and wraparound services (e.g. health and behavioral health services).

cc: Finance Department  
Legal Department  
Agenda Director