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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legal and Finance Committee

FROM: Barbara Garcia, Community Development

DATE: February 16, 2011

RE: **Council Preliminary Approval to Expand the Use of CDBG Funds for Pennington County Health and Human Services.**

Pennington County Health and Human Services is requesting City Council approval to expand the use of their allocated 2010 Community Development Block Grant funds to include assistance with rent payments or deposits, and delinquent utility bills. Attached please find the official request submitted by Pennington County Health and Human Services.

Pennington County Health and Human Services provides services for emergency economic, medical, housing, and funeral assistance for qualifying individuals when no other assistance is available. However, there is a great shortage of funds this year for utility and rent assistance due to the extremely cold winter that has affected utility costs and the ability to work outside, causing many people to experience pay reductions.

The funds will be used to provide assistance to clients who do not meet Pennington County Health and Human Services guidelines, yet are still in need of assistance with rent deposits or payments, and delinquent utility bills. In addition, the change will help satisfy the need for rent deposits or payments other organizations are not able to fulfill due to limited funds or funding has run out.

Staff Recommendation: City Council preliminary approval to expand the use of CDBG funds for Pennington County Health and Human Services to include assistance with rent deposits or payments, and delinquent utility bills.