



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Civil Rights

**Date:** Monday, June 9, 2014

**To:** Council Member John Quincy, Chair  
Ways and Means Committee

**Subject:** Receive a grant for participation in the Minnesota Justice Foundation Summer Clerkship Program and a grant from the Emmett D. Carson Fund for Advocacy and Social Justice of the Minneapolis Foundation for the Summer of Civil Rights events hosted by the Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights.

**Recommendation:** The Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights be authorized to accept the following grant funds (1) in the amount of \$4,500 from the Minnesota Justice Foundation (MJF) Summer Clerkship Program. Further, increasing the appropriation in the Department of Civil Rights in the Grants-Other Fund 01600-3000200 by \$4,500 and increasing the revenue account 01600-3000200-372001 by \$4,500 and (2) in the amount of \$1,000 from Emmett D. Carson Fund for Advocacy and Social Justice of the Minneapolis Foundation. Further, increasing the appropriation in the Department of Civil Rights in the Grants-Other Fund 01600-3000200 by \$1,000 and increasing the revenue account 01600-3000200-372001 by \$1,000.

### Department Information

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### Financial Impact (MJF)

- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget  
Dept Name: Civil Rights  
Amount: \$5,500.00
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase  
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### Supporting Information

#### MJF

MJF was incorporated in 1982 by Minnesota law students concerned about their role within the community. For over 25 years, MJF has secured legal aid for thousands of under-represented Minnesotans by coordinating the efforts of volunteer law students and attorneys.

The Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights' clerkship/intern program provides a plethora of opportunities for law school students to develop the essential skills to become an attorney.

The selected law student is paid a \$4,500 stipend for the summer, which represents the law student's gross salary for the summer. Attached is the award letter from MJF.

**Summer of Civil Rights**

City, state, and federal officials, human/civil rights organization leaders, and community members throughout the state of Minnesota have organized a series of events commemorating the 50th anniversary of the passing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Minneapolis Foundation is supporting these events through a \$1000 grant that will be used for necessary costs.