



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Police

**Date:** March 31, 2011

**To:** Don Samuels–Chair, Public Safety, Civil Rights and Health Committee  
**Referral to:** Ways and Means/Budget Committee

**Subject:** Request to approve payment of \$10,000 to Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC) in support of Community Justice Program

**Recommendation:** Authorize the Minneapolis Police Department to pay \$10,000 to GMCC in support of the Community Justice Program for 2011.

**Previous Directives:** MPD has had a six-year relationship with the GMCC and its Community Justice Program. In 2010, the Council authorized a payment of \$15,000. As there is no current contractual relationship MPD and Finance determined to use the RCA process to inform Council.

### Department Information

Prepared by: Kevin Carpenter  
Approved by: Chief Tim Dolan  
Presenters in Committee: Kevin Carpenter

### Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval \_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Civil Rights Approval Approval \_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval \_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Financial Impact (delete all lines not applicable to your request)

- Action is within MPD Operating Budget; Request provided to the Finance Department

### Community Impact

- City Goals – A safe place to call home

### Supporting Information

The Community Justice Program of the GMCC seeks to increase public safety by changing offender behavior through the use of adult mentors and has been remarkably successful in reducing the rate of recidivism from these offenders. MPD’s partnership with CJP and GMCC involves the sharing of information about both observable trends from the interviewing of offenders and mentors as well as the notification of the release of serious and previously violent gang members back into the community. In prior years the partnership has been documented through a variety of contractual arrangements but as the arrangement has evolved through the years no contract is appropriate as the program is staffed entirely by GMCC.