

Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of

Date: March 12, 2009

To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee

Referral to:

Subject: Recommendation for Responses to RFP-Restorative Justice

Recommendation: That the City Council approve awarding \$70,850 to Minneapolis Restorative Justice organizations as follows:

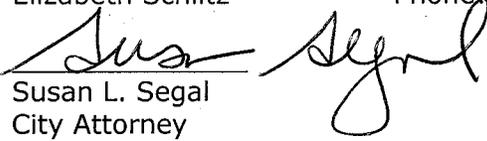
\$41,850 to Restorative Justice Community Action (fiscal agent for joint proposal with Center for Multicultural Mediation and Restorative Justice and Black, Indian, Hispanic, Asian Women in Action)

\$21,000 to Midtown Community Restorative Justice

\$8,000 to Seward Longfellow Restorative Justice Partnership

Previous Directives:

Department Information

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Presenters in Committee:	Susan L. Segal, City Attorney		

Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval Date December 10, 2008
- Civil Rights Approval: Approval Date _____
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval Date _____

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

- No financial impact

Community Impact

Supporting Information

The City recommended \$77,100 for the 2009 Restorative Justice funding level. On November 21, 2008 the City Council authorized the current contract amount increase with

Restorative Justice Community Action (RJCA) and Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association (PPNA) by \$6,250 (\$4,042 RJCA and \$2,208 PPNA) and performance period extension from January 1, 2009 to January 31, 2009. The \$6,250 difference resulted in \$70,850 available funds for restorative justice services during February 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009.

On December 10, 2008 the City Attorney's Office issued a Request for Proposal to organizations in Minneapolis. A submission deadline of January 14, 2009 resulted in three proposals received by the City Attorney's Office. A joint proposal between Restorative Justice Community Action (RJCA), Center for Multicultural Mediation and Restorative Justice (CMMRJ), and Black, Indian, Hispanic, Asian (BIHA) Women in Action was submitted in collaboration with individual submissions from Midtown Community Restorative Justice (MCRJ) and the Seward Longfellow Restorative Justice Partnership (SLRJP). In order to strengthen outreach and referral efforts and streamline administrative and fundraising processes, the organizations prepared collaborative proposals that would enable the City to meet its goal of benefiting multiple programs and agreed upon the division of available funds among each program.

The City Attorney's Office formed an internal committee to evaluate the proposals and to make recommendations to the City Attorney. The proposals were evaluated based on the following criteria: the program's restorative justice principles, values, and practices; involvement with the community; funding needs, and the program's alignment with the City Attorney's Office public safety strategy, as outlined in its 2007-2011 Business Plan, adopted by the City Council.

Recommendation

An internal committee evaluated proposals based on each program's restorative justice principles, values, and practices; involvement with the community; and funding needs. As a result of a thorough analysis, review and discussion, the committee recommends that all restorative justice programs be awarded \$70,850 to be distributed as follows:

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