

Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Community Planning & Economic Development

Date: March 22, 2011

To: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Community Development Committee

Subject: Request to apply for a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor.

Recommendation: Committee approval to apply for grants in excess of \$250,000 from Department of Labor Funds for the Civic Justice Corps Grants Serving Juvenile Offenders.

Previous Directives: None

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Cathy Polasky, Director Economic Policy & Development, CPED _____

Presenters in Committee: Teresa Harrold, METP

Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ____ Date N/A
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval ____ Date N/A

Financial Impact

- No financial impact

Community Impact

- City Goals – One Minneapolis

Supporting Information

The City of Minneapolis Employment and Training Program will be applying for a \$1.5 million Department of Labor Civic Justice Corps Grant Serving Juvenile Offenders. The grant will have a 30-month period of performance that includes up to four months of planning with a minimum of 26 months of operation. The Civic Justice Corps Grant Funds will serve juvenile offenders ages 18-24 who have been involved with the juvenile justice system within 12 months before entry into the program. The Civic Justice Corps' projects offer offenders a chance to demonstrate accountability for their actions and make reparations to the community through: 1) community service projects that aid in the rebuilding of severed relationships between young offenders and community members while re-establishing trust and a positive status for the offender within the community; and 2) work experience, other vocational training, and academic interventions that enable participants to improve their skills and enhance their future educational and career opportunities. City procedures require an approval of grant applications in excess of \$250,000.