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Mayor John Dickert
Members of the Common Council
c/o Janice Johnson-Martin, City Clerk

Subject: Request to accept a grant from the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority's Strategic Blight Elimination Program.

Dear Mayor Dickert and Honorable Aldermen:

On July 17, 2012 the Common Council authorized me to apply for a grant from the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) under a program that would reimburse local jurisdictions for the cost of demolishing vacant and blighted 1 to 4 unit residential properties within a target area. The properties must be owned by the jurisdiction and be part of a well-defined redevelopment plan.

I am now informed that WHEDA has awarded the city \$120,000 from this program.

I respectfully ask for permission to accept this grant and for authorization to enter into agreements with WHEDA and Racine County for the use of the funds.

Please refer this request to the Finance and Personnel Committee for its review and recommendation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Brian F. O'Connell", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

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