



May 28, 2009

Mayor John Dickert
And Common Council
Racine, WI 53403

Your Honor and Aldermen:

On behalf of the City of Racine Health Department, I respectfully request to appear before the appropriate committee to discuss our request to apply for the U.S. Department of Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 2009 Building Strategic Alliances for Healthy Housing Pilot Project. The grant control number is 2009-024.

The grant is for \$220,000 with a project period of two years. The purpose of the pilot program is to reduce or eliminate housing-related health hazards and to promote housing that is safe, healthy, accessible, and affordable. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus areas of environmental health, public health infrastructure, and education and community-based programs. The City of Racine Health Department is proposing a Racine Healthy Homes Collaboration dedicated to reducing the burden that asthma places on families and individuals living in the City of Racine's "Towerview" area located within Census Tracts 1-5 through coordinated health, housing and social service responses. The collaborative includes the Housing Coalition, local health and social service providers, Racine Unified School District, health organizations, and Racine/Kenosha Community Action Agency. Goals include:

1. Research, inventory, and implement best practices related to healthy housing interventions and opportunities for linking health outcomes to unhealthy housing conditions.
2. Improve surveillance of health hazards inside the home by various public health professionals, such as case managers, inspectors and others whose work involves entry into the home.
3. Increase awareness of and knowledge about healthy housing issues and their impacts on health among the general public, legislatures, and key agencies in the state.



4. Support efforts to ensure that state and federal housing financial programs support healthy housing.
5. Assist the City in the development and rehabilitation of “healthier” housing.

There is no match requirement for this grant.

Sincerely,

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Grants Facilitator