

August 17, 2009

Mayor John Dickert
And Common Council
Racine, WI 53403

Your Honor and Aldermen:

I respectfully request to appear before the appropriate committee to discuss our request to apply for and accept the Youth Gang Diversion 2010 Grant Announcement through the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance. The Finance Department has been contacted for coordination, and the grant control number is 2008-046.

The grant is for \$91,000 and will support initiatives proposed by the Youth Gang Diversion Collaborative comprised of Racine Vocational Ministry, Safe Haven Gang Crime Diversion Task Force, and Why Gangs. The collaborative will provide a coordinated approach including: workforce development, education, and youth development opportunities to reduce gang activity in our community.

Sincerely,

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Grants Facilitator