



City of Racine, Wisconsin
Agenda BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

AGENDA DATE: 08/12/2024

PREPARED BY: Dottie-Kay Bowersox, Public Health Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Communication sponsored by Alder Horton on behalf of the Public Health Department requesting permission to accept funding of \$104,784 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services for the Mike Johnson Life Care and Early Intervention Services grant.

Background and Analysis:

This funding from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Communicable Disease Harm Reduction Section is a one-year automatic extension of the Mike Johnson Life Care and Early Intervention Services (LCEIS) grant received in 2023. Funds will support the activities of a Public Health Educator serving as a PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) Navigator. Works with clients to enroll them in PrEP services. PrEP is a class of medications that, when taken properly, greatly reduce the likelihood of an individual acquiring HIV through sex or injection drug use. The promotion of PrEP to priority populations and provision of PrEP Navigation services are actions outlined in the 2022 Wisconsin HIV Surveillance Annual Report as work that will lead toward ending the HIV epidemic in Wisconsin and the US.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Funds will supplement City levy to pay for the wages and benefits of a Public Health Educator as well as cover laboratory services for clients who are uninsured or underinsured.

There is no City match required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Department be authorized to accept funding of \$104,784 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services for the Mike Johnson Life Care and Early Intervention Services grant.