



City of Racine, Wisconsin Agenda Briefing Memorandum

AGENDA DATE:

December 19, 2022

SUBJECT:

Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting an allocation of funds relating to the American Rescue Plan Act – Violence Reduction Initiative

PREPARED BY:

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Department of City Development – Division of Neighborhood Services requests that the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Board review applications and funding recommendations.

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:

On June 7, 2022, via resolution 0426-22, the Common Council recommended that up to \$800,000 in ARPA funds be used to solicit proposals for evidence and community-based violence reduction initiatives that work in coordination with other public safety resources and partners to increase safety and support systems for Racine's at-risk and underserved youth.

A Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was released on June 24, 2022, and applications can be received on a rolling basis until funds are exhausted. The staff has organized an interdepartmental team to review applications, ask questions of applicants, and make recommendations for funding.

Since the initial funding of applications, on September 26, 2022, The City of Racine has received three additional applicants. Staff is recommending full funding of all applicants.

Please see the attached summaries and staff recommendations for ARPA Funds.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

There is sufficient ARPA money to fund the staff recommendation of two applications of up to \$150,000

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the CDBG Advisory Board recommends approval of up to \$150,000 in ARPA funds for the two applications.