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

Subject: Request for 2013 ESG Contract Extension for from CoC for Racine Kenosha Community Action Agency and Legal Action of Wisconsin.

Dear Mayor Dickert and Honorable Aldermen:

The Continuum of Care for the City and County of Racine (CoC) is requesting Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) contract extensions for Racine Kenosha Action Agency (RKCAA) and Legal Action of Wisconsin (LAW).

- RKCAA was allocated funds from ESG to provide rental assistance to those individuals at risk of homelessness that meet both the 30% county median income and housing stability income indicators for TBRA, funds have been expended more slowly than anticipated due to difficulty in finding program participants that meet both requirements. There is approximately \$7,258 remaining on the current contract.
- LAW was provided ESG Funds provides those defined as "at risk of homelessness" legal representation for homelessness prevention. Services are limited to activities to help program participant regain stability in permanent housing. ESG requires that oldest dollars (2012) be spent first. LAW was expending older dollars and did not enter a contract for 2013 until February 2014. What would normally have been an 18-month contract for 2014 has ended up being a 5-month contract. There is approximately \$9,466 remaining on the current contract.

Due to the above reasons, program dollars will not be spent by either organization by the end of their contracts (June 30, 2014).

I respectfully request the Common Council to approve the request to extend the 2013 ESG LAW contract until December 31, 2014. Please refer this request to the Community Development Committee for its review and recommendation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian F. O'Connell", is positioned above the printed name.

Brian F. O'Connell
Director of City Development

Attachment – May 29, 2014 Request from Continuum of Care

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