



City of Racine, Wisconsin
Agenda BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

AGENDA DATES

Intro. to Council Date: October 7, 2025

Standing Committee Date: October 13, 2025

Final Action Council Date: October 21, 2025

PREPARED BY: Wynn Brown, Administrative Assistant

REVIEWED BY: Dottie-Kay Bowersox, Public Health Administrator

SUBJECT: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Public Health Department, requesting permission to accept the recurring funding of \$95,282 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services for the Mike Johnson HIV Life Care and Early Intervention Services grant. (Grant Control # 00643)

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS: Funds will support the activities of a Public Health Educator/PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis) Navigator, who works directly with clients to enroll them in PrEP services. PrEP is a class of medications that, when taken as prescribed, significantly reduces the risk of acquiring HIV through sexual contact or injection drug use. The funding will also help cover the cost of required laboratory testing for uninsured individuals accessing PrEP services. Promoting PrEP to priority populations, providing PrEP navigation, and ensuring access to necessary lab work are key strategies to ending the HIV epidemic in both Wisconsin and the United States.

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Public Health Department be authorized to accept funding of \$95,282 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services for the Mike Johnson HIV Life Care and Early Intervention Services grant. (Grant Control # 00643)

FISCAL NOTE & BUDGETARY IMPACT: No City Match Required.