

September 4, 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 the Pathways Out of Poverty Program, 2009 Recovery through the Department of Labor. The Finance Department has been contacted for coordination, and the grant control number is 2008-057.

The grant is for up to \$4,000,000 and will support green collar job training programming opportunities in the following industries: energy efficient building, construction, and retrofit industries, the energy efficiency assessment industry assessment industry serving residential, commercial or industrial sectors, environmental protection, sustainable agriculture (urban agriculture and horticulture), and recycling. Community partners include:

1. Workforce Development Center- Providing job coaches, recruitment, assessments, career counseling, access to Wisconsin Shares (childcare), career counseling
2. GTC- curriculum instruction and development, academic resource centers, space
3. United Way- family coaches, providing referrals
4. Labor- apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship program opportunities
5. First Choice- curriculum, referrals
6. OIC- referrals, soft skills, job readiness, OJT instruction (Youthbuild green housing program) marketing, OSHA 10, job development
7. Racine Vocational – referrals, soft-skills, pre-employment, case management, job development, Step 1 Assessment, employer outreach.
8. YMCA- health club memberships, administrator
9. R/K Community Action Agency- referrals, employer outreach, other support services (skills enhancement, anti-poverty), job fairs

There is no match requirement.

Sincerely,

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Grants Facilitator