



CDBG Advisory Board | City of Racine, Wisconsin

Agenda Briefing Memorandum

AGENDA DATE:

CDBG Advisory Board – August 14, 2023
Common Council – August 15, 2023

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SUBJECT:

Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason to fund Racine Literacy Councils Adult Basic Education Program using FY 23 Public Service Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:

The Racine Literacy Council’s Adult Basic Education Classes will enhance the economic mobility of low- and moderate-income Racine residents by working with illiterate adults who do not yet have the academic skills to enter a traditional 509 or GED (high school equivalency) program.

The class will have a “Work Skills” component that every student will complete. This series of classes will enable participants to seek employment or better their employment position, empower participants to engage more equitably in the areas that affect their own and their family’s lives (such as engaging in their children’s schools and working with systems that marginalize those without the tools to advocate for themselves) and result in a better quality life. Class instruction, as well as one-on-one support. In order to have more timely and accurate assessments of student progress, the RLC Adult Basic Education team is investing in a new curriculum that aligns with the TABE test (Test of Adult Basic Education).

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

There are sufficient CDBG funds to fund the staff recommendation of the Racine Literacy Council up to \$10,423.59.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the CDBG Advisory Board approves the request to approve funding the \$10,423.59 balance fusing FY2023 CDBG Public Service funds.