



## City of Racine, Wisconsin Agenda Briefing Memorandum

**AGENDA DATE:**

CDBG Advisory Board – February 27, 2023; Common Council – March 7, 2023

**SUBJECT:**

Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting an allocation of grant funds relating to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Violence Reduction Initiative (VRI) be awarded to Golden Touch Boxing Club.

**PREPARED BY:** Brittany Brown, Economic Development & Housing-Compliance Specialist

**Reviewed By:** Cathy Anderson, Manager

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Department of City of Development – Division of Economic Development and Housing acknowledges that a Violence Reduction Initiative grant application from Golden Touch Boxing Club was received. The grant is requesting \$75,000 to support youth from marginalized communities through structured training in the discipline of boxing.

**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 for Golden Touch Boxing Club of up to \$75,000

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

That the CDBG Advisory Board recommends approval of up to \$75,000 in ARPA funds for Golden Touch Boxing Club (see attachment).