

September 29, 2006

The Honorable Gary Becker
Mayor
City of Racine
730 Washington Ave.
Racine, WI 53403

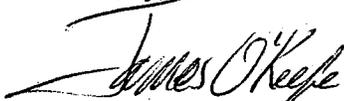
Dear Mayor Becker:

I am pleased to inform you that the proposal submitted under the 2006 HOME Homebuyer & Rehabilitation (HHR) and the Housing Cost Reduction Initiative Homebuyer (HCRIH) programs has been approved for an award of \$104,720 in HCRIH funding. Your efforts in developing and carrying out these housing programs serve to ensure quality, affordable housing for low-income residents of Wisconsin.

I am very pleased that the Wisconsin Department of Commerce, Division of Housing and Community Development and City of Racine will be working together to provide quality housing for Wisconsin citizens. You will shortly be receiving a letter from Betty Kalscheur, HHR & HCRIH Program Administrator, which will contain the details of the grant award and the Implementation Training schedule. Please set-aside November 14-15 for program implementation training.

Please contact Tony Hozeny at 608-267-9661 before sending out any press releases. Congratulations and thank you for making the HOME and HCRIH programs a success.

Sincerely,



James O'Keefe, Administrator
Division of Housing & Community Development

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cc: Joseph Heck