



City of Racine, Wisconsin

## AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORADUM

**AGENDA DATE:** Finance and Personnel Committee, 10/07/2025

**SUBJECT:** Communication sponsored by Ald. Davis, on behalf of the Director of Community Safety, requesting permission to apply for 2025 BJA Office of Justice Programs Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative grant.

**PREPARED BY:** John Tate II, Director of Community Safety

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** On September 17, 2025, the U.S. Dept. of Justice's Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance announced a notification of funding opportunity for efforts to reduce violent crime and improve police-community relations through a range of cross-sector enforcement, prevention, and intervention strategies that leverage active collaboration with communities through sustained partnerships and engagement. The fund are available to units of government.

Relevant areas of focus to the Dept. of Community Safety for funding include:

- Equipment purchases that specifically support violence prevention and intervention efforts;
- Focused deterrence-based strategies; and
- Youth violence intervention programs.

These areas of activity directly align with the mission, scope, and current operations of the Dept. of Community Safety, especially Group Violence Intervention, which is a focused-deterrence strategy.

Deadlines to submit are October 27, 2025 via Grants.gov and November 3, 2025 via JustGrants.gov

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:** Anticipated maximum award amount: \$2,000,000.00 over 48 months (4 years). No local match required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** That Director of Community Safety be granted permission to apply for the 2025 BJA Office of Justice Programs Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative grant; and further authorizes the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Attorney, or their designees to execute any documents to accept the grant, if awarded.