



# CDBG Advisory Board | City of Racine, Wisconsin

## Agenda Briefing Memorandum

**AGENDA DATE:**

CDBG Advisory Board – September 29, 2025

Common Council – October 7, 2025

**PREPARED BY:** Veronica Seymour, Housing Manager

**REVIEWED BY:** Jeff Hintz CNU-A, Assistant Director of City Development

**SUBJECT:** Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, to reallocate \$400,000 of the Community Development Block Grant(CDBG) Available Loan Funds(ALF) to Support the City of Racine Clean Sweep Initiative.

**BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:** The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Available Loan Fund (ALF) provides financial assistance through the Home Repair Loan Program.

The final clean sweep of 2025 will be held on October 16 and 17 in an area bounded by Howe Street to the West, 13<sup>th</sup> Street to the North, Center Street to the east, and 14<sup>th</sup> Street to the south. The Clean Sweep initiative provides immediate and lasting benefits to Racine residents and neighborhoods by improving public health, safety, and overall quality of life. By removing debris, addressing neglected properties, and supporting rehabilitation efforts, Clean Sweeps create cleaner, safer, and more attractive neighborhoods where residents feel proud to live.

Cleaner streets and properties deter crime, improve visibility, and prevent blight from spreading, while also fostering community pride and strengthening trust between residents and the City. These efforts encourage private investment, stabilize property values, and invite future development opportunities.

Reallocating available CDBG ALF funds to support Clean Sweeps directly aligns with the CDBG program's mission to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, creating suitable living environments, and expanding economic opportunities. This initiative ensures existing resources are used efficiently, allowing multiple departments to work collaboratively toward healthier, more vibrant neighborhoods and safer communities for all residents.

This action aligns with the City's broader housing and community development objectives by addressing property maintenance and neighborhood revitalization needs while utilizing existing CDBG resources effectively.

**REQUEST:** Approval is requested to reallocate funds from the following CDBG accounts into the CDBG Fixed Interest Account 20404 for use toward the Racine Clean Sweep initiative and future Home Repair Loan Program applications.

Account Number	Account Name	Amount (\$)
• Account 20419	Multi Family	- \$11, 875.54
• Account 20413	Non-Federal	- \$177,148.35
• Account 20408	Deferred	- \$35,976.11
• Account 20403	Total Rental	- \$175,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>- \$400,000.00</b>

The total funding requested to be reallocated will be utilized during the clean sweep to repair properties as described below. Any funds remaining after the clean sweep would be utilized by the Home Repair Loan Program for future applications as approved by CBDG Advisory Board.

Clean Sweep Projects to be Funded:

Address	Description of Work
1308 Franklin St	Deck, Ramp, Windows, Siding, Kitchen cabinets, Flooring
1328 Franklin St	Window, Siding, Fence
1320 Franklin St	Porches, Siding, Windows
1311 Franklin St	Siding, garage roof
1321 Center St	Front steps, fence
1335 Franklin St	Front porch, steps, sidewalk, paint
1301 Franklin St	front steps and railing
1333 Howe St	Porch and Siding

These funds will be provided to properties as a forgivable grant over a period of 5 years via a lien if owner occupied. Landlord owned properties would be provided a 50% match grant forgivable over a 5 year period via lien.

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

Funding will be sourced entirely through the reallocation of existing CDBG Available Loan Funds. No impact on general CDBG funds is anticipated.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

That the CBDG Advisory Board recommends approval of the proposed reallocation of \$400,000 from the above CDBG ALF accounts to support the Clean Sweep initiative and future Home Repair Loan Program applications.