



July 15, 2009

Mayor John Dickert
And Common Council
Racine, WI 53403

Your Honor and Aldermen:

I respectfully request to appear before the appropriate committee to discuss our request to submit a proposal and accept JAG Recovery Act –Youthful Offender Prevention Initiative 2009 from the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance. The grant control number is 2009-030.

The grant is for \$450,000 over a three year period. The purpose of the grant is for evidence-based programs to address truancy, drug and alcohol use, violence prevention/intervention, and gang participation. The target population is youth ages 14-25. Funding will support a Coordinator's position to integrate existing youth gang intervention and prevention programs and services that exist in our community. Funding will also support a database system to track and integrate information. Existing partners include the Mayor's Gang Crime Diversion Collaborative, and Racine Safe Neighborhoods Alliance, Community Re-entry Program and Racine Police Department Community Oriented Policing (COP), Racine Police Gang Unit, Racine Unified School District, Racine YMCA, The Racine Truancy Committee, Wisconsin Community Services, and other community and faith-based organizations. There is no match requirement for this grant.

Sincerely,

Deborah L. Embry, MBA
Grants Facilitator