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Honorable Mayor and Members of the Common Council
City of Racine
Racine City Hall
730 Washington Avenue
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Dear Mayor and Council Members:

I hereby request permission to accept \$445,400 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) for Racine Healthy Babies / Infant Mortality-Racine.

Funds allocated to the City of Racine, through Wis. Stats. 253.16, will be transferred from the City to the Racine County Human Services Department (County) through an Intergovernmental Transfer. The County will become a subcontractor of the City under Sec. VIII of the Contract between DHS and the City. Pursuant to Sec. VIII B. of the Contract, the City retains fiscal and programmatic responsibility for fulfillment by the County and its vendors of the terms and conditions of the Contract.

These funds are to be utilized to promote a comprehensive strength-based approach to serving families using coordinated, family-centered, community-driven, and culturally-competent services, including home visiting. The City will use Racine County and the County's vendors to directly perform services. The vendors selected to implement this contract are to use innovative approaches to reduce poor outcomes, specifically low birth weight, premature birth, and infant mortality; to improve maternal health; to improve family functioning; and to promote child health, safety and development for pregnant women and their infants to 12 months of age, residing in zip codes 53402-53406 of the City of Racine.

There is no City match required. The contract period is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. (Grant Control Number requested)

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D. Bowersox". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each name being capitalized and prominent.

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