



December 13, 2011

Mayor John Dickert
And Common Council
Racine, WI 53403

Your Honor and Aldermen:

I respectfully request to appear before the finance and personnel committee to discuss our request to apply to the Racine Community Foundation for the Racine *AfterZones* initiative. The Finance Department has been contacted for coordination, and the grant control number is 2011-040.

The grant is for \$10,000 and will support the staff development of Racine *AfterZones*, a public/ private partnership initiated by the Mayor's Office of Strategic Partnerships. The purpose of the initiative is to bring after-school providers together to build a community campus of programs in at least two designated areas of the city. These *AfterZones* will serve as an organized network of programs to better serve youth and families, and will help schools, libraries, recreation and community centers join together with other after-school program providers to better organize, expand, create, and offer more programs. Racine *AfterZone* goals include: increase access and participation; improve quality; develop information systems for decision-making; and plan for financial sustainability.

There is no match requirement for this grant..

Sincerely,

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Grants Facilitator