



City of Racine, Wisconsin
AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORADUM

AGENDA DATE: December 6, 2021

PREPARED BY:
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason for an allocation of up to \$112,500.00 to be provided to the City of Racine Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services for extension of operational hours at qualifying community centers.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS:
Provision of after-school activities has the potential to provide youth residents with constructive and safe activities during the upcoming year. As a public service funded with CDBG, this activity would count against the City's 15% cap for public services in 2022. The exact amount of funding that will be available for public services is not known with certainty since Federal CDBG allocations have not yet been released. However, based on past precedent, the amount is likely to be between \$250,000 and \$300,000. For reference, the public services cap for FY 2021 was \$285,591.

Pursuant to the regulations for CDBG pre-award costs at 24 CFR 570.200(h), the City of Racine is permitted to obligate and incur CDBG costs prior to the execution of a grant agreement with HUD provided that "[t]he total amount of pre-award costs to be paid during any program year pursuant to this provision is no more than the greater of 25 percent of the amount of the grant made for that year or \$300,000." Further, the City's Citizen Participation Plan limits the amount of public services funding that can be allocated outside of the typical Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) process to no more than 10% of the amount of CDBG funds received in a given year.

The proposed costs include the following:

- All centers would add a total of 3 additional hours Monday-Thursday to make closing at 9 pm (this can be reduced to 8 pm)
 - a. Minimum of three (3) staff at Bryant, King & Chavez
 - b. Minimum of two (2) staff at Tyler Domer Community Center and Humble Park
- Humble Park and Tyler Domer Community Center (TDCC) will reopen on Fridays from 12 noon – 6 pm
 - a. Minimum of two (2) staff
- All centers will add a total of 4 additional hours on Saturdays
 - a. Minimum of three (3) staff at Bryant, King & Chavez
 - b. Minimum of two (2) staff at Humble & TDCC
- Bryant additional 4 hours per week for the Music Program

BUDGETARY IMPACT:
This action would allocate \$112,500 of the estimated \$285,000 in CDBG public services funds that will be available in FY 2022.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That up to \$112,500.00 in CDBG funds be allocated to the City of Racine Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services for extension of operational hours at qualifying community centers.