



City of Racine, Wisconsin AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORADUM

AGENDA DATE:

May 24, 2018 Community Development Committee

SUBJECT:

CDBG Funding Request: \$50,000 for demolition of properties at 1624 Phillips Avenue and 1521 Packard Avenue

PREPARED BY:

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Request to use \$50,000 of CDBG funds for demolition of properties at 1624 Phillips Avenue and 1521 Packard Avenue to create sites for construction of a single-family house at each address.

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:

1624 Phillips Avenue and 1521 Packard Avenue were acquired in 2018 by the County via in rem tax foreclosure and the properties are scheduled for donation to the City of Racine contingent on County Board approval on May 22nd, 2018. Both addresses are located within of the Greater Uptown Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA).

1624 Phillips has been boarded up/vacant since 2010 and has records for building-wide lead hazards since at least 2007 that were never addressed.

1521 Packard Avenue was declared “uninhabitable” by the Racine Fire and Health Departments in 2012 and has been vacant since at approximately 2013.

City Development staff believes the buildings are not salvageable and that housing funds would be most efficiently used by demolishing the current structures and creating empty, buildable lots for single-family homes. The Community Development Committee and Common Council will approve any additional housing funds used on the parcels for construction of new single-family houses.



1624 Phillips Avenue



1521 Packard Avenue

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

There are sufficient CDBG funds to meet this request.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the use of \$50,000 in CDBG funds to cover the cost of demolition of properties at 1624 Phillips Avenue and 1521 Packard Avenue.