



May 29, 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 apply for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention 2009 Second Chance Act Youth Offender Reentry Initiative Announcement through the U.S. Department of Justice. The grant control number is 2009-026.

The goal of the Second Chance Act Youth Offender Reentry Initiative is to increase public safety and reduce the rate of recidivism for offenders released from a juvenile residential facility. The grant is for up to \$750,000 over a 36 month period of time and will enhance and expand services of Community Re-Entry Program, a program administered by Racine Vocational Ministry. The goal of the Community Re-Entry Program is to reduce crime in the Community Oriented Policing (COP) neighborhoods, encourage economic development, neighborhood rehabilitation, and provide family support services, while reducing recidivism. There is a 50% cash and in-kind match requirement for this grant. Racine Vocational Ministry is responsible for the match.

Sincerely,

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