

April 9, 2012

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 OJJDP 2012 Community-Based Violence Prevention Demonstration Program. The Finance Department has been contacted for coordination, and the grant control number is 2012-012.

The grant is for \$1,500,000 over a 3 year period of time. The city plans to partner with Racine County Human Services, Racine Unified School District and gang prevention service providers to support the prevention goals of the County/City Gang Violence in Racine County Strategic Plan. We will target violence around our COP neighborhoods. The prevention goal is to develop a comprehensive countywide prevention approach to reduce criminal gang activity and violence in Racine. Objectives include:

1. Build capacity and increase effectiveness of funded programs to prevent gang involvement and violence.
2. Increase the availability of academic enhancement and afterschool programs for youth who have been identified to have high incidences/tendencies of gang activity.
3. Provide AODA treatment opportunities for at-risk youth.
4. Increase mentoring services to youth and their families who are at-risk of gang involvement and violence.
5. Mobilize community groups to reduce gang activity and violence in communities.
6. Provide skills enhancement and support for parents of at-risk youth.

There is no match requirement.

Sincerely,

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Grants Facilitator