



**City of Racine, Wisconsin**  
**AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORADUM**

**AGENDA DATE:** Finance and Personnel, August 26, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Communication sponsored by Alder Peete, on behalf of the Community Safety Director, requesting permission to award RFP# 6-2024 Community Violence Prevention Providers to Payne Consulting, LLC (\$50,000), Women’s Resource Center of Racine, Inc. (\$41,359.42), and Focus on Community, Inc (\$50,000).

**PREPARED BY:** John Tate II, Director of Community Safety

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** On May 16, 2024, the City of Racine purchasing agent published the official notice for Violence Prevention programming, requested by the department of Community Safety. The solicitation was closed on a June 6, 2024. The department was seeking to award grants between \$25000 and \$50000 programming proposal that would fulfill the following (in line with expectations of the Medical College of Wisconsin’s Wisconsin Community Safety Fund:

- Focus on those individuals at highest risk of experiencing or perpetrating community violence.
- Be informed by, and respond to, the impact of trauma on individuals and the broader community in historically underinvested communities.
- Promote healing and resiliency in residents and neighborhoods impacted by violence.
- Promote community ownership of safety outcomes in residents and neighborhoods.
- Provide safe and healthy activities for youth who may be at-risk for criminal or violent behavior.

14 proposals were assessed to have been complete submissions by the Deputy Finance director, serving as the purchasing agent temporarily. An internal team evaluated satisfactory submission and independently scored each based upon Compliance to Scope of Work, Qualifications & Experience, Approach to Providing Services, Description of How Funds Will Be Used, Budget Proposal, Prior Experience & Familiarity of Required Services, and Knowledge of the City of Racine. Upon scoring, the team met to determine awardees based on scoring and meeting current community needs. Subsequently, Focus on Community, Inc., Payne Consulting, LLC, and Women’s Resource Center of Racine, Inc. were selected as awardees.

**BACKGROUND:** As presented in the 2024 budget, the Department intended to allocate funds for community-based violence prevention programming, building on and refining past practices of supporting novel and creative preventative interventions. Funds originate from Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) Community Safety Fund Grant (WCSF), which was established through American Rescue Plans funds. Awardees will be treated as sub-recipients to the City of Racine’s WCSF grant and must comply with the same expectations and reporting requirements from MCW.

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:** Total funding of \$141,359.42 is available in 20314- 52200-20149 Wisconsin Community Safety Fund grant.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** That the Purchasing Agent (or designee) be granted permission to award RFP# 6-2024 Community Violence Prevention Providers to Payne Consulting, LLC (\$50,000), Women’s

Resource Center of Racine, Inc. (\$41,359.42), and Focus on Community, Inc (\$50,000) for the period of July 2024 through December 2024