



City of Racine, Wisconsin

AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORADUM

AGENDA DATE: Finance and Personnel Committee, 12/23/2025

SUBJECT: Communication sponsored Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Director of Community Safety, requesting permission to apply for the State of Wisconsin Violence Prevention Grant.

PREPARED BY: John Tate II, Director of Community Safety

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: On December 5, 2025, State of Wisconsin Department of Administration opened grant applications for funding to support, replicate, and expand effective, evidence-based or evidence-informed violence reduction initiatives, particularly in communities disproportionately impacted by violence.

The grant focuses on 5 award categories:

1. Suicide Prevention and Firearm Storage
2. Evidence-Based Violence Intervention and Outreach Programs
3. Criminal Justice-Based Initiatives
4. Domestic Violence Prevention Initiatives
5. School-Based Programming.

These areas of activity directly align with the mission, scope, and current operations of the Dept. of Community Safety and our overall comprehensive safety plan, especially Evidence-Based Violence Intervention and Outreach Programs.

Deadline to submit January 16, 2026 by 2:00 pm.

BUDGETARY IMPACT: No maximum award amount was specified in the announcement. No match requirement was indicated. The total funding available in this grant program is \$10,000,000.00.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That Director of Community Safety be granted permission to apply for the State of Wisconsin Violence Prevention Grant; and further authorizes the Mayor, City Clerk, and City Attorney, or their designees to execute any documents to accept the grant, if awarded.