



## Department of City Development MEMORANDUM

**TO:** City of Racine Redevelopment Authority

**FROM:** Amy Connolly, Director of City Development

**SUBJECT:** Racine Revitalization Partnership (The Partnership) Proposal

**FOR MEETING DATE:** June 1, 2016

During the approval of the recent Uptown TID Plan (TID 19), the RDA reviewed the activities anticipated by the new tax increment financing district. One of the priority projects for TID19 is the establishment of a new Community Development Corporation for the City (with a near term focus on Uptown).

The proposed CDC is to be called The Partnership because it is linking many established community organization. Work on this organization has been occurring for well over a year. The founding organizations of this partnership include: Continuum of Care for the City and County of Racine (CoC), Great Lakes Community Conservation Corps (GLCCC), Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization (HALO), Housing Resources Incorporated (HRI), Human Capital development Corporation (HCDC), Racine Housing and Neighborhood Partnership (RHNP) and Racine Neighborhood Watch, Inc. (RNW).

The Partnership's mission is to build a better Racine through the social, physical, and economic revitalization of our neighborhoods. The Partnership will be designed to meet HUD's definition of a "Community Housing and Development Organization" (CHDO) which will provide additional opportunities for grant and tax credit programs that the City cannot enjoy because we do not have a CHDO within our boundaries.

In order to begin their work, The Partnership requires monies to fund their activities, including staffing and administrative costs. These expenses were identified in the TID19 Project Plan.

City staff has reviewed The Partnership's proposal and recommends that the RDA fund the organization for this year at \$150,000. The TID19 does not yet produce increment, so staff proposes to borrow money from the IGA account and reimburse the IGA account once TID19 begins producing increment.

**Recommended Motion:**

...."That the Racine Development Authority recommend approval of a grant of \$150,000 to The Racine Revitalization Partnership (The Partnership) to create a new Community Housing Development Organization. Funding would be provided through TID19, however, funds from the IGA will be used until TID increment is sufficient to reimburse the IGA account."