



City of Racine, Wisconsin AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORADUM

AGENDA DATE: Common Council, May 6, 2025

SUBJECT: Communication sponsored by President Horton, on behalf of the Community Safety Director, requesting permission to award RFP# 6-2025 Community Violence Prevention Providers to Focus on Community, INC. (\$50,000), Safe Haven of Racine (\$43,269), Fight to End Exploitation (\$45,200), Racine Vocational Ministries (\$44,605), Women's Resource Center of Racine, Inc. (\$41,403.50), 1000 Generations, Inc. (dba Safe Families for Children Wisconsin) (\$30,000), Racine Neighborhood Watch, Inc. (\$25,000).

PREPARED BY: John Tate II, Director of Community Safety

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: On March 05, 2025, the City of Racine purchasing agent published the official notice for Violence Prevention programming to occur between May 2025 and September, requested by the department of Community Safety. The solicitation was closed on March 21, 2025. The department was seeking to award sub-recipient grants between up to \$50,000 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 with representatives from Public Health, City Development, Human Resources, and Community Safety evaluated satisfactory submissions and independently scored each proposal 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 7 top-rated proposals were determined to be awarded funds.

1. Focus on Community, Inc. \$50,000.00 – School Expulsion Diversion
2. Safe Haven of Racine \$43,269.00 – Youth Detention Support Programming
3. Fight to End Exploitation, Inc. \$45,200.00 – Human Trafficking Education and Intervention
4. Racine Vocational Ministry, Inc. \$44,605.00 – Returning Citizen reintegration services
5. 1000 Generations, Inc. (dba Safe Families for Children Wisconsin) \$30,000.00 – Relational/Social Support for Families in Crisis
6. Racine Neighborhood Watch, Inc. \$25,000.00 – Neighbor Conflict Resolution and Mediation
7. Women's Resource Center of Racine, Inc. \$41,403.50 – Domestic Violence Survivor Legal Support

BACKGROUND: As presented in the 2025 budget, the Department intended to allocate funds for community-based violence prevention programming, building on and refining past practices of supporting evidence-informed, creative preventative interventions and programs. Funds originate from Medical College of Wisconsin's (MCW) Community Safety Fund Grant (WCSF), which was established using 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.

In 2024, funds were awarded to Payne Consulting, LLC., Women's Resource Center of Racine, Inc., and Focus on Community, Inc.

BUDGETARY IMPACT: Total funding of \$278,000 is available in 20314- 52200-20149 Wisconsin Community Safety Fund (Contracted Services).

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Purchasing Agent (or designee) be granted permission to award RFP# 6-2024 Community Violence Prevention Providers to Focus on Community, INC. (\$50,000), Safe Haven of Racine (\$43,269), Fight to End Exploitation (\$45,200), Racine Vocational Ministries (\$44,605), Women's Resource Center of Racine, Inc. (\$41,403.50), 1000 Generations, Inc. (dba Safe Families for Children Wisconsin) (\$30,000), Racine Neighborhood Watch, Inc. (\$25,000) for the period of May 2025 through September 2025.