



July 29, 2008

Joe Heck  
City of Racine  
730 Washington Avenue  
Racine, WI 53403

RE: Design Services Grant

Dear Mr. Heck:

The purpose of this correspondence is to formally request that the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds awarded to Racine County Economic Development Corporation (RCEDC) for the purposes of establishing the Uptown and Douglas Avenue Design Services Grant program be expanded to include the Downtown Racine design area.

While Uptown and Douglas Avenue property owners have utilized this program, funds have not been used as quickly as we had hoped. In speaking with Devin Sutherland of Downtown Racine Corporation (DRC), there is a need for this program in the downtown area. With that in mind and a desire to see the funds working for the City within commercial corridors, I am requesting this expansion and that the City not recapture the \$6,500 previously discussed. I have enclosed a copy of the grants distributed to date.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 898-7404.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristin Niemiec".

Kristin Niemiec  
Community Development Manager

Enclosure

Cc: Devin Sutherland, DRC

Name	Address	Grant Amount	Grant Fund Balance \$20,000	Date Paid
Steven Jensen	1626 Douglas Avenue	\$1,500	\$18,500	12/13/07
Bob Gleason	1503 Washington	\$1,500	\$17,000	6/17/08
City Recapture		\$6,500**	\$10,500	7/3/08
Brantner	1060 Washington	\$1,500	\$9,000	7/3/08
Ray Borgeson	1400 Washington	Pending \$1,500		
WHAM	Junction	Pending \$1,500		

\*\*request that these funds remain in the grant program.