



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

**AGENDA DATE:** May 9, 2022

**SUBJECT:**

Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting an allocation of \$40,000 to Racine Neighborhood Watch for the 2022 Racine Work Camp.

**PREPARED BY:**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The City of Racine has allocated \$800,000 to the CDBG Advisory Board “to support local nonprofits serving City residents in need of services and programs.” The request for a \$40,000 allocation to Racine Neighborhood Watch would be used toward the organization’s Work Camp program.

**BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:**

According to Common Council Resolution No. 0909-21, passed on November 16, 2021, a total of \$800,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds has been “allocated to the CDBG Advisory [Board] to support local nonprofits serving City residents in need of services and programs.”

The proposed activity would involve Racine Neighborhood Watch (RNW) completing rehabilitation projects on one entire city block on the south side of the city near the SC Johnson campus. The exact block has not yet been identified. RNW would create and develop documentation paperwork as needed and as it pertains to this program.

RNW would conduct personal interviews with each property owner to determine the work to be done, and would write detailed work descriptions for the volunteer workforce to follow. RNW would also be responsible for the ordering and delivery of material to the worksites. RNW along with ACTS Youth Ministries would monitor the work progress throughout the week of the activities. Rehabilitation activities may include, but are not limited to, exterior painting, porch repair and construction, landscaping, construction or repair of wheelchair ramps, installation of fencing and other repairs as needed within the skill level of the volunteer labor force recruited.

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

This action would allocate \$40,000 of the \$800,000 allocated to the CDBG Advisory Board by Common Council.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Staff recommends that the CDBG Advisory Board recommend approval of the communication, and further that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to enter into a contract pursuant to Federal, State, and local law.