



City of Racine, Wisconsin
Agenda BRIEFING MEMORADUM

AGENDA DATE:

September 20, 2022

SUBJECT:

Communication by Mayor Mason requesting permission to apply for and accept funding from The Wisconsin Community Safety Fund (WCSF)

PREPARED BY:

Paul Vornholt, City Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Application for this grant is intended to continue funding and sustainability of the 1 year State Public Safety ARPA grant the City received and approved on July 19, 2022, by the Common Council that funded a Violence Prevention Initiative and a Violence Prevention Manager to manage the project. The State grant award for those was \$250,000 for 1 year and no city match was required.

Background and Analysis

The Wisconsin Community Safety Fund was created to support local, evidence-informed activities that enhance safety and wellbeing of children, youth, and families throughout Wisconsin. The State of Wisconsin has partnered with the Medical College of Wisconsin' Comprehensive Injury Center (MCW) to administer this statewide program. Up to 10 projects will be awarded 3 year grants (December 1, 2022 –December 31, 2025) ranging from \$300,000 - \$1,000,000 per year. Funding is provided through State of Wisconsin ARPA funding. Deadline for application is September 23, 2022. Staff was not aware of grant opportunity to present to Finance and Personnel on September 12, 2022.

This grant will provide funding to continue the work that we will begin this year on developing a public health based violence prevention action plan with the community on how to reduce gun violence. It will also be requested to use these funds to continue funding programs with community partners and agencies that we engage in developing and implementing the action plan.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Total funding amount is \$3,000,000 over 3 years. No local match is required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommendation is to approve the request to apply and accept the Wisconsin Community Safety Fund Grant Program and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter in agreements to allocate funds.