



City of Racine, Wisconsin Agenda Briefing Memorandum

AGENDA DATE:

September 26, 2022

SUBJECT:

Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting an allocation up to \$212,619 for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Facilities/Infrastructure.

PREPARED BY:

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Department of City Development – Division of Neighborhood Services requests that the CDBG Advisory Board review applications and funding recommendations.

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:

CDBG funds are available for Public Facilities and Infrastructure. The 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan was approved by the Common Council for the City of Racine on December 15, 2020 and was approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to guide the use of CDBG funding.

A Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for CDBG funds was released on July 29, 2022 and application materials were due to the Department of City Development on August 29, 2022. CDBG funding is competitive and open to all qualified organizations.

City Development staff have received a total of four (4) applications, including for Public Facilities/Infrastructure. Department of City Development staff have also reviewed the proposed allocation to ensure the funding is in compliance with HUD's CDBG regulations. Per historic practice, all applicant organizations have been invited to speak for up to three minutes at the beginning of the meeting and before the allocation vote.

Public Infrastructure and Facilities:

2020-2024 Consolidated Plan Priority: *Funding will be prioritized for capital improvements at community centers and physical work necessary to expand the provision of healthcare services to low-/moderate-income households in the City. Other potential uses include neighborhood infrastructure such as: park equipment, public art, or transit improvements*

These CDBG funds are from unallocated previous year (FY2019 and FY2021).

Please see the attached spreadsheet with allocations and staff recommendations for funding.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

There are sufficient prior year CDBG (FY 2019 and FY2021) funds to fund the staff recommendation.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the CDBG Advisory Board recommends approval of up to \$212,619 in CDBG prior year funds (FY2019 and FY2021).