



City of Racine, Wisconsin Agenda Briefing Memorandum

AGENDA DATE:

September 26, 2022

SUBJECT:

Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting an allocation up to \$235,585 for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) CV Round 2 for Public Services

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 CV Round II funds are available for Public Services, they were received via resolution 0160-21 in March 2021. These public service funds follow the 2020 – 2024 Consolidated Plan Priorities for public service 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 nine (9) applications for public services funding one (1) for Homeownership Services and the remaining eight (8) for Economic Mobility. 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 Services – Homeownership Services

2020-2024 Consolidated Plan Priority: *funding will be used to support organizations that foster the creation of homeownership opportunities in the City of Racine, or financial empowerment for the purpose of homeownership.*

Housing Resources Inc. was the only applicant for this category.

Public Services – Economic Mobility

2020-2024 Consolidated Plan Priority: *Funding will be used to support organizations that provide training for City of Racine residents to move into living wage employment, or programs that minimize barriers to access training.*

Staff received 8 applications for this funding category; this funding has been previously allocated with FY 2022 CDBG funds. Staff is working to find potential other opportunities to fund applications.



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

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

There are sufficient CDBG CV II funds to fund the staff recommendation.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the CDBG Advisory Board recommends approval and adoption of up to \$235,585 in CDBG CV II.