

ARPA Application Summaries

Payne Consulting: Next Level Mentoring Program

Next Level is a mentoring program for 9- to 13-year-old, at-risk youth who reside in the City of Racine. The program components are leadership and character development, career exploration, and physical wellness. Through the mentoring program, at-risk youth will be mentored by caring, diverse community members. The connection to a caring adult is a protective factor that can curb the likelihood that at-risk youth participate in high-risk behaviors like crime, violence or other activities that jeopardize public safety and result in incarceration. If awarded a grant, the project will be implemented for 15 weeks.

Next Level Mentoring Program has partnerships with Golden touch Boxing Club, Now What Inc. #1 Transportation and Former City of Racine Police Chief Art Howell.

Payne Consulting has requested \$74,140 in ARPA funds.

Staff recommendation: Approve funding request.

Focus on Community

This project is designed to introduce life skills development programming into neighborhoods that do not often receive direct services. The objectives of the program are to work with local youth and their families to develop important social, emotional, and resilience skills that have been proven to develop assets and reduce risky behavior. Our agency has been providing this program for over 20 years, and we have seen over 80% of our participants develop improved performance in resisting peer pressure, communicating effectively, making positive decisions, and more.

Focus on Community has a partnership with the Racine Police Department, specifically Community Oriented Policing program.

Focus on Community has requested \$70,000 in ARPA funds.

Staff recommendation: Approve funding request.

2023 Main Gallery

The 2023 Main Gallery program is a six-week summer youth employment program that provides aspiring teens the opportunity to work on a variety of art projects while learning essential job skills such as teamwork, accountability and leadership. This program's priority is for youth violence prevention services, career exploration and provides summer employment opportunities for Racine youth. Youth are paid and will work approximately 20 hours per week for six weeks after school year concludes.

The Main Gallery has partnerships with Racine COP, the Bryant Center and the Tyler Domer Center.

The Main Gallery has requested \$60,594.80 in ARPA funds.

Staff recommendation: Approve funding request.

Jr. Racine Builds

Junior Racine Builds is a year-round diversion and employment program that engages Racine adolescents and adjudicated youth ages 15-17 with experiential education and training to acquire national industry credentials, complete a high school diploma, and improve employability while completing community redevelopment and restoration projects that improve aging housing stock, blighted parcels and public lands. This program has increased safety and support systems for Racine's underserved and at-risk youth by providing a safe place to express themselves, giving them career-building experiences, mentorship with our many volunteers, and building community.

Jr. Racine Builds has a partnership with the Racine Police department.

Jr. Racine Builds has requested \$75,000 in ARPA funds.

Staff recommendation: Approve funding request.

Frazier Support Svc

Family2Family is a 12-week parenting program that works with at-risk families with juvenile delinquents and/or youth and children placed out of the home; or at-risk of being removed from their home. Family2Family is a mentoring program for families who are struggling with parenting and family structural issues. Proposing to serve 30 families; 10 families every 90 days.

Frazier Support Services has current partnerships with Racine family courts, public defender's office and the district attorney officer.

Frazier has requested \$75,000 in ARPA funds.

Staff recommendation: Approve funding request.

Urban Peace Institute

Urban Peace Institute provides a national best practice training and mentoring program for communities impacted by community gun violence. Our community would hold a training session for key public and nonprofit agencies directly providing violence interventions. The Urban Peace Institute (UPI) has been nationally recognized for their innovative approach of engaging youth and their families. UPI tailors' solutions for neighborhoods effected by violence-promoting models that Racine Police Department value in relationship-based policing to improve law enforcement and community interactions. Outcomes of their work in LA include a 50% reduction in youth arrests in invested neighborhoods.

Urban Peace Institute has partnerships with Racine Police Department, Racine County Sherriff's, and the Racine County Human Services Department.

Urban Peace Institute has requested \$35,000 in ARPA Funds.

Staff recommendation: Approve funding request.