



City of Racine, Wisconsin
Agenda Briefing Memorandum

AGENDA DATE:

September 26, 2022

SUBJECT:

Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting an allocation of funds relating to American Rescue Plan Act – Violence Reduction Initiative

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:

On June 7, 2022 via resolution 0426-22, the Common Council recommended that up to \$800,000 in ARPA funds be used to solicit proposals for evidence and community-based violence reduction initiatives that work in coordination with other public safety resources and partners to increase safety and support systems for Racine's at-risk and underserved youth.

A Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was released on June 24, 2022 and applications can be received on a rolling basis until funds are exhausted. Staff has organized an interdepartmental team to review applications, ask questions of applicants, and make recommendations for funding.

The Division of Neighborhood Services has received eight applications from community groups. Staff is recommending that six applications be approved for funding.

Please see the attached summaries and staff recommendations for ARPA Funds.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

There is sufficient ARPA money to fund the staff recommendation of six applications of up to \$389,724

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the CDBG Advisory Board recommends approval of up to \$389,724 in ARPA funds of six applications.