



City of Racine, Wisconsin Agenda Briefing Memorandum

AGENDA DATE:

CDBG Advisory Board – February 13, 2023; Common Council – March 7, 2023

SUBJECT:

Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting an allocation of grant funds relating to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Violence Reduction Initiative (VRI) be award to Lutheran Social Services a 501c (3) company.

PREPARED BY:

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Department of City Development – Division of Neighborhood Services requests that the Community Development Block Grant 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. The staff has organized an interdepartmental team to review applications, ask questions of applicants, and make recommendations for funding.

Since the initial funding of applications, on September 26, 2022, The City of Racine has received three additional applicants. Staff is recommending full funding of all applicants.

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

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

There is sufficient ARPA money to fund the staff recommendation of Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, Inc. of up to \$67,085

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the CDBG Advisory Board recommends approval of up to \$67,085 in ARPA funds for Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, Inc. (see attachment).