



Department of City Development MEMORANDUM

TO: City of Racine Redevelopment Authority

FROM: Amy Connolly, Director of City Development

SUBJECT: Racine Revitalization Partnership Contract - 2018

FOR MEETING DATE: June 7, 2018

In June, 2016, the RDA approved funding the Racine Revitalization Partnership (“RRP”), a Community Development Corporation working within the Uptown neighborhood in Racine (Res.0024-16). This funding was based on the priority projects identified in Uptown TID Plan (TID 19), one of which is the establishment of a Community Development Corporation for the City with a near term focus on Uptown.

The funding approved for the RRP expired on February 28, 2018. An additional \$100,000 of funding for the organization in 2018 was approved by the Common Council within the 2018-2027 Ten Year Capital Improvement Plan.

The RRP was designed to meet HUD’s definition of a “Community Housing and Development Organization” (CHDO) which provides additional opportunities for grant and private financial leverage. The RRP is the only CHDO within the City of Racine’s boundaries and plans to work towards housing development within Uptown in 2018.

In order to continue their work, the RRP requires monies to fund their activities, including staffing and administrative costs. These expenses were identified in the TID19 Project Plan.

City staff recommends that the RDA fund the organization for this year at \$100,000. The TID19 does not yet produce increment, so staff proposes to borrow money from the IGA account and reimburse the IGA account once TID19 begins producing increment.

Recommended Motion:

.....”That the Racine Development Authority recommend approval of a grant of \$100,000 to the Racine Revitalization Partnership and direct the Executive Director and RDA Chair to sign a legal agreement with the Racine Revitalization Partnership when the agreement is approved by the City Attorney’s Office. Funding would be provided through TID19, however, funds from the IGA will be used until TID increment is sufficient to reimburse the IGA account.”