

## Office of Chief of Police



Chief of Police Arthel L. Howell

City of Racine, Wisconsin

January 29, 2021

Mayor Cory Mason  
City of Racine Common Council  
Finance & Personnel Committee  
730 S Washington Avenue  
Racine WI 53403

RE: Committee Appearance Request to Apply for and Accept the BJA FY21 Smart Prosecution-Innovative Prosecution Solutions Grant (#00365)

Dear Mayor Mason, Members of the Common Council, and Finance & Personnel Committee:

I respectfully request to appear before the Finance & Personnel Committee to seek approval to apply for and accept the BJA FY21 Smart Prosecution-Innovative Prosecution Solutions Grant (#00365)

The grant amount is \$340,000.00 and no city match is required.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Arthel L. Howell  
Chief of Police

ALH/cad

cc: Deputy Chief Todd Schulz  
Lieutenant Michael Smith  
Deputy Chief Mark Schulz  
Lieutenant Michael Smith  
Laura Castaneda, Finance Dept



## **Grant Control Number Request**

**Today's Date:** 01/27/2021

**Requestor:** Chief Art Howell (via) DC Todd Schulz

**Type of Request:** Permission to apply for grant and acceptance of any awarded grant funds

**Requesting Dept:** Racine Police Department

**Funding Agency:** U.S. Department of Justice

**Type of Agency:** Federal

**Grant Duration:** 24 months

**Amount:** \$340,000 (maximum award amount)

**Required City Match:** \$0

**How Will Match be Funded:** N/A

**Grant Title:** BJA FY21 Smart Prosecution-Innovative Prosecution Solutions

**Grant Funds Will Be Used For:** Award money will be used for the purchase of firearms and shell casing correlation equipment. This national network of ballistic information is known as NIBIN and our ability to enter/correlate this type of ballistic information will aid in solvability of gun related crimes. In the past this correlation service was provided by the Milwaukee Crime Lab. Due to Milwaukee's backlog of gun related crimes, this service is no longer available to the Racine Police Department. Our ability to more efficiently solve gun related crimes is largely dependent on our access to NIBIN.

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