

Racine Mayor Mason: Launches GROW Racine Mini-Grants to meet unmet community needs

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RACINE—Mayor Mason, through the [GROW \(Growing Residents' Opportunities and Wealth\) Racine](#) initiative is pleased to announce GROW Racine Mini-Grants for local nonprofits. This program will utilize American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to provide one-time, quick turnaround, financial support for eligible nonprofits that make a positive impact on the community in an area of demonstrated “unmet need.”

“We are committed to a safe and healthy community with a strong middle class. Nonprofits are an important part of that commitment. They help make the fabric of the city stronger and increase opportunity for all,” said Mayor Cory Mason about the program. “Racine is fortunate to have dedicated organizations working to improve our community. This program is our way of supporting and recognizing your efforts to meet unmet needs.”

“We know our nonprofit partners have both the knowledge of our community’s unmet needs, and the expertise and creativity to address them,” said Vicky Selkove, Strategic Initiatives & Community Partnerships Manager for the City of Racine. “These mini-grants provide flexible funding with a simple, but competitive application process. We are excited to see the creative and impactful proposals our nonprofit community will come up with.”

Proposals that focus on reducing disparities; supporting and/or empowering historically excluded residents; and/or adding or enhancing amenities and/or bringing improvements to residents or neighborhoods located within the city’s [Neighborhood Stabilization and Enhancement Districts](#) are encouraged to

apply and will be prioritized for funding.

The grant program will provide \$10,000 to \$25,000 in funding to each selected organization. Applications are open as of today and close at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, January 31.

Applications will be reviewed through a competitive process led by a team of city staff. Projects recommended for approval will be directed to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Advisory Board, and then to the Racine Common Council for final approval. Proposals should be approved by the end of February or early March 2023.

Local nonprofits interested in applying with questions about the grants are invited to join an online information session hosted by city staff at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 13th. [Registration is required.](#)

Go to <https://www.growracine.org/grow-racine-mini-grants/> to apply.

Questions can be directed to: Grow@cityofracine.org

GROW Racine is the City of Racine's initiative to invest in our residents, their families, and their success. At the City of Racine, we believe in the potential of all of our City's residents, and we want to help them thrive. GROW stands for "Growing Residents' Opportunities and Wealth" and that's exactly what our residents can do by accessing these programs and initiatives.

Racine, Wisconsin is the fifth largest municipality in the State of Wisconsin. It is located on the shores of Lake Michigan and at the mouth of the Root River. As of the 2020 U.S. Census, the city had a population of 77,816, making it the 5th largest city in Wisconsin.