

Racial Equity and local government

by Charlie Yunker, Assistant to the City Manager

Successful city governments provide equitable service delivery outcomes for all city residents, regardless of age, gender, religion, country of origin, or race. In partnership with the Government Alliance for Race and Equity (GARE)—a national program— the League of Minnesota Cities has taken the lead in our state in facilitating conversations among member cities and making GARE training available.

GARE and LMC's approach focuses on helping local governments build capacity to analyze and address policies, practices, and procedures in a way that improves outcomes for people of color.

The City of St. Anthony actively joined this effort in 2017 and continues through collaboration with the League of Minnesota Cities and other cities in the region.

St. Anthony's Racial Equity Team:

- Charlie Yunker, Assistant to the City Manager
- Sandy Simon, Office Support Specialist
- Jeremy Gumke, Public Works Superintendent
- Dan Diegnau, Police Lieutenant
- Mattie Jaros, Firefighter
- Chris Morke, Liquor Operations Clerk
- Minette Saulog, GreenCorp Member

Our Racial Equity Plan and other information on the GARE cohort is available on the City's website.