

MEMORANDUM

TO: AMY CONNOLLY, CITY OF RACINE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FROM: RACHANA KOTHARI, RCEDC

RE: AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR GRANTS

DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2017

The purpose of this memo is to seek authorization to apply for the following EPA grants for FY 2018 to maximize funds in remediating brownfields, ensuring they are ready for redevelopment.

A. USEPA Community Wide Assessment Grant:

1. The City/RDA will use this grant to update the current inventory of its brownfield sites; prioritize; complete assessment activities; reuse and cleanup planning, and conduct public meetings to receive feedback from community on the projects.
2. The community wide assessment application is for \$300,000 for the grant period of three years.
3. No Matching Funds required.

B. USEPA Cleanup Grant for 526 Marquette:

1. The RDA will use this grant to complete the cleanup activities and reuse planning for 526 Marquette.
2. The project site is located in the Water Street Redevelopment Area and has a long history of industrial/manufacturing operations, run by different owner/occupants, J.I. Case, Massey Harris and Western Publishing. A railway was historically located at the site and the property was also used for coal and lumber storage. The Phase I ESA was completed in 2015 that recognized environmental conditions (i.e. presence of potential hazardous and petroleum contaminants).
3. The cleanup grant funds will address the environmental conditions at the site. The grant application is for \$200,000.
4. A 20% Match (i.e. \$40,000) is required over the grant period of three years.

The EPA grant applications are due by November 16, 2017. If awarded, the funds would be made available to the City/RDA to access by October 2018.
