



City of Racine, Wisconsin  
Agenda BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

**AGENDA DATES**

Intro. to Council Date: April 2, 2025  
Standing Committee Date: April 7, 2025  
Final Action Council Date: April 14, 2025

**PREPARED BY:** Wynn Brown, Administrative Assistant  
**REVIEWED BY:** Bobbi Fergus, Deputy Public Health Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Public Health Department, requesting permission to enter into a reoccurring agreement and accept \$31,300 from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the Beach Monitoring Program. (Grant Control # 00635)

**BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:** The annual monitoring of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WI DNR)-designated public beaches in southeastern Wisconsin, specifically in Racine, Kenosha, and Milwaukee Counties, is conducted in compliance with the federal BEACH Act requirements. This monitoring involves regular water quality testing, the identification of potential hazards, and the implementation of necessary safety measures to protect public health and ensure the safety of beachgoers. The data collected is used to inform public health decisions and to help maintain clean and safe recreational areas for the local community. These funds will cover the salary of two part-time research assistant interns during the summer months, as well as beach monitoring supplies and mileage.

**STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION:** That the Public Health Department be authorized to enter into a reoccurring agreement and accept \$31,300 from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the Beach Monitoring Program. (Grant Control # 00635)

**FISCAL NOTE & BUDGETARY IMPACT:** No city match required.