

CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY RESOLUTION 19-27

Granting permission to accept the 2019 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Cleanup Grant for the Water Street Redevelopment Properties of \$500,000 and reaffirming the use of \$100,000 of Intergovernmental Shared Revenue Funds (IG) for the grant match requirement

WHEREAS, the City's Brownfield Team – consisting of our environmental consultant, Ramboll Environs and our brownfield attorney, Bill Scott, and City Development staff – have determined that the best positioned application to EPA for grant funding would be a cleanup grant to facilitate residential uses at the Water Street Redevelopment area;

WHEREAS, over the last several years, the RDA has conducted investigations of the Water Street Redevelopment area and has found low-level impacts of metals, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in both the soil and groundwater;

WHEREAS, in February 2019 the RDA and the Common Council granted permission to apply for the 2019 US EPA Cleanup Grant of \$500,000 and for the use of Intergovernmental Funds for the match requirement for the Water Street Redevelopment area;

WHEREAS, in February 2019 the City's Brownfield Team applied for a \$500,000 for monies to conduct environmental cleanup through remedial excavation of identified "hot spots" of both petroleum and hazardous materials followed by capping the spots with crushed concrete;

WHEREAS, this grant funding would pay for excavation and disposal of hazardous and petroleum substances and the required environmental studies and reports, case closure, and reporting to WNDR;

WHEREAS, City staff have conducted a review of the use of \$100,000 of Intergovernmental Shared Revenue Funds, to be used as a grant match for the project and has determined that this use of IG funds is eligible and would result in the site receiving future private investment and taxable real estate development;

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2019 we received the 2019 US EPA Cleanup Grant for the Water Street Redevelopment area (700, 900, and 1010 Water Street, and 615 Marquette Street);

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the RDA grants permission to accept the 2019 EPA Cleanup grant for the Water Street Redevelopment site in the amount of \$500,000 and, further, recommends the use of Intergovernmental Revenue Shared Funds of \$100,000 as a match to the grant project;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Interim Executive Director or his designee act on behalf of the RDA to sign all forms and documents necessary, pay all fees, and take all necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete the Brownfield Cleanup Grant activities.

Fiscal Note: This grant application is assigned Grant Control Number #00217. The grant amount to be received is \$500,000 and the 20 percent local match of \$100,000 is supported within the City's current IG and CIP budgets (under expected costs related to the site preparation of the Water Street Redevelopment Area), and do not exclude other planned economic development projects.

Adopted on: October 10, 2019

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For:	4
Against:	0
Abstain:	0

Attest:

Matthew G. Sadowski, Interim Executive Director
City of Racine Redevelopment Authority