



**City of Racine, Wisconsin**  
**AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORADUM**

<b>AGENDA DATE:</b>	October 23, 2017 – Finance and Personnel Committee November 2, 2017 – Redevelopment Authority November 7, 2017 – Common Council
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Item # 1036-17 USEPA Cleanup Grant for 526 Marquette
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Amy Connolly, Director of City Development
<b>SUMMARY:</b>	The City of Racine and its Redevelopment Authority seek to apply for a USEPA Clean Up Grant for 526 Marquette Street
<b>PROJECT BACKGROUND &amp; ANALYSIS:</b>	<p>The City of Racine and its Redevelopment Authority wish to apply for an a Clean Up grant to fund the cleanup activites and reuse planning for the RDA-owned property at 526 Marquette St. (former Motocross building).</p> <p>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).</p> <p>The cleanup grant funds will be used to address the environmental conditions at the site.</p> <p>The grant application is for \$200,000.</p> <p>The City of Racine has applied for cleanup grants in the past and has been very successful in implementing these grants. For example, the City applied for funds through USEPA to cleanup the Racine Steel Castings site. The City is using those grant funds to currently fund cleanup activities at the Racine Steel Castings site through a recently approved contract with Deep Earth Technologies.</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	Staff recommends authorizing City staff to apply for the grant.
<b>FISCAL NOTE:</b>	This grant application has been given a grant control number of #00156. A 20% match (\$40,000) is required over a grant period of three years. The City’s proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) anticipates funding a grant match in the capping and environmental study of the site. If the CIP is not

approved, then funding for this project could come through the City's Intergovernmental Revenue Fund.

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