



City of Racine, Wisconsin
Agenda BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

AGENDA DATES

Intro. to Council Date: March 3, 2026
Standing Committee Date: March 9, 2026
Final Action Council Date: March 17, 2026

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 apply and enter into a recurring agreement and accept up to a maximum of \$34,899.10 from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the Beach Monitoring Program. (Grant Control # 00696)

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS: The annual monitoring of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WI DNR)-designated public beaches in southeastern Wisconsin, 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 apply and enter into a recurring agreement and accept up to a maximum of \$34,899.10 from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the Beach Monitoring Program. (Grant Control # 00696)

FISCAL NOTE & BUDGETARY IMPACT: No city match required.