



City of Racine, Wisconsin
AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORADUM

AGENDA DATE:	October 30, 2023 – Finance and Personnel Committee November 7, 2023 – Common Council
SUBJECT:	Communication sponsored by Alder West, on behalf of the Assistant Director of City Development, seeking permission to apply for the FY2024 US EPA Brownfield Community Wide Site Assessment Grant for the City of Racine and accept the grant, if awarded. (Grant Control# 538)
PREPARED BY:	Michelle Cook, Department of City Development
SUMMARY:	City staff seeks permission to apply for a Community Wide Assessment Grant in an amount up to \$500,000 from the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) and accept the grant if it is awarded.
BACKGROUND:	In September 2023, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) announced the solicitation of their FY2024 Community-wide Brownfield Assessment grant. Assessment grants are used to evaluate potential brownfield sites (conducting Phase I, Phase II, and other site investigations that determine the level of contamination), develop inventories of brownfield sites, conduct community outreach activities, and develop reuse plans for the City’s brownfield sites. If awarded, funds would be available for use in October 2024.
RECOMMENDATION:	That the Finance and Personnel Committee recommends to the Common Council that the Assistant Director of City Development, or his designee, be authorized to act on behalf of the City to submit to the US EPA an application for a Community-wide Assessment grant, sign all forms and documents necessary, pay all fees, and take necessary action to undertake, direct, complete, and carry out grant activities, if awarded.
FISCAL NOTE:	The City will apply for the maximum amount of funding of \$500,000 to be used over a grant period of four years. There are no match requirements for this grant.