



City of Racine, Wisconsin
AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORADUM

AGENDA DATE:	October 14, 2024 – Common Council
SUBJECT:	Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Assistant Director of City Development, seeking permission to apply for the FY2025 US EPA Brownfield Community-wide Assessment Grant for the City of Racine and accept the grant, if awarded. (Grant Control# TBD)
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 United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) and accept the grant if it is awarded.
BACKGROUND:	In September 2024, the US EPA announced the solicitation of their FY2025 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 at a site), 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 2025.
RECOMMENDATION:	City staff recommends that the Common Council approves the grant application for the US EPA Community-wide Assessment grant and 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.