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Honorable Mayor and Members of the Common Council  
City of Racine  
Racine City Hall  
730 Washington Avenue  
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Dear Mayor and Council Members:

I hereby request permission for the City of Racine Health Department Laboratory to accept funding up to a total of \$8,410 and enter into a Contract Agreement with the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of implementing the Wisconsin Beach Monitoring Program. The Wisconsin Beach Monitoring Program obligates the Laboratory to collect a minimum of 126 water samples within a 14-week period. These samples will be collected from 5 Racine-area beaches: North Beach, Zoo Beach, Shoop Park Beach, Parkway Beach, and Wind Point Beach.

Samples for will be tested for the level of *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) using either the Quantitative Polymerase Chain Reaction (qPCR) method approved for use by the Environmental Protection Agency at North and Zoo Beaches, or the standard Colilert 18 *E. coli* fluorescence method. Further stipulations of the grant include sampling immediately after receiving results showing an exceedance of acceptable *E. coli* levels, posting public notifications of results, and entering sample results into the Beach Health Network Website.

The project commences with the signing of all involved parties, and concludes on September 30, 2012. There is no match required of the City. The grant control number is 2012-019.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Bowersox", is written over the typed name and title.

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