



City of Racine, Wisconsin

AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORADUM

AGENDA DATE:	October 24, 2022 – Finance and Personnel November 1, 2022 – Common Council
SUBJECT:	Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason, on behalf of the Department of City Development, seeking permission to apply for the FY2023 US EPA Brownfield Community-wide Assessment Grant for the City of Racine and accept the grant, if it is awarded. (Grant Control# 00484)
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 2022, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) announced the solicitation of their FY2023 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 2023.
RECOMMENDATION:	That the Finance and Personnel Committee recommends to the Common Council that the Interim Assistant Director of City Development, or her 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.