



City of Racine, Wisconsin

AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORADUM

AGENDA DATE:	October 23, 2017 – Finance and Personnel Committee November 2, 2017 – Redevelopment Authority November 7, 2017 – Common Council
SUBJECT:	Item # 1063-17 USEPA Area Wide Assessment Grant
PREPARED BY:	Amy Connolly, Director of City Development
SUMMARY:	<p>The City of Racine and its Redevelopment Authority seek to apply for an Area Wide Assessment Grant from the USEPA to conduct environmental assessments for City properties.</p>
PROJECT BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:	<p>The City of Racine and its Redevelopment Authority wish to apply for an Area Wide Assessment Grant through the USEPA to update the current inventory of its brownfield sites; prioritize cleanup activities; complete assessment activities; reuse and cleanup planning; and conduct public meetings to receive feedback from community on the projects.</p> <p>The City of Racine has applied for assessment grants in the past and has been very successful in implementing these grants to identify and study contaminated properties within the city limits. We have used the funds to investigate (e.g., Phase I and Phase II Environmental Assessments) many of the prominent redevelopment sites in the City. Most of the City's former industrial sites have some level of environmental contamination, but the cost to study and investigate the sites is often an obstacle to their reuse and revitalization. These grants are intended to help ensure that contaminated sites get cleaned and back into productive use.</p> <p>The community wide assessment application is for \$300,000. No matching funds are required for the program and the City will not need to indicate matching funds in the grant application. .</p>
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	<p>Staff recommends authorizing City staff to apply for the grant.</p>
FISCAL NOTE:	<p>This grant application has been given a grant control number of #00155. There are no matching funds required for this grant and, thus, no fiscal impact to the City of Racine.</p>