



AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

COMMITTEE: Finance & Personnel

AGENDA DATE: July 12, 2021

PREPARED BY: Cara Pratt, Sustainability and Conservation Coordinator

SUBJECT:

Communication sponsored by Alder Taft submitting a Financial Assistance Agreement Resolution for Safe Drinking Water Loan for Lead Service.

Staff Recommendation to the Finance and Personnel Committee on 07-12-2021: To approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the Financial Assistance Agreement.

Fiscal Note: The Racine Water Utility applied for a Safe Drinking Water Loan through the State of Wisconsin. The Financial Assistance Agreement will make available up to \$1,610,120 in a principal forgiveness loan for lead service lateral replacements.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Racine has received Safe Drinking Water Loans through the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in the past. These funds are used to pay for the removal and replacement of the privately owned portion of lead water pipes at eligible homes and businesses.

This year, the Department of Natural Resources will issue a Financial Assistance Agreement that will make available up to \$1,610,120 in a principal forgiveness loan for lead service lateral replacements, to be used through this year. The Water Utility has established a goal to replace at least 400 private lead service lines with this funding.

The full text of the Financial Assistance Agreement is not yet on-hand; it mirrors agreements made in the past and will be available later this month.

ATTACHMENT: Financial Assistance Agreement Resolution