



**City of Racine, Wisconsin**  
**Agenda BRIEFING MEMORADUM**

**AGENDA DATE:**

May 5, 2026 – Common Council  
May 11, 2026 – Finance & Personnel  
May 19, 2026 – Common Council

**SUBJECT:**

Communication sponsored by Alder Land, on behalf of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director, requesting permission to apply for and accept a DNR Recreational Boating Facilities grant to purchase six replacement piers for the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Boat launch.

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS)  
**PREPARED BY:** Matt Koepnick, Director of PRCS

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

PRCS is requesting permission to apply for and accept a DNR Recreation Boating Facilities grant to purchase six replacement piers for the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Boat launch.

**BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Street Boat Launch piers are aging and in need of replacement. We estimate that the total cost for all six piers is approximately \$315,000. Five piers are standard and one is ADA compliant. If awarded, this grant would provide \$157,500 (50%) for the purchase of new piers.

Grants are accepted quarterly on February 1, June 1, September 1, November 1. We want to apply by the June 1 deadline, if not awarded during that grant cycle the project will automatically be considered for funding by the DNR again later in the year.

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

The city share of the project will be approximately \$157,500, which would need to be approved as part of the 2027 CIP budget.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

That permission to apply for and accept grant funds through the DNR Recreational Boating Facilities be approved.