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(ITEM) From the Project Manager, Economic Development Division, Department of Administrative Services, requesting authorization to apply for, accept, and implement Site Assessment Grants in a maximum amount of \$150,000 per year from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation to assist in the environmental evaluation(s) of current or former Milwaukee County redevelopment properties, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) is the State of Wisconsin’s lead economic development agency focused on sustainable business growth and job creation; and

WHEREAS, WEDC’s Brownfield Site Assessment Grant (SAG) Program provides grant funding, “to assist local governments with conducting initial environmental assessment and demolition activities on an eligible abandoned, idle, or underutilized industrial or commercial site”; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Division, Department of Administrative Services, is seeking perpetual authorization to apply for individual SAG funds in an amount totaling not more than \$150,000 per year to assist in the environmental evaluation(s) of current or former Milwaukee County redevelopment properties; and

WHEREAS, the SAG program requires a 50% local match; and

WHEREAS, no grant applications would be submitted to WEDC unless the appropriate matching funds are available, either from the division’s current budget or from private sources; and

WHEREAS, any contracts required to implement the SAG funds would require compliance with the provisions of Section 59.52 of the Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Economic and Community Development, at its meeting of January 26, 2015, recommended adoption of the Director’s request (vote 6-0); and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, Personnel, and Audit, at its meeting of January 29, 2015, also recommended adoption of the Director’s request (vote 8-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Director of County Economic Development, Department of Administrative Services (DAS), is hereby authorized to apply for, and if awarded, accept Site Assessment Grant (SAG) Program funds in an amount up to \$150,000 per year from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) to assist in

47 funding environmental evaluation(s) of current or former Milwaukee County
48 redevelopment properties; and

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50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if awarded the grant(s), the Economic
51 Development Division, DAS, is authorized to enter into SAG funding agreements with
52 WEDC and other agreements necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution,
53 subject to the approval of Risk Management and Corporation Counsel; and

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55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon receiving SAG revenue from WEDC,
56 DAS and the Office of the Comptroller are authorized and directed to implement the
57 necessary fund transfer(s) to establish budget authority in either a newly created capital
58 project or within the Economic Development Division, DAS, operating budget.

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