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From the Economic Development Director, Department of Administrative Services requesting authorization to apply for, accept, and implement a Brownfield Site Assessment Grant for a maximum amount of \$150,000 from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation to assist in the remediation and reuse of a contaminated site at 4021 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue in Saint Francis, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, WEDC’s Brownfield Site Assessment Grant (SAG) Program is meant to incentivize community redevelopment in the State by providing grants to help “redevelop sites with economic or community development potential that are or may be adversely impacted by environmental contamination”; and

WHEREAS, Economic Development, Department of Administrative Services, is seeking authorization to apply for and act as pass-through grant recipient, in partnership with Lean Design Werks, for a SAG Program grant in an amount up to \$150,000 to assist in the assessment and remediation of contamination at a potential site for their new headquarters; and

WHEREAS, the assessment, remediation, and reuse of the property would transform an abandoned, blighted, and eligible-for-foreclosure site into a valuable property, and provide the opportunity for expansion of a small, minority- and woman-owned business in the community; and

WHEREAS, the required 20-percent match shall be satisfied by Lean Design Werks’ budget and other grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Community, Environment, and Economic Development, at its meeting of July 29, 2024, recommended adoption of File No. 24-617 (vote 4-0); now, therefore,

40 BE IT RESOLVED, Economic Development (ED), Department of Administrative
41 Services (DAS), is hereby authorized to apply for, accept, and implement a Brownfield
42 Site Assessment Grant (SAG) in an amount up to \$150,000 from the Wisconsin
43 Economic Development Corporation (WEDC), in partnership with Lean Design Werks,
44 to assist in funding the environmental assessment, remediation, and reuse of
45 4021 South Kinnickinnic Avenue; and
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47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if awarded the grant, ED-DAS is authorized to
48 enter into a SAG Agreement with WEDC, and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
49 with Lean Design Werks, subject to the approval of Risk Management, DAS, and the
50 Office of Corporation Counsel; and
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52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the MOU shall include at least the following terms
53 and conditions:
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- 55 (a) Submittal to WEDC of paid, itemized invoices for eligible expenses, with proof of
56 payment for reimbursement purposes, as required by WEDC.
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- 58 (b) Semi-annual performance reporting during the life of the project, with a final
59 report due upon completion, as required by WEDC.
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- 61 (c) Indemnification in favor of Milwaukee County (the County) in the event of a
62 default, entitling WEDC to a return of any grant funds expended.
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- 64 (d) Guarantee that the County is not responsible for the financial obligations of Lean
65 Design Werks.
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- 67 (e) Access to project records during the life of the project and for at least three years
68 thereafter for auditing purposes.
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