

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: April 11, 2023

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Sean Hayes, Director, Architecture, Engineering & Environmental Services, DAS

Subject: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Wisconsin Assessment Monies Program: From the Director, Architecture, Engineering & Environmental Services Section, Department of Administrative Services, requesting authorization for the Principal Environmental Engineer to apply for and accept entrance into the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Wisconsin Assessment Monies Program for the County-owned property at 9677 South 27th Street.

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

Authorization to apply for and accept entrance into the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Wisconsin Assessment Monies Program for the County-owned property at 9677 South 27th Street.

POLICY

Milwaukee County Ordinance 56.06 requires review and approval of federal and state grant and funding applications.

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| Wisconsin State Statutes: | |
| Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances: | 56.06 |
| Specific Adopted Budget: | |
| Specific Adopted Budget Amendment: | |
| Specific Adopted Capital Project: | |

BACKGROUND

Since 2010, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has awarded the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and its partners \$5.3 million in brownfield assessment grant funding. Wisconsin Assessment Monies (WAM) awards aid in the assessment of environmental contamination at brownfield properties. The DNR contracts directly with qualified environmental professionals to complete assessment work under the DNR's oversight. There is no cost or cost share requirements of the applicant.

Milwaukee County’s Department of Health & Human Services are owners of a brownfield property at 9677 South 27th Street in Franklin, WI. The property was acquired through tax delinquency. The presence of petroleum products through past uses is a hinderance to the sale and development of the property.

The Department of Health and Humans Services Housing Division in concert with the Department of Administrative Services, Facilities Management Division’s Environmental Services Unit seeks to enter the WAM program to perform a site investigation and remedial action plan in hopes to make the property more desirable.

If accepted into the program, the WDNR hires contractors directly. There will be no cost to the County and no cost-share requirements.

A Milwaukee County Board Resolution is required both by the DNR and Milwaukee County policy.

After Milwaukee County Board Authorization, the Principal Environmental Engineer will submit the application for the WAM program to the WDNR and if accepted, will take the necessary actions to comply with award activities.

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| Related File No’s: | |
| Associated File No’s (Including Transfer Packets): | |
| Previous Action Date(s): | |

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Describe how the item aligns to the objectives in the [strategic plan](#):

3A: Invest “upstream” to address root causes of health disparities. The grant is for completing a site assessment and remedial action planning at a petroleum contaminated brownfields site. Water and soil pollution affects all populations but can disproportionately impact disadvantaged populations. Environmental pollution is a root cause of health impairments for everyone.

3B: Enhance the County’s fiscal health and sustainability. This grant provides funding for environmental investigation with no extra match required.

FISCAL EFFECT

There will be no effect on the adopted budget for the current or future fiscal years. County staff time will be absorbed in existing operating budgets.

TERMS

WAM is a rolling grant program.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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PREPARED BY:

Timothy Detzer, Principal Environmental Engineer, DAS-FM

APPROVED BY:

Sean Hayes

Sean Hayes, Director, Architecture, Engineering & Environmental Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

Fiscal Note

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