

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU FISCAL ANALYSIS

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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Item 3, File #090670

File Number 090670 is a resolution authorizing the Department of City Development to apply for, accept and fund a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Brownfields Site Assessment Grant for contamination assessment, removal of underground storage tanks and demolition on various brownfield properties throughout the City of Milwaukee.

Background

1. The State of Wisconsin, through the Department of Natural Resources, makes available Brownfields Site Assessment Grant funds to reimburse municipalities for contamination assessment, removal of underground storage tanks and demolition on brownfield properties in those communities.
2. The City of Milwaukee appears to be eligible for a Brownfields Site Assessment Grant for assessment and remediation of various brownfield properties throughout the city.

Discussion

1. This resolution authorizes the Department of City Development to apply for, accept and fund a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Brownfields Site Assessment Grant in the amount of \$255,000.
2. This resolution also authorizes the Commissioner of City Development to enter into the contracts and subcontracts necessary to complete the Brownfields Site Assessment Grant activities if awarded grant funds. Specific properties to be assessed and remediated through this grant project are not identified in the resolution file.
3. The grant period is approximately February 1, 2010, to June 30, 2012.

Fiscal Impact

1. The total cost of this grant project is \$405,000 -- \$255,000 (63%) grantor share and \$150,000 (37%) in-kind City share.
2. The City share for this project will come from DCD's Development Fund capital account, as well as from Community Development Block Grant funds. The amount of CDBG funds used for the City match will depend on how many of the properties to be assessed and remediated are located in the City's Block Grant area, which is not known at this time. Common Council File No. 081689, adopted May 5, 2009, authorized the transfer of \$550,000 from the Development Fund to DCD's Environmental Fund to provide local matching funds for federal and state brownfield testing and remediation grants, including the Brownfields Site Assessment Grant.

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