



CITY OF APPLETON

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 10, 2025
To: Community Development Committee
From: Kara Homan, AICP, Director of Community Development
Lily Paul, Economic Development Specialist
Subject: Request Adoption of Resolution #2025-11 to Authorize Pursuit of USEPA Brownfields Coalition Assessment Grant via Calumet County's Regional Award, USEPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant, WEDC Brownfield Site Assessment Grant, and/or WEDC Brownfields Grant

This request is to approve the adoption of Resolution #2025-11. Community Development staff needs authorization to apply for these grants as part of the terms of the proposed public land sale to the Fox Cities PAC, LLC (hereinafter PAC), once approved.

Calumet County received \$1,000,000 in USEPA Brownfields Coalition grant funding in a partnership application with Outagamie County. The county coalition has awarded sub-grants to projects that need site assessments throughout Calumet and Outagamie County, and there are still funds available. In addition, the WEDC Brownfield Site Assessment Grant can award funds up to \$150,000 for the purpose of a site assessment, but depends on the testing required. The WEDC grant is only able to be awarded to municipalities. We anticipate these two grants combined will fund the environmental assessment phase in its entirety.

After the environmental assessment phase is funded and performed, that will inform what, if any, remediation steps are needed. If remediation is required, then the USEPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant and WEDC Brownfield Grant can be pursued in accordance with the special terms and conditions of the offer to purchase with the PAC. The funds needed for site remediation, if warranted/required are dependent on the environmental investigation phase.