

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU FISCAL ANALYSIS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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Item 17, File #090781

File Number 090781 is a resolution authorizing the Department of Administration-Community Development Grants Administration to accept and expend American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Port Security Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Background

1. Through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Port Security Grant program, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security makes funds available to local and state government agencies for enhancements to port security and for emergency preparedness and disaster response activities and equipment.
2. The City of Milwaukee (specifically, the Police and Fire departments) and other jurisdictions serving the 5-county southeastern Wisconsin "port" region -- Kenosha, Racine, Milwaukee, Ozaukee and Sheboygan counties -- appear to be eligible for a combined total of \$423,773 in Port Security Grant funding for a variety of security enhancement and emergency preparedness projects. Non-City jurisdictions (in this case, the Wisconsin DNR, Ozaukee County and the cities of Mequon and Port Washington) receive their Homeland Security funding through the City of Milwaukee.

Discussion

1. This resolution authorizes DOA-Community Development Grants Administration to accept \$423,773 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Port Security Grant funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and to expend these funds in accordance with the grant budget. Community Development Grants Administration will, in effect, act as a conduit or pass-through agency, channeling funds to MFD, MPD, the Wisconsin DNR, Ozaukee County and the cities of Mequon and Port Washington. CDGA will disburse funds and monitor all subcontracts and purchases.
2. There is no local funding match requirement for this grant.
3. Of the \$423,773, \$136,156 (32.1%) is designated for City of Milwaukee use. The remaining grant funds will be forwarded to the DNR, Ozaukee County and the cities of Mequon and Port Washington. City of Milwaukee funding will be used as follows:

Milwaukee Police Dept.	\$40,000 to purchase 2 FLIR thermal imaging devices
Milwaukee Fire Dept.	\$34,867 to purchase a Zodiac inflatable boat, motor and trailer
	\$48,875 to purchase a sector-scan sonar device for the department's fireboat

DOA-Community Development

Grants Administration \$12,314 for administrative overhead costs

4. The grant period for this project extends from September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2012.

Fiscal Impact

This resolution authorizes the acceptance of \$423,773 in grant funds by DOA-Community Development Grants Administration and the expenditure of these funds as follows:

Pass-through of Port Security Grant funds to Wisconsin DNR, Ozaukee Co., Mequon, Port Wash.	\$287,617
Purchase of security and emergency-related equipment by MPD and MFD	\$123,742
Management and administration (CDGA)	\$12,314

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