

## LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

**PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE**

**ITEM 21, FILE 030690**

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File #030690 is a resolution relation to the acceptance and funding of an unsolicited grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation provided through a federal congressional bill for homeland security for U.S. Ports by the Port of Milwaukee.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

1. This resolution authorizes the Port of Milwaukee to accept and fund an unsolicited grant for port security from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WDOT). WDOT has received federal funding for upgrading and enhancing security at the Port of Milwaukee.
2. As a result of September 11<sup>th</sup>, the U.S. Coast Guard has issued interim final rules and guidelines for security improvements at every waterfront facility throughout the country. The interim final rules require port facilities to complete a U.S. Coast Guard security assessment and a plan of action determined by the security levels issued by the federal Department of Homeland Security.
3. The assessment, to be completed by certified security personnel, involves requirements for owners and operators of port land facilities and vessels. The U.S. Coast Guard is reviewing public discussion on the interim final rules and the final set of rules is expected by October 31, 2003 with expected assessment to be completed by December 31, 2003.
4. The Port plans to meet the requirements of the U.S. Coast Guard rules as the needs are identified, and the funding will be used to meet the needs of the highest priorities. This includes improvements to fencing, lighting, video cameras and general port security.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

1. The total of the homeland security grant for the Port of Milwaukee is \$250,000 in funding from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. The grantor share is 100%, and the city share is 0%.

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