

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 8, FILE 090085

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File 090085 is a resolution relating to application for a U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters – Fire Prevention Safety grant.

Background and Discussion

1. The purpose of this resolution is to authorize the Milwaukee Fire Department to apply for an Assistance to Firefighters – Fire Prevention Safety grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the amount of \$533,762.
2. This grant includes funding for 3 positions of Lieutenant and one position of Captain, and essential supplies and equipment required to prepare for and manage a 24-hour Arson Investigation Unit.
3. An Arson Investigation Unit would work 24-hour shifts responding to calls from the arson hotline and working with block watch groups, while collaborating with the State of Wisconsin Fire Marshal; Milwaukee Police Department; U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office and insurance companies to neutralize arsonists and increase public safety through an enhanced, controlled investigative processes that leads to successfully prosecuting arsonists.
4. The one-year grant award total is \$427,009 (80%) with a city match of \$106,753 (20%).

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact related to this resolution because it only authorizes the application for the grant. If the grant were to be received there would be a city match of \$106,753.

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