

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

JUDICARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

ITEM 2, FILE # 021733

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File # 021733 is a resolution to approve the expenditure of \$25,000 from the Outside Counsel-Expert Witness Fund for expenses for expert witness fees and other litigation expenses regarding the final selection procedures for entry level of police officers and police aides for the Milwaukee Police Department currently pending before United States District Court in Civil Action No. 74-C-480.

Background

1. This resolution approves the expenditure of funds from the Outside Counsel-Expert Witness Fund for expert witness fees and other litigation expenses regarding the final selection procedures for the positions of police officer and police aide.
2. The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin has ordered the City of Milwaukee and the Fire and Police Commission to participate with intervening parties to reach an agreement on the use of selection procedures for hiring police officers and police aides to the Milwaukee Police Department.
3. Council File # 020896 approved the expenditure of funds from the Outside Counsel-Expert Witness Fund for expenses for expert witnesses to conduct a study relative to defending the passing point for background investigations for the positions of police officers and police aide for the Milwaukee Police Department, and other expenses.

Discussion

1. The city has retained the services of SHL/Landy Jacobs and Associates, now known as SHL USA, Inc. for the purpose of providing expert witnesses in the referenced litigation.
2. The U.S. Department of Justice and other interested parties have made requests for technical and other data concerning the final selection procedures for police officer and police aids.
3. The funds requested in this resolution will cover the continuing cost of expert witness fees related to this case as well as miscellaneous expenses that may be incurred.
4. Previous funds appropriated for expert witnesses in this case total \$344,000.

Fiscal Impact

1. The total amount of this resolution is \$25,000, to be expended from the Outside Counsel-Expert Witness Special Purpose Account.
2. Upon approval of this resolution and File # 021738, this 2003 Special Purpose Account will have a balance of \$205,488. The 2003 Outside Counsel/Expert Witness Fund Special Purpose Account was budgeted for \$225,000.
3. The total appropriated in this case for expert witness expenses, upon approval of this file, is approximately \$369,000.

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