

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 2a, FILE # 040057

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File # 040057 is a resolution relative to the acceptance and expenditure of fiscal year 2004 Urban Areas Security Initiative Program Grant.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the City of Milwaukee Departments of Administration, Police, Fire and Health to accept and expend \$8,142,000 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Domestic Preparedness (FY 2004) Urban Areas Security Initiative (USAI) program Grant.
2. The USAI provides financial assistance to address the unique planning, equipment, training, and performance needs of large urban areas, and to assist them in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, respond to, and recover from threats or acts of terrorism. This program also provides funding to mass transit authorities for the protection of critical infrastructure and emergency preparedness activities.
3. Funds are awarded to and distributed through the state administrative agency designated by the governor of each state. In Wisconsin, these grant funds are disbursed through the state Department of Justice, Office of Justice Assistance.
4. This is a new grant.

Discussion

1. The purpose of this grant is to enhance the overall preparedness of the Milwaukee urban area to prevent, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism in a multi-jurisdictional, multi-disciplinary manner. The "Milwaukee Urban Area" as defined by the federal government includes Milwaukee, Waukesha and Washington counties. The City of Milwaukee is the lead fiscal agent.
2. As a component of funding for the USAI grant, the urban area submitted a strategy for the use of this funding. Identified goals to advance this strategy include:
 - Improving interoperable communications
 - Reinforcing incident command systems
 - Increasing multidisciplinary, all-hazards response capabilities
 - Increasing capacity to identify potential threats
 - Increasing capabilities to detect, prevent and respond to threats to agriculture and animal health incidents

- Developing plans to protect critical facility infrastructure, public safety personnel and essential services
3. Each of these goals in the plan will be tracked and evaluated by work groups in the appropriate disciplinary area with reports to the urban area working group on an annual basis. The primary point of contact for grant monitoring and reporting is currently within the auspices of the City of Milwaukee Department of Administration, Policy and Budget Division.
 4. This grant funding encompasses the period of December 1, 2003 through November 30, 2005.

Fiscal Impact

1. The total amount of this grant is \$8,142,000, entirely from the grantor. No local matching funds are required. No salaries are funded through this grant.
2. The amount of **\$1,895,000** has been designated as “pass through” to the following:
 - Milwaukee County \$795,000 (Communication upgrade)
 - Waukesha County \$650,000 (Communication upgrade)
 - Washington County \$450,000 (Security systems enhancement)
3. The amount of **\$6,247,000** will be distributed to the following City of Milwaukee departments, each having submitted a budget for its funding:

- Milwaukee Fire Department **\$3,210,000**
 - Heavy Rescue and Support Equipment \$850,000
 - Digital Equipment and Security Upgrades \$2,360,000
- Milwaukee Health Department **\$722,000**
 - Equipment, radios and supplies for emergency health incident response \$322,000
 - Exercise planning for disease prevention, purchase of pharmaceuticals, and expansion of existing EMS system use \$400,000
- Milwaukee Police Department **\$2,315,000**
 - Digital radio upgrade and high speed

data service \$2,065,000

2-finger mobile identification system, a portable
fingerprint system affording "on-the-spot"
identification by officers \$250,000

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