

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

**MAY 22, 2003 AGENDA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**ITEM 3, FILE 030155
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File #030155 is a resolution amending Common Council File 001450 relative to application, acceptance, and funding of a grant to develop a Metropolitan Medical Response System.

Background

1. On September 23, 1997, the Common Council adopted Resolution #970825 which authorized the Milwaukee Fire Department to enter into a contract with the United States Government to provide services for a Metropolitan Medical Strike team. Language granting the Comptroller authority to create accounts to administer funds was omitted from the file.
2. Since Resolution #970825 was adopted, the Fire Department has been working with the United States Government to develop an acceptable delivery of services plan. The plan was approved, making the funds available to the City.
3. The Metropolitan Medical response system is primarily intended to respond to incidents in the City of Milwaukee. It could respond to incidents within Milwaukee County or other specific incidents if directed by the Mayor.
4. Resolution #001450 authorized the provision of \$350,000 for the purchase of equipment and pharmaceuticals based on the department's decision to use \$310,000 on equipment and \$40,000 on pharmaceuticals and a \$171,745 City in-kind contribution, estimated to treat up to 1,000 patients.

Discussion

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Fire Department to apply for and fund a Metropolitan Medical Response System development grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services for the provision of equipment and supplies necessary to mitigate the acts of terrorism that threaten public safety.
2. If this file is approved, the total grantor share increases to \$600,000. No additional City contribution is required.
3. The equipment will be available to any incident responders such as the Health Department.
4. The grant operates from September 30, 1997 to December 31, 2003.
5. This file includes language granting the Comptroller authority to create accounts to administer the funds.

Fiscal Impact

The resolution amends the authorized acceptance and expenditure of \$600,000 from the Federal Government from the Grant and Aid titled Metropolitan Medical Response System.

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