

LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

ITEM 7, FILE 011345

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File #011345 is a resolution relative to the acceptance for a Learning for All – Service To Youth With Learning Disabilities Grant by Milwaukee Public Library.

Background and Discussion

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Public Library (MPL) to accept a Learning for All- Service to Youth With Learning Disabilities Grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. The purpose of the project is to increase and improve public library service to Milwaukee children with learning disabilities. **This is a new grant.**
2. MPL will collaborate with Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) and other community youth serving organizations to increase and improve library service to Milwaukee children, grade school through high school, with learning disabilities. Of the approximately 15,000 MPS children which receive special education services, half are challenged with learning disabilities.
3. This grant supports City-wide strategies: to increase the educational level, achieve grade level performance in reading, and expand support services and programs to youth and their families. It also supports MPL's objectives: to provide materials and services to all citizens, extend library services to groups presently under-served, and improve customer services and increase access to library resources, services and programs.
4. MPL will receive training from MPS to gain knowledge and an understanding on learning disabilities and how it impacts the child and family. This will require a series of meetings with MPS and various other agencies, staff training and skill enhancement, collection development for books, videos and computer software, and marketing promotion through literature, advertising and public presentations.
5. The training, collection development and library material will be at Central Library and the 12 Neighborhood Libraries. Resources and services will be offered at all sites.

Fiscal Impact.

1. The total grant for the Learning For All-Service to Youth With Learning Disabilities Grant is \$24,696, funded by the Grantor share, \$21,130 (86%) and City in-kind share, \$3,566 (14%).
2. The grant provides partial funding for 6 library positions and funds the material, supplies, equipment, library material, printing and services.
3. The grant period is from January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002.

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