

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

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**Item 9, File #080964**

File Number 080964 is a resolution authorizing various City departments to apply for, accept and fund FY 2008 Port Security Grant Program funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, FEMA.

**Background**

1. On March 14, 2008, the City's Office of Homeland Security (Department of Administration) applied for funding under the FY 2008 Port Security Grant Program administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, FEMA. This funding would be used by the Milwaukee Fire Department, Milwaukee Police Department and Port of Milwaukee to fund a full-scale emergency response exercise in the Milwaukee harbor and the purchase of water rescue equipment and a replacement Port security patrol boat.
2. On September 15, 2008, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security informed the City that it had been awarded \$779,044 in funding under the FY 2008 Port Security Grant Program, broken down as follows:

Personnel backfill and overtime costs for Emergency response exercise	\$50,000 each for MFD, MPD, Port
Water rescue equipment	\$12,415 (MFD)
Water rescue equipment	\$16,629 (MPD)
Replacement patrol boat	\$600,000 (Port)

3. The bulk of this grant funding will be utilized to purchase a used vessel to replace the Port's existing utility workboat, the Harbor Seagull. This boat is the only vessel in the Milwaukee harbor capable of breaking winter ice and is called upon by the U.S. Coast Guard, MFD and MPD for all in-water investigations, rescues and recoveries. The Harbor Seagull's age -- over 50 years -- exceeds normal service life.

**Discussion**

1. This resolution authorizes the Department of Administration to apply for FY 2008 Port Security Grant Program funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, FEMA. It further authorizes MFD, MPD and the Port to accept and fund this grant, which has been awarded in the amount of \$779,044.

- The total cost of this grant-funded project is \$1,043,565, with a grantor share of \$779,044 (75%) and a City share of \$264,521 (25%). This grant-funded project will include the following items:

	<u>Grantor Share</u>	<u>City Share</u>	<u>Total</u>
Personnel backfill and overtime costs for emergency response exercise	\$50,000	\$16,667	\$66,667 (MFD)
	\$50,000	\$16,667	\$66,667 (MPD)
	\$50,000	\$16,666	\$66,666 (Port)
Water rescue equipment	\$12,415	\$6,207	\$18,622 (MFD)
Water rescue equipment	\$16,629	\$8,314	\$24,943 (MPD)
Replacement patrol boat	\$600,000	\$200,000	\$800,000 (Port)
TOTAL	\$779,044	\$264,521	\$1,043,565

- The City's share of this grant project's costs will come from departmental operating budgets (for the personnel costs and water rescue equipment) and the Port of Milwaukee's 2009 capital budget (for the replacement patrol boat).
- The grant period for this project extends from August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2011.

**Fiscal Impact**

- This resolution authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of \$779,044 in grant funds by the Fire Department, Police Department and Port of Milwaukee.
- This resolution also commits \$200,000 in the Port's 2009 Port Security capital account for the purpose of providing the City share of the cost of purchasing the replacement patrol boat. This will leave a balance of \$100,000 in borrowing authority in this capital account.

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