

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 13, FILE # 041041

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File # 041041 is a resolution amending Council File # 040057 and # 040128 relative to the acceptance and expenditure of fiscal year 2004 Urban Areas Security Initiative Program Grant.

Background

1. This resolution amends Council Files # 040057 and # 040128 that authorizes the City of Milwaukee Departments of Administration, Police, Fire and Health to accept and expend funds 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 resolution approves the creation of an additional position in the Milwaukee Health Department of one Vet/Agro Terrorism Planning Coordinator.***

Discussion

1. The purpose of the USAI 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 Fire and Police Commission.
 4. This grant funding encompasses the period of December 1, 2003 through November 30, 2005.

Fiscal Impact

1. There is no fiscal impact associated with this grant amendment as the grant award remains the same as approved by Council Files # 040057 and # 040128.
2. The MHD portion of the grant is amended to include the creation of a position of Vet/Agro Terrorism Planning Coordinator, SG 593 and to fund this position with salary and fringe benefits, \$53,489. ***This position is required in order to coordinate emergency efforts, including educational outreach and to respond to an animal/zoonotic disease or an agricultural terrorism occurrence that may compromise the food supply in the three-county area designated in this grant.***
3. The MHD original equipment budget (\$ 322,000 for hand-held radios and supplies for emergency health incident response) for this grant is reduced by \$53,489 to \$268,511.

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