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**COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

ITEM 10, FILE #070536

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File Number 070536 is a resolution relative to an application for The Big Read Grant.

Background

1. This resolution will authorize the Milwaukee Public Library to apply for The Big Read Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.
2. The purpose of The Big Read project is to involve the entire community, especially lapsed or reluctant readers, to read a literary classic and to counter the downward trend facing literary reading.
3. The grant requires a minimum of one month of activities some time between January and June 2008.

Discussion

1. MPL will request the maximum amount of \$20,000, which will require an equal amount in matching funds of in-kind or actual expenses.
2. The grant application date is July 2007; the anticipated award date is September 2007.

Fiscal Impact

1. As this is a resolution seeking only authorization to apply for The Big Read Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts there is no fiscal impact at this time.

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