

**LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION**

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**ITEM 6, FILE 071483**

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File 071483 is a resolution relating to application for, and acceptance and funding of, a CERES Foundation, Inc., Grant as part of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation (Department of Public Works).

**Background and Discussion**

1. The purpose of this grant is to improve Milwaukee Public School playgrounds through a greening program that creates playable surfaces for children by replacing asphalt with trees and turf. It will also promote on-site water infiltration and reduce stormwater runoff.
2. The total project cost is \$270,000, of which \$150,000 (55%) will be provided by the grantor with \$120,000 (45%) provided by an existing USDA Forest Service Grant, Green Schools (Resolution 060437).
3. Replacement of portions of asphalt playground with trees and turf will be at 5 selected schools: Hartford University School, Milwaukee Spanish Immersion School, Humboldt Park School, Sherman Multicultural Arts School and Pierce Elementary School. School selection was based on criteria established by the Green Schools Grant.

**Fiscal Impact**

The resolution authorizes the application, acceptance and expenditure of a \$150,000 grant from the CERES Foundation, Inc. It also authorizes the expenditure of \$120,000 in funds from an existing USDA Forest Service Grant, Green Schools.

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