

LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 6, FILE 021795
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File No. 021795 is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and expenditure of Federal Emergency Management Agency Assistance to Firefighters Grant by the Milwaukee Fire Department for the expansion of its Survive Alive program.

Background

1. The Milwaukee Fire Department provides fire fighting and emergency medical services (EMS) to the citizens and visitors of the City while promoting safety.
2. Since 1992, the Milwaukee's Survive Alive House and its two mobile fire safety units are governed by the Survive Alive Foundation and jointly managed by the Milwaukee Fire Department and Milwaukee Public Schools.
3. Every second and fifth grader in MPS visits the Survive Alive House at 2050 S. 20th Street each year.
4. The Firefighter Investment and Response Enhancement (FIRE) Act was signed into law on October 30, 2000. The FIRE grant program, formerly known as the Assistance to Firefighters grant program, does the following:
 - Allows grants funds to be used for a variety of purposes including hiring personnel, training, wellness and fitness programs, equipment, fire-fighting vehicles, and modifications to fire stations.
 - Requires a 30 percent match from the grant recipients, but allows departments that serve communities of 50,000 people or less to provide a 10 percent match.
 - Require that recipient use 10% of grant funds to support fire prevention programs.
5. Initially, the FIRE Act authorized funding for two years at \$100 million in FY2001 and \$300 million in FY2002 through the FIRE Act Title XVII grant distribution program. Recent legislation extends the program into FY2003 and FY2004.

Discussion

1. FY2003 FIRE grants fund programs from October 1, 2003 to September 30, 2004.
2. The Fire Department wishes to apply, accept and expend \$200,000 in FY2003 FIRE FEMA Assistance to Firefighters grant funds for the purpose of expanding the capacity of the Milwaukee Fire Education Center Survive Alive House by opening a second satellite location on the far west side of the City of Milwaukee.

3. The Fire Department plans to strategically position the new site location close to the city limits to give a greater number of MPS students, City of Milwaukee residents and suburban communities access to Survive Alive House educational programs and services.

4. According to the grant application, the Milwaukee Fire Department plans to use up to \$200,000 FEMA grants to support Public Safety Strategies as follows:
 - Indirect Charges, \$100,000
 - Videos, \$12,500
 - Contracts, \$5,000
 - Fire Extinguishers, \$25,000
 - Repairs to roof and new flooring, \$10,000
 - Smoke Detectors, \$12,500
 - Anti-terrorism educational materials, \$10,000
 - Supplies, \$50,000
 - Handouts and Pamphlets, \$10,000
 - Equipment, \$12,000
 - Interactive computer programs, \$1,500
 - Audio-visual equipment, \$2,000
 - Personnel (2 positions), \$30,000

Fiscal Impact

This resolution has no fiscal impact. The Federal government will provide 70% or up to \$140,000 while the Survive Alive Foundation will provide the 30% required match or up to \$60,000.

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