

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**ITEM 8a, FILE #071063**

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File Number 071063 is a resolution authorizing the proper City officials to accept and fund a \$82,500 2007 Port Security Grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

**Background**

1. Through the Department of Homeland Security's Port Security Grant Program, the Federal government makes funds available to local port authorities to undertake security enhancements at their facilities.
2. A team of individuals representing the Port of Milwaukee, Milwaukee Police Department, Milwaukee Fire Department, City Homeland Security Director, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance and Wisconsin Department of Transportation worked collaboratively to develop an application for a 2007 Port Security Grant that would fund a comprehensive package of security improvements for the Port of Milwaukee and Milwaukee's harbor.
3. Common Council Resolution File 061427, adopted March 22, 2007, authorized the Port of Milwaukee to apply for a 2007 Port Security Grant for a project with a total cost of up to \$840,000.
4. The Port of Milwaukee also applied for a 2006 Port Security Grant in the amount of \$630,000 but was not awarded the grant.

**Discussion**

1. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security recently awarded two 2007 Port Security Grants. One grant is for the amount of \$82,500 and is the subject of this file. The other is in the amount of \$630,580 and is the subject of Common Council File 071028.
2. This resolution authorizes the Port of Milwaukee to accept the grant funds and expend them for the purposes specified in the grant agreement. It also authorizes the Municipal Port Director to execute the grant agreement and related documents on behalf of the City.
3. The grant period for this grant extends from June 1, 2007, to May 31, 2010.

**Fiscal Impact**

1. The total cost of this grant-funded project is \$110,000, of which \$82,500 (75%) will be provided by the grantor and \$27,500 (25%) will be the local share.
2. The Port will use the grant and local-match funds to conduct a Port security area training and exercise drill. Specifically, funds will be used "to create a sustainable, risk-based

and regional securities cooperative effort for critical port infrastructure's prevention, protection, and response to threats of, and recovery from terrorist attacks, especially explosives and non-conventional threats that would cause major disruption to commerce and significant loss of life.”

3. Port of Milwaukee revenues (user fees) will provide the local share for this grant-funded project.

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