

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**ITEM 6, FILE #071581**

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File Number 071581 is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of a State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections grant for the City of Milwaukee Drivers Licensure and Employability Project.

**Background**

1. The Drivers Licensure and Employability Project began in April 2007 and is directed at low and moderate income citizens who do not have driver's licenses due to their failure to pay court ordered judgments. This program targets referrals from agencies with clients who are job ready or ready to begin apprenticeship or training programs but cannot proceed without a drivers license.
2. Drivers Licensure and Employability Project is a workforce development program costing up to \$800,000. The 2008 Budget includes \$200,000 for the program. Funding includes \$75,000 from a Special Purpose Account and \$125,000 through Community Development Block Grant reprogramming funds. Most of the project cost is for staff, as professional case management is needed to make the project successful. The provision of city funding is intended to help attract funding from other sources, including foundations, state and federal governments, and the business community.
3. The Drivers Licensure and Employability Project is coordinated by Justice-2000, Inc. and is housed at the main campus of Milwaukee Area Technical College in downtown Milwaukee. The staff consists of 5 full time case managers, one full time attorney, one full time office administrator/intake coordinator and one full time director.

**Discussion**

1. The grant amount is \$75,000. The grantor, the State of Wisconsin, Department of Corrections will provide 100% funding; the City in-kind share is \$0.
2. The grant period is from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009.

**Fiscal Impact**

1. This resolution has no fiscal impact as the Wisconsin Department of Corrections will reimburse the City in the amount of \$75,000 to assist low income residents of the city of Milwaukee in the recovery of their drivers license.

Personal Costs	\$7,500
Services (sub-contract) Justice-2000, Inc.	\$67,500
<b>TOTAL COSTS (Grantor Share)</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>

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