

LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

SEPTEMBER 11, 2003 AGENDA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 8a, FILE 030698
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File No. 030698 is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and expenditure of grant funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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. 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.

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 \$5,000 in FY2003 FIRE FEMA Assistance to Firefighters grant funds for the purpose of hosting two seminars for juvenile fire-setter counselors who assess and treat juvenile fire-setters.
3. Fire-setter counselors include nurses, doctors and other emergency medical personnel.
4. MFD plans to schedule the seminars in October 2003, based on instructor availability.

Fiscal Impact

This resolution imposes a \$5,000 fiscal impact, whereas the department is authorized to accept and expend a \$5,000 FEMA grant.

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