

LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

SEPTEMBER 8, 2005 AGENDA
FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

ITEM 7, FILE 050594
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File No. 050594 is a resolution relative to the Milwaukee Fire Department's application for, acceptance, and expenditure of the United States Fire Service Assistance in Response to Hurricane Katrina grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Background and Discussion

1. On Sunday, August 28, 2005, Hurricane Katrina hit the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama affecting hundreds of thousands of people by destroying their communities and major infrastructure facilities.
2. FEMA is making available the United States Fire Service Response to Hurricane Katrina grant to fire departments that intend to respond to this call for service. Milwaukee Fire Chief Wentlandt stated that 120 MFD firefighters applied for this special assignment.
3. This file authorizes the Milwaukee Fire Department to apply for, accept and expend a \$531,719 FEMA US Fire Service Assistance in Response to Hurricane Katrina grant to fund salaries, overtime and miscellaneous supplies for up to 30 personnel deployed to assist in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina for a maximum time period of 30 days beginning September 5, 2005.
4. 18 firefighters were called up; 12 left Sunday and 6 left Tuesday.
5. The community has donated several supplies including shirts, hats, raincoats, backpacks, water bottles, snack items, knives, basic tools, etc.
6. To maintain minimum staffing requirements at home, work schedules of Hurricane relief volunteers will be filled by hiring-in off duty personnel at Special Duty Compensation (Overtime) rates. The in-kind contribution will pay those costs.

Fiscal Impact

1. The fiscal impact is \$531,719, whereby \$291,006 is the grantor's share and \$240,713 is the city's in-kind contribution. \$5,000 of the grant pays for purchases including first aid kits, backpacks and sleeping bags, flashlights and batteries. The remaining grant funds salaries and fringe benefits.

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