

LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

ITEM 9, FILE 021030

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File #021030 is a resolution relative to the application, acceptance and funding of a TEACH Project Implementation Services Grant by the Milwaukee Public Library.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Public Library (MPL) to apply for, accept and fund a TEACH Project Implementation Services Grant from Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS). **This is a continuation grant.**
2. The purpose of the grant is to allow MPL to improve the system-wide use of technology services. This grant supports the City goal of recognizing the importance of lifelong learning and improving the City's quality of life. It also promotes the Library's goal to increase access to library technology to the Milwaukee citizens.
3. In 1995, MPL began a major automation initiative, which included additional computer equipment and software. Continued software improvements and the complex nature of computer usage require on-going training. Librarians use valuable time from their regular duties assisting patrons with computers. The need for computer training was identified. The first TEACH grant was in 1999.
4. This grant will provide:
 - Students recruited from MPS high schools to provide computer assistance in all MPL libraries during peak service times, (*students will be paid to work from 8 to 20 hours per week*).
 - Increased training to library patrons in the use of computers, the Internet, and library technology.
 - Enhanced access and computer instruction to library users.
5. The grant will improve MPL's partnership with MPS for the recruitment of students for library positions.

FISCAL IMPACT

1. The total for the TEACH Project Implementation Services Grant is \$42,321, funded by:
 - * Grantor share: \$40,000 (95%)
 - * City in-kind share: \$2,321 (5%)
2. The grant funds the following positions:
 - 30 Computer Service Aides, SG 906 (5,050 hours)
 - 1 Personnel Analyst Sr., SG 005 (40 hours)
 - 1 Librarian, SG 528 (50 hours)
3. The grant period is from January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003.

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