

## LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

ITEM 16, FILE 050604

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File # 050604 is a resolution relative to the acceptance and funding of a Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Grant by the Milwaukee Public Library.

### Background and Discussion

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Public Library (MPL) to accept and fund the Wisconsin Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Grant project from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.
2. The purpose of the project is to serve the blind and physically impaired of the state by providing reading material on phonodiscs, cassette tapes and Braille books. **This is a continuation grant.**
3. Since the early 1970's, the grant funding has been used for personnel costs, staff development, general office supplies, newsletters, book and machine labels, Braille books, equipment repair, maintenance of equipment and computer and library materials.
4. The circulation statistics for this unit from 2001 through 2005 reflect:

	<u>Items</u>	<u>Monthly Average</u>
2001	259,843	21,654
2002	245,529	20,461
2003	242,638	20,220
2004	240,386	20,032
2005 ( <i>thru 8/16/05</i> )	158,087	21,078

### Fiscal Impact

1. The Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped grant provides \$746,000 in funding, all from the Grantor. There is no City in-kind contribution.
2. The grant funds 14 positions, 13 full-time and 1 part-time.
3. The grant period is July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

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