

LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

ITEM 10, FILE 030633

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File # 030633 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 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 handicapped of the state by providing reading material on phonodiscs, cassette tapes and Braille books. **This is a continuation grant.**
3. The funding will be used for personnel, 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 1999 through 2003 reflect:

	<u>Items</u>	<u>Monthly Average</u>
1999	306,596	25,461
2000	271,562	22,630
2001	259,843	21,654
2002	244,913	20,409
2003 (YTD, July 2002)	145,050	20,721

Fiscal Impact

1. The Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped grant provides \$747,300 in funding, all from the Grantor. There is no City in-kind contribution.
2. The grant fully funds 15 positions, 1 less than the previous grant of 2002.
3. The grant period is July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

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