

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ITEM 13, FILE # 041126

DECEMBER 14, 2004

JEFF OSTERMAN

File Number 041126 is a resolution that appropriates \$55,000 from the 2004 CDBG Contingency Account to the Milwaukee Alliance for community prosecution activities.

Background

1. The community prosecution unit of the Milwaukee Alliance works with the community in proactively fighting nuisances on Milwaukee's Near South Side. The program targets illegal drug activity, loitering, littering and excessive noise in South Side neighborhoods.
2. The Milwaukee Alliance requested \$375,000 in 2005 Community Development Block Grant funding for its community prosecution program. The agency was awarded \$95,000.
3. The Common Council approved an amendment to the 2005 Proposed City Budget that would have provided an additional \$95,000 in a special purpose account for the Milwaukee Alliance program. This amendment was vetoed by the Mayor; the veto was sustained by the Common Council.
4. The Milwaukee Alliance was awarded \$100,000 in 2003 CDBG reprogramming funding (File Number 020766) and \$50,000 from the 2003 CDBG Contingency Account (File Number 030294).

Discussion

1. Since the 2005 CDBG allocation for the Milwaukee Alliance community prosecution program is only about one-fourth the amount requested by the agency, the Milwaukee Alliance and Common Council members who support the community prosecution program are seeking additional funding for this initiative.
2. File Number 041126 appropriates \$55,000 from the 2004 CDBG Contingency Account for the Milwaukee Alliance community prosecution program. The Alliance would use this money to fund the training of additional community prosecutors by the District Attorney's Office.
3. The CDBG Contingency Account consists of unspent CDBG appropriations. The current balance in this account is approximately \$226,000. The Block Grant office strives to maintain a balance of at least \$200,000 in this account year-round.

Fiscal Impact

This resolution will reduce the balance in the CDBG Contingency Account by \$55,000, to approximately \$171,000.

Prepared by: Jeff Osterman, X2262
LRB-Fiscal Review Section
December 13, 2004

Cc: Steve Mahan
Eric Pearson