

LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

ITEM 14, FILE 050570

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File #050570 is a resolution relative to the application for a Library ala Carte – Homebound Service for Senior Grant by Milwaukee Public Library.

Background and Discussion

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Public Library (MPL) to apply for a Library ala Carte-Homebound Service for Seniors Grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. The purpose of the project is provide Milwaukee's homebound senior citizens with access to the Library and its resources through a home-delivery program. *This is a new grant.*
2. As a pilot project, MPL will partner with Goodwill Industries, which administers the Meals on Wheels program, to provide Milwaukee's homebound senior citizens with access to the Library's resources. At the meal distribution site, Meals on Wheels drivers will distribute invitations, applications, reading interest surveys and library card applications to approximately 150 homebound seniors along with their regular meal.
3. Library staff will review the completed applications, contact interested homebound seniors and develop reading profiles. Staff will gather materials, check them out to the patrons and package them for homebound delivery.
4. Grant funding will provide the financial support for start-up supplies, additional library materials, printed materials and staff training. Supplies include large print books, CD's, DVD's, audiobooks, videocassettes, adult photo essay books and canvas bags to carry the materials to and from the meal distribution site.

Fiscal Impact

1. This file requests approval for the application. Total grant is estimated at \$63,842. The final amount could be higher or lower.

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