

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU FISCAL ANALYSIS

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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Item 7, File #091475

File Number 091475 is a resolution authorizing the Department of City Development, on behalf of the Milwaukee Arts Board, to accept and fund Wisconsin Arts Board 2009 and 2010 Regranting Program Grants totaling \$70,000.

Background

1. The Wisconsin Arts Board, a State-funded agency, makes grant funds available to local arts boards through its Regranting Program.
2. Regranting Program funds support local art programming, including both local art organizations and neighborhood-based organizations that conduct art programming.
3. The Milwaukee Arts Board has been receiving Wisconsin Arts Board Regranting Program Grant funds for the past several years. In the most recent grant cycle, June 1, 2008, to May 31, 2009, the Arts Board received \$35,000 (CC File No. 071610).

Discussion

1. This resolution authorizes the Department of City Development, acting on behalf of the Milwaukee Arts Board, to accept two \$35,000 Wisconsin Arts Board Regranting Program Grants.
2. The grant periods for these grants are from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010, and from July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011.
3. The total cost of this grant-funded project is \$140,000, of which \$70,000 (50%) is the grantor share and \$70,000 (50%) will be an in-kind contribution of services by the City (DCD).
4. The Milwaukee Arts Board awards these grant funds to local art or neighborhood-based organizations to provide art programming that enhances the development, cultural diversity, accessibility and enjoyment of the arts in Milwaukee. Funding applications are due in mid-March, with staff and peer-panel recommendations for funding awards being sent to the Arts Board for approval at its May meeting. Funded organizations are required to submit 6-month progress reports and final reports during each one-year grant period.

Fiscal Impact

1. This resolution authorizes \$140,000 in expenditures by the City -- \$70,000 in grant revenues from the Wisconsin Arts Board and \$70,000 worth of in-kind services provided by the City.
2. There is no out-of-pocket City match associated with this grant project.

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