

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**JULY 16, 2008**

**Item 23, File #080438**

File Number 080438 is a resolution authorizing the Port of Milwaukee to apply for, accept and expend a Wisconsin Department of Transportation Harbor Assistance Grant for improvements to the Port's cargo handling equipment.

**Background**

1. Through its Harbor Assistance Grant program, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation makes funding available to local port authorities for improvements to commercial harbor facilities.
2. The City's 2008 Budget anticipated the Port of Milwaukee administering two Harbor Assistance Grant-funded projects this year – a \$400,000 grant to support the Port's ongoing harbor-dredging program and another \$400,000 to fund the Port's annual program of pier, berth and channel improvements.
3. The Port of Milwaukee owns and operates cranes at various locations on its facilities. While this crane service is beneficial to and appreciated by Port customers, many of the cranes are old and in need of major repair or replacement.
4. Improvements to the Port's cargo handling equipment, including rehabilitation of Crane 15 and related work at 1225 S. Carferry Drive, were included as a project in the Port's "Three-Year Harbor Development Statement of Intentions" for 2008-2010. The "Statement of Intentions" was approved by the Common Council on February 26, 2008 (File No. 071410).

**Discussion**

1. This resolution authorizes the Port of Milwaukee to apply for, accept and expend a Wisconsin Department of Transportation Harbor Assistance Grant to fund rehabilitation of Crane 15 and related work at 1225 S. Carferry Drive.
2. The total cost of this project is estimated to be \$500,000. The Port anticipates receiving a grant in the amount of approximately \$400,000 (80%). A 20% local match is required. The City share will come from \$100,000 in capital funds included for this purpose in the 2008 Budget.

**Fiscal Impact**

1. This resolution authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of \$400,000 in grant funds by the Port of Milwaukee.

2. This resolution also authorizes the transfer of \$100,000 from the Port's Pier, Berth and Channel Improvements capital account to a capital grant project account for this project. After this transfer, the balance in the capital account will be \$0.

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