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COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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Item 11, File #071087

File Number 071087 is a resolution authorizing the proper City officials to accept a \$500,000 2007 State of Wisconsin budget allocation and a \$500,000 2008 State of Milwaukee budget allocation for the City's summer youth employment activities.

Background

1. The Department of City Development has been administering a summer youth employment program for high-school-age Milwaukee residents since 2005.
2. In 2007, 1,245 youths received employment opportunities through this program, including 243 who were employed directly by the City as interns, 457 who were placed in jobs at non-profit and faith-based agencies, and 545 who were offered positions with private, for-profit employers.
3. The Milwaukee Economic Development Corporation ("MEDC") advanced the funding needed to operate the summer youth employment program in 2007. It did so with the understanding that it would be reimbursed for these funds when the necessary funding was provided in the State budget.
4. The adopted State of Wisconsin 2007-2008 biennial budget provides \$500,000 in 2007 funding for the City's summer youth employment program, as well as \$500,00 to support the program in 2008, with the 2008 funds to be released on July 1, 2008. .

Discussion

1. This resolution authorizes the Department of City Development to accept the \$1 million State budget allocation for the City's summer youth employment program. In addition, it authorizes the City Comptroller to commit these funds to the appropriate account.
2. This resolution also stipulates that the money received from the State shall be used to reimburse MEDC for its funding of the summer youth employment program in 2007.

Fiscal Impact

This resolution authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of \$1 million from the State of Wisconsin for the City's summer youth employment program in 2007 and 2008.

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