

LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ITEM 6, FILE 060608

SEPTEMBER 19, 2006

ANGELYN WARD

File # 060608 is a resolution relative to the application, acceptance and funding of a Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Grant by the Milwaukee Public Library.

Background and Discussion

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Public Library (MPL) to apply for, and accept and fund the Wisconsin Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Grant project from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.
2. The purpose of the project is to serve the blind and physically impaired of the state by providing reading material on phonodiscs, cassette tapes and Braille books. **This is a continuation grant.**
3. Since the early 1970's, the grant funding has been used for personnel costs, staff development, general office supplies, newsletters, book and machine labels, Braille books, equipment repair, maintenance of equipment and computer and library materials.
4. The circulation statistics for this unit from 2002 through 2006 reflect:

	<u>Items</u>	<u>Monthly Average</u>
2002	245,529	20,461
2003	242,638	20,220
2004	240,386	20,032
2005	258,001	21,500
2006 (thru July 2006)	151,131	21,590

Fiscal Impact

1. The Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped grant provides \$777,889 in funding, all from the Grantor. There is no City in-kind contribution.
2. The grant funds 14 positions, 13 full-time and 1 part-time.
3. The grant period is July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

Cc: Marianne Walsh
W. Martin Morics
Mark Nicolini
Paula Kiely
Sandra Lockett
Taj Schoening

Prepared by: Angelyn Ward, (286-8661)
LRB-Fiscal Review Section
September 15, 2006