

## **LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION**

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File #060866 is a resolution relative to the application for a Safe Harbor Grant by the Milwaukee Public Library.

### **Background and Discussion**

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Public Library (MPL) to apply for a Safe Harbor Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Administration. As a joint effort between MPL, the Port of Milwaukee and the Wisconsin Marine Historical Society, the purpose of the project is to convert photographs from the Port of Milwaukee and Great Lakes Marine Collection to digital images for Internet access.
2. The project will digitize approximately 1,000 photos and make them available on the Internet along with descriptions of the images and their significance. Some of the photos date back to the 1920s. The photos, currently at the Port, are not readily accessible to the public, and are not stored properly. In this process, the photos would be incorporated into the photo collection at MPL under proper archival conditions. The database would make the photographs available on the Internet and include brief information identifying each photograph. The database would offer historical information on Milwaukee and the Great Lakes.
3. MPL and Wisconsin Marine Historical Society jointly administer the Great Lakes Marine Collection and will contribute toward the funding and organization of the project. This includes working with the Port to identify the photographs, create documentation, preserve and digitize, and consult industry experts as necessary.

### **Fiscal Impact**

1. MPL is authorized to apply for and seek the Safe Harbor Grant for funding of approximately \$96,496 for personnel, material, equipment, consulting and supplies. The grantor share is estimated at \$38,880, 40%, and the estimated joint city share is \$57,616, 60%. The estimated joint city share of \$57,616 is through, \$11,605 by Wisconsin Marine Historical Society in-kind share, and \$46,011 by MPL in-kind share.
2. If approved, the grant period is July 2007 through June 2008.

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