

LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

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ITEM 10, FILE 050657

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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Resolution #050657 is a resolution relative to application for, acceptance and expenditure of 2006 State of Wisconsin recycling grants.

BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION

1. The Department of Public Works (DPW) annually submits a resolution to authorize DPW to apply for and accept and expend the following two recycling grants from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources:

Wisconsin Recycling Grant
Recycling Efficiency Grant

2. DPW currently operates 31 cart routes and 3 weekly bin routes servicing approximately 190,000 residences. The Department annually collects approximately 27,000 tons of curbside recyclables.
3. DPW does not anticipate any significant change to recycling service levels in 2005.

4. The Wisconsin Recycling Grant

- The 2005-07 State of Wisconsin Budget provides approximately \$24,000,000 to fund the State's recycling grant program.
- The amount of \$2,799,860 was granted to the City of Milwaukee in 2005.
- DPW estimates the City will receive \$2,799,860 for the City's 2006 recycling program. The City's share of recycling cost is estimated to be \$8,440,640 of the total cost of recycling of \$11,240,500.

5. Recycling Efficiency Grant

- The State of Wisconsin's Recycling Efficiency Grant rewards Responsible Units that have made efforts to improve the efficiency of their recycling programs. For 2006, the total amount of funding available for the Recycling Efficiency Incentive Grant Program will be \$1.9 million. The \$1.9 million will be divided among the Responsible Units of Governments that successfully submit applications. After the number of successful

applicants is determined, each qualified applicant receives a distribution based on a flat per capita rate (approximately \$0.38).

- For 2005, DPW anticipated receiving \$226,850 for this grant. Because there were fewer eligible applicants than anticipated, the 2005 grant amount awarded to Milwaukee was \$390,428.59. For 2006, DPW anticipates receiving \$226,840.
- Milwaukee is eligible for this grant because of its partnership and coordination of education and outreach initiatives with the BeSmart Coalition, formerly the Wisconsin Waste Reduction Coalition. The BeSmart Coalition was founded in 1995 to reduce the amount of waste generated by residents and businesses throughout southeast Wisconsin through a regionally coordinated waste reduction campaign.

The Coalition combines the expertise and resources of local government, state agencies, non-profit organizations, businesses and environmental organizations to sponsor Be Smart (Save Money and Reduce Trash) programs. More than 45 partners participate.

- DPW will use the funding from the 2006 grant to offset existing recycling programs costs and to expand education and outreach efforts.
- There is no City share or position authority associated with this grant program.

FISCAL IMPACT

1. The resolution authorizes the application, acceptance and expenditure of \$2,799,860 for the 2006 State of Wisconsin's Recycling Grant and \$226,840 for the 2005 State's Recycling Efficiency Grant.

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