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File Number 070534 is a resolution authorizing the Port of Milwaukee to apply for, accept and fund a Wisconsin Department of Transportation Harbor Assistance Grant for dockwall rehabilitation work at 623 East Bay Street.

Background

1. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation makes Harbor Assistance Grant funds available to municipalities for rehabilitating port-related facilities.
2. The dockwall at 623 East Bay Street, which is owned and maintained by the City of Milwaukee (Port) was damaged by an overloading incident and is not useable in its current state.
3. The tenant at this dockwall location is the Edward E. Gillen Company.
4. Rehabilitation of the dockwall at 623 East Bay Street appears to be an eligible use of a Harbor Assistance Grant.

Discussion

1. The Port of Milwaukee estimates the total cost of dockwall rehabilitation and related work at 623 East Bay Street to be \$600,000.
2. The Port of Milwaukee's 2007 capital improvements budget includes \$400,000 for Pier, Berth and Channel Improvements – funds which are intended to support a project of this type. Of this amount, \$280,000 has already been allocated to fund the local share of another approved Harbor Assistance Grant-funded project, rehabilitation of the Port's liquid cargo pier.
3. Earlier this year, both the Board of Harbor Commissioners and the Common Council approved a Three-Year (2007-2009) Harbor Development Statement of Intentions for the Port of Milwaukee that includes funding for Pier, Berth and Channel Improvements.
4. The Board of Harbor Commissioners approved the dockwall rehabilitation project for 623 East Bay Street at its June 28, 2007, meeting.
5. The application for this Harbor Assistance Grant is due August 1, 2007. If the grant is awarded, the Port anticipates commencing work on the project in January, 2008, with work being completed by early summer, 2008.

Fiscal Impact

1. The total cost of this grant-funded project is \$600,000, of which \$480,000 (80%) will be provided by the grantor and \$120,000 (20%) will be the local share.
2. The local share for this grant project will come from the Port's Pier, Berth and Channel Improvements 2007 capital budget.
3. This resolution authorizes the Municipal Port Director and other proper City officials to, without further Common Council approval, accept and expend the grant funds, enter into contracts, engage consultants and take whatever other steps are necessary to complete the project.

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