

## **LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS**

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2004 AGENDA**

**ITEM 6, FILE 040500**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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Resolution #040500 is a resolution relative to application for, acceptance and expenditure of 2005 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 2003-04 State of Wisconsin Budget provided \$24,000,000 to fund the State's recycling grant program. It is anticipated the State's 2005-06 Budget will continue to fund the State's recycling grant program at the same level.
- The amount of \$2,806,504 was granted to the City of Milwaukee in 2004.
- DPW estimates the City will receive \$2,806,504 for the City's 2005 recycling program. The City's share of recycling cost is estimated to be \$8,092,475 of the total cost of recycling of \$10,898,529.

#### **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 2004, the total amount of funding available for the Recycling Efficiency Incentive Grant Program was \$1.9 million. The \$1.9 million was 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). It is anticipated the 2005-06 State Budget will provide the same level of funding for this grant.

- For 2004, DPW anticipated receiving \$226,850 for this grant. Because there were fewer applicants than anticipated, the 2004 grant amount awarded to Milwaukee was \$446,876.74. For 2005, DPW anticipates receiving \$226,850.
- Milwaukee is eligible for this grant because of its partnership and coordination of education and outreach initiatives with the Wisconsin Waste Reduction Coalition. The Wisconsin Waste Reduction 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 2005 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 \$2,806,504 for the 2005 State of Wisconsin's Recycling Grant and \$226,850 for the 2005 State's Recycling Efficiency Grant.

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