

## LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

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ITEM 4, FILE 001450

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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File #001450 is a resolution relative to application and funding of a grant to develop a Metropolitan Medical Response System.

### **Background**

1. On September 23, 1997, The Common Council adopted Resolution #970825 which authorized the Milwaukee Fire Department to enter into a contract with the United States Government providing services for a Metropolitan Medical Strike team.
2. Since Resolution #970825 was adopted, the Fire Department has been working with the United States Government to develop an acceptable delivery of services plan.
3. Recently, the plan was approved, making the funds available to the City.
4. Resolution #970825 did not contain the language necessary to authorize the Comptroller's Office to establish the accounts needed to administer the grant.

### **Discussion**

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Fire Department to apply for and fund a Metropolitan Medical Response System development grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services for the development of a Metropolitan Medical Response System. The grant provides equipment and supplies necessary to mitigate the acts of terrorism that threaten public safety.
2. The grant will provide \$350,000 for the purchase of equipment and pharmaceuticals. The Department indicates it will spend approximately \$310,000 on communications, personal protection, monitoring, detection, decontamination, storage, and transportation equipment. Approximately \$40,000 will be spent on pharmaceuticals that will be able to treat up to 1,000 patients.
3. The total amount of the grant is \$521,745. The City will contribute \$171,745 in the form of an in-kind contribution.
4. The Metropolitan Medical response system is primarily intended to respond to incidents in the City of Milwaukee. It could respond to incidents in Milwaukee County or any other incident if directed by the Mayor.
5. The equipment will be available to any incident responders such as the Health Department.
6. The grant is anticipated to be awarded on March 1, 2001 and will run through September 30, 2001.

**Fiscal Impact**

The resolution authorizes the acceptance of and the expenditure of \$521,745 (\$350,000 from the Federal Government and \$171,745 as the City's in-kind contribution) from the Grant and Aid titled Metropolitan Medical Response System.

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