

**LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**ITEM 5, FILE # 030103**

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File # 030103 is a substitute resolution relative to the application, acceptance and funding of the U.S. Department of Justice Weed and Seed Grant-North for \$225,000, and the Weed and Seed-United South for \$225,000, and authorization of the Social Development Commission to exercise administrative and supervisory functions.

**Background**

1. The Weed and Seed program is a U.S. Department of Justice community-based initiative. This program utilizes a multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention and community revitalization.
2. The City of Milwaukee has participated in the Weed and Seed program since 1994 when funding was received by the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) to participate in Weed and Seed Activities on the north side of Milwaukee.
3. File 980248, adopted in June 1998, transferred responsibility for program supervision and administration from the Community Block Grant Administration to the Social Development Commission (SDC). Grant funding for police department participation was retained by MPD.
4. This is a continuing grant.

**Discussion**

1. This grant will authorize the application, acceptance and funding of the U.S. Department of Justice Weed and Seed Grant-North for \$225,000, and the Weed and Seed-United South for \$225,000, and authorization of the Social Development Commission to exercise administrative and supervisory functions.
2. The community development component of the Weed and Seed grants, managed by SDC, continues the community liaison program.
3. The Weed & Seed / Safe Haven program provides after-school, weekend and summer activities for pre-teens and teens and offers a safe haven for youth away from the negative activity of city streets.
4. This grant encompasses the period of October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004.

## **Fiscal Impact**

1. The total amount of this grant is \$500,000 with \$250,000 to be budgeted for the north side and \$250,000 budgeted for the south side.
2. \$250,000 of these grant funds will be budgeted for MPD participation, \$112,500 for each of the two programs. MPD costs include overtime and training expenses as well as building maintenance utilities and photocopying.
3. MPD also projects an in-kind share of \$161,850 for fringe benefits, and indirect costs associated with grant administration.
4. The SDC portion of this grant (\$250,000) is divided equally between the two sides of town and provides for staff wages, services and program materials and supplies.

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