

LRB RESEARCH & ANALYSIS

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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Resolution #060164 is a resolution relative to application for, acceptance and expenditure of 2007 State of Wisconsin recycling grants.

BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION

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

Wisconsin Recycling Grant
Recycling Efficiency Incentive Grant

2. DPW currently has 28 summer and 31 winter cart routes and 3 weekly bin routes servicing approximately 190,000 residences. The Department annually collects approximately 27,000 tons of curbside recyclables, 28,000 tons of yard trimmings and 4,000 tons of recyclable items collected at self-help stations.
3. DPW does not anticipate any significant change to recycling service levels in 2007.

4. The Wisconsin Recycling Grant

- The 2005-07 bi-annual State of Wisconsin Budget provides approximately \$24.5 million to fund the State's recycling grant program.
- The amount of \$2,799,000 was granted to the City of Milwaukee in 2006.
- DPW estimates the City will receive \$2,799,000 for the City's 2007 recycling program. The City's share of recycling, composting, and waste reduction cost is estimated to be \$8,441,000 of the total cost of recycling of \$11,200,000.
- There are 31 Operations Driver Worker positions supported by this grant.

5. Recycling Efficiency Incentive Grant

- The State of Wisconsin's Recycling Efficiency Incentive 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 2006, DPW anticipated receiving \$226,850 for this grant. Because there were fewer eligible applicants than anticipated, the 2006 grant amount awarded to Milwaukee was \$418,081.72 (File #060054). For 2006, 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 Be Smart Coalition, formerly the Wisconsin Waste Reduction Coalition. The Wisconsin Be Smart 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 2007 grant to offset existing recycling programs' costs and to expand education and outreach efforts including targeted efforts for areas of low compliance.
- There is no City share or position authority associated with the Recycling Efficiency Incentive grant program.

FISCAL IMPACT

1. The resolution authorizes the application, acceptance and expenditure of \$2,799,000 for the 2007 State of Wisconsin's Recycling Grant and \$226,840 for the 2007 State's Recycling Efficiency Incentive Grant.

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