

LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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Resolution #020580 is a substitute resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of a 2003 Recycling grant.

BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION

1. The Department of Public Works (DPW) annually submits a resolution to authorize DPW to apply for and accept and fund the continuation of the current recycling grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
2. State statutes currently specify the maximum amount that may be appropriated for the state's recycling grant program for all municipalities. Between 1994 and 1997, the maximum available was \$28,000,000 annually. In 1998, the appropriation level dropped 18% to approximately \$24,000,000. The 2002-03 State of Wisconsin Budget continues to fund the recycling grant program at this level.
3. The amount of \$2,800,636 was granted to the City of Milwaukee in 2002.
4. DPW estimates the State will provide \$2,800,636 in 2003 for the recycling program. The City's share of recycling cost is estimated to be \$7,348,279 of the total cost of recycling of \$10,348,915.
5. DPW does not anticipate any significant change to service levels in 2003.
6. DPW currently operates 31 cart routes and 3 weekly bin routes servicing approximately 193,000 residences. The Department annually collects approximately 30,000 tons of curbside recyclables. In addition, DPW's recycling program annually collects approximately 30,000 tons of brush and leaves.

FISCAL IMPACT

1. The resolution authorizes the acceptance of \$2,800,636 for the recycling program's grant and aids account.

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