

LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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File #040279 is a substitute resolution relative to approving a 2005 – 2007 Resource Library Agreement Between the City of Milwaukee (CITY), the Milwaukee Public Library (MPL) and the Milwaukee County Federated Library System (SYSTEM).

Background and Discussion

1. This substitute resolution authorizes the proper officers and MPL to enter into a Resource Library Agreement relative to MPL providing library services to Milwaukee County residents under the provisions of Chapter 43 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
2. The Milwaukee County Federated Library System (MCFLS) was established in 1973, as a county-wide library cooperative that provides shared services. MCFLS has a total of 15 members (17 municipalities) that participate in the System. (West Milwaukee participates through a separate contractual agreement.) The Milwaukee Public Library (MPL) has been a member of MCFLS since its formation.
3. State law requires that the largest library in the county system is the system resource library. As resource library, MPL is responsible for providing back-up reference, information, interlibrary loan services, the development of and access of specialized collections to Milwaukee county and non-county residents.
4. The previous resource agreement from 2001 through 2003 provided \$1.3 million annually for library service. Per state law, the agreement extended through 2004 during negotiations.

The new resource agreement from 2005 through 2007 will provide \$725,000 annually, a total of \$2,175,000 for library services over the 3-year period.

Fiscal Impact

1. The Resource Library Agreement between the city of Milwaukee, MCFLS and MPL will provide \$725,000 annually for resource library services.
2. The agreement is from January 1, 2005 though December 31, 2007.

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