

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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ITEM 6, FILE # 081427

**File # 081427 is a resolution relating to application, acceptance and funding of a Health Policy Initiative grant from the Kellogg Foundation in the amount of \$50,000.**

**Background**

1. The Health Department states that the purpose of this grant is to advance a community driven policy agenda to reduce health disparities in children and families in Milwaukee. The issue of addressing health disparities among racial, ethnic and socio-economic groups in the City of Milwaukee has been recognized by the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) as a policy priority.
2. The MHD participated in a study in 2006 entitled, "Strengthening Public Health Policy-Making for a Healthier Milwaukee." The report stressed the importance of community involvement in public health policy initiatives. In 2008 a "roadmap" for successful policy-making was developed using a model sponsored by the National Association of City and County Health Officers (NACCHO).
3. As a result, MHD is currently engaged in an activity entitled the "Community Health Assessment Action Cycle." One goal of this grant is to strengthen the public health policy agenda relating to this assessment by incorporating a policy agenda into 9 areas of action objectives through training, developing evidence-based policy strategies, identifying new or potential policy areas for action, integrating policy strategies into Community Health Improvement Plans, identifying overlapping concerns for purposes of collaboration and non-duplication of efforts, and developing a short-term, medium-term and long term policy agenda. These 9 action areas, to be led by 9 action teams, will be more fully described in a report entitled, "Milwaukee Community Health Assessment and Plan" to be released this spring.
4. A second goal of the grant is to advance the these 9 policy objectives by identifying stakeholders, conducting briefings and facilitating discussions leading to integration of policy objectives in legislative and organizational platforms, and developing and activating networks of local public health system partners.
5. A measure of project success will be the development of a clear and effective 5-year public health policy agenda that advances evidence-based and community-driven policy solutions to Milwaukee's challenging public health issues, particularly health disparities of children and families. Policy solutions will be focused on "upstream" determinants of health.

**Discussion**

1. This grant provides \$50,000 from the Kellogg Foundation to MHD over the 10-month period beginning March 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009.
2. The Kellogg funding supports a project consultant in the amount of \$46,000 and provides \$4,000 for unspecified program supplies.

3. Not referenced in the body of the resolution is the amount budgeted for in-kind share which is \$114,338 for a total grant budget of \$164,338. The in-kind share is budgeted as follows:

<b>Personnel Costs</b>	
Public Health Research & Policy Director	\$ 18,600
9 unidentified Executive Staff at 7%	58,590
Fringe Benefits (41%)	31,648
<b>Supplies and Materials</b> (unspecified)	3,000
<b>Printing &amp; Miscellaneous Services</b>	2,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$114,338</b>

4. The in-kind share appears to be entirely within the parameters of the 2009 MHD Budget. The policy training, education, development and community involvement activities related to this grant are not inconsistent with activities of staff and commitment of resources contemplated in the development of the 2009 MHD Budget.
5. This resolution requires no change to the positions ordinance.
6. The resolution in File #081427 authorizes the City Comptroller to commit \$50,000 grantor share funds within the Project/Grant Parent of the 2009 Special Revenue-Grant and Aid Projects Fund and to create appropriate Special Revenue Fund-Grant and Aid Project/Grant and Project /Grant levels.
7. The resolution further authorizes the Health Department, consistent with the terms of the grant, to: expend from these budgeted amounts; enter into subcontracts and leases; to expend 2009 budgeted amounts for equipment deemed necessary to the operation of the program; and to expend funds for training and out-of-town travel of departmental staff in 2009.

**Fiscal Impact**

1. The resolution authorizes receipt and expenditure of \$50,000 from the Kellogg Foundation in 2009.
2. No new expenditure of tax levy funds is authorized.
3. Funds currently budgeted from O&M tax levy sources and other grants and aids for expenditure in 2009 by MHD in the amount of \$114,338 are now specifically dedicated by this resolution to the Health Policy Initiative as identified in the budget attached to the resolution file.

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