

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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ITEM 25, # 100945

File # 100945 is a resolution relating to application for, and acceptance and funding of, the 2011 Public Health Preparedness Grant from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control through the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to accept continuing funding for public health preparedness from the Centers for Disease Control through the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. The current grant award of \$329,733 was authorized by Resolution File # 091004 and expires on December 31, 2010. The proposed award is for a shortened term beginning January 1, 2011, and ending August 8, 2011.
2. The proposed continued funding supports the infrastructure and capacity of MHD to respond to emergencies including terrorism, pandemic influenza, and other communicable disease outbreaks.
3. Continuing goals of the Preparedness Grant are:
 - Increasing the use and development of interventions known to prevent human illness from chemical, biological, radiological agents, and naturally occurring health threats.
 - Decreasing the time needed to classify health events as terrorism or naturally occurring in partnership with other agencies.
 - Decreasing the time needed to detect and report chemical, biological, radiological agents in tissue, food or environmental samples that present a risk to human health.
 - Improving the timeliness and accuracy of communications related to threats to public health.
 - Decreasing the time to identify causes, risk factors, and appropriate interventions for persons affected by threats to public health.
 - Decreasing the time needed to implement countermeasures and to provide health guidance.
 - Decreasing the time needed to restore health services and environmental safety to pre-event levels.
 - Provide long-term follow-up for persons affected by an adverse public health event.
 - Decrease the implementation time for actions recommended by state and federal authorities in public health event follow-up reports.

Discussion

1. The proposed grant is for \$192,344, entirely grantor share funds, which is \$137,733 (-41.8%) less than the current annual award. The grant will support the existing positions of 1 Telecommunications Analyst-Associate, 0.5 Health Project Pandemic Planning Coordinator, 0.5 Public Health Emergency Response Planning Coordinator, and 1 Infectious Disease Epidemiologist. The amount of support from this grant for each of these positions has been reduced to reflect the shortened term of the award.

2. This grant is for the period of January 1, 2011, through August 8, 2011.

3. The proposed Preparedness Grant budget is as follows:

Personnel	\$ 121,181
Fringe Benefits (41%)	58,167
Supplies	1,577
Training and Mileage/Parking	3,300
Blackberry Service	8,120

Grant total \$ 192,344

4. The resolution in File #100945 authorizes the City Comptroller to commit \$192,344 grantor share funds within the Project/Grant Parent of the 2011 Special Revenue-Grant and Aid Projects Fund and to create appropriate Special Revenue Fund-Grant and Aid Project/Grant and Project /Grant levels.

5. 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 2011 budgeted grants for equipment deemed necessary to the operation of the program; and to expend funds for training and out-of-town travel of departmental staff from the grant funds in 2011.

Fiscal Impact

The proposed funding is for \$192,344, entirely grantor share. This resolution has no impact on the tax levy.

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