

LRB- RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 4, FILE # 051351

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File # 051351 is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of the Sexually Transmitted Diseases Grant.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to apply for, accept and fund the Sexually Transmitted Diseases Grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services.
2. This is a continuing grant.

Discussion

1. The purpose of this project is to reduce the incidence and complications of sexually transmitted diseases through preventive health education services and focused disease intervention activities.
2. This particular grant allows MHD to provide gonorrhea culture and other test services to health care providers in the community as well as to patients served through the MHD STD Clinic at the Keenan Health Center.
3. In 2005, 7,346 patient visits were conducted at the STD Clinic.
3. In 2005, 38,717 lab tests were performed by the MHD lab with 5,339 tests specific to HIV, 12,577 for gonorrhea and 5,664 for chlamydia.
4. In the Southeastern Wisconsin region, the majority of all reported sexually transmitted disease morbidity (relative incidences) cases is reported by the City of Milwaukee.
5. This grant encompasses the period of January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

Fiscal Effect

1. The total of this grant is \$473,758, entirely from the grantor.
2. This grant will fund, \$440,103, the following existing positions with salary and fringe benefits:

- 1 Microbiologist II, SG 642
 - 1 Office Assistant III, SG 425
 - 5 new and 3 existing Communicable Disease Specialists, SG 530
3. Lab and program supplies are budgeted for \$17,655.
 4. Travel and Training is budgeted for \$13,000 with another \$3,000 budgeted for computers and clinic equipment.

Further Information

The new Communicable Disease Specialist positions to be added in this grant were formerly held by the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services and are now transferred to the purview of the Milwaukee Health Department. The incumbents in the state-held positions will have the opportunity to apply for these new City of Milwaukee positions.

These positions provide counseling and referral services to clients and their partners for medical and other community services.

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