

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 15, FILE # 050382

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File # 050382 is a resolution relative to the application, acceptance and funding of the SURVNET Grant by the Milwaukee Health Department.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Health Department to apply for, accept and fund the SURVNET Project from the Centers for Disease Control through the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services.
2. This is a grant continuation.

Discussion

1. The purpose of the project is to maintain a countywide system for reporting communicable diseases in Milwaukee.
2. SURVNET is a countywide communicable disease surveillance system.
3. Physicians, laboratories, and other health providers are required to report communicable diseases. This reporting facilitates rapid identification and response by the department to disease clusters and outbreaks as well as unusual disease events.
4. Reportable diseases include food borne and waterborne illness that requires prompt public health intervention.
5. In 2004, 5,491 Milwaukee County cases representing 35-40 communicable diseases were reported to SURVNET. Approximately 67% of the cases reported were for the City of Milwaukee. Cases reported include STDs, (gonorrhea, chlamydia and syphilis) and Hepatitis C.
6. This grant encompasses the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

Fiscal Effect

1. The total amount of this grant is \$59,678, entirely from the grantor.
2. This grant funds one existing Office Assistant III position, SG 425 with salary and fringe benefits (\$51,854).

3. The grant budget provides for \$7,824 for *Services and Supplies*, including, *Computer Software, Blackberry Communications Service and Program Supplies*.

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