

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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File #050962 is a resolution relative to the application, acceptance and funding of the Municipal Health Services Program.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to apply for, accept and fund a Municipal Health Services Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
2. This grant application and funding is continuing, approved by the U.S. Congress for the 2006 fiscal year.

Discussion

1. The Municipal Health Services Program (MHSP) waives certain Medicare reimbursement limitations for Medicare beneficiaries. This program pays for services not typically covered by regular Medicare and reimburses health care providers 100% of the cost. Eligibility in the program is limited to City of Milwaukee residents.
2. Funds from this grant are used to reimburse private providers for services rendered to Medicare patients. This program also funds the salaries of administrative staff and pays for the costs associated with maintaining the buildings that house the program.
3. The MHSP provides access for public health and outpatient services through primary health care and preventive health care services to under-served residents of the city. Approximately 2,000 individuals participate in MHSP.
4. Subgrantees include:
 - Milwaukee Health Services
 - Sinai-Samaritan Medical Center
 - Marquette University School of Dentistry
 - Baccorp Development Corporation
5. Currently, no new enrollees are being accepted.
6. The grant encompasses the period of January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

Fiscal Impact

1. The total amount of this grant is \$3,500,000 from the grantor. No city matching funds are required.

2. This grant will continue to fund five existing MHD administrative staff positions with salary and fringe benefits (\$414,812):
 - 1 Municipal Health Services Program Manager, SG 08
 - 2 Health Center Administrators, SG 05
 - 1 Office Assistant III, SG 435
 - 1 Health Insurance Specialist, SG 04
3. \$909,000 is budgeted for services related to building maintenance, equipment and facility rentals and various office and support services.
4. \$2.17 million is budgeted for payment to the health care providers for services contracted including an audit contract and medical utilization review.
5. A total of \$700,000 (reimbursement for building services) in revenue is anticipated. This revenue will supplement the grant to a total of \$4,200,000.

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