

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 2, FILE # 061237

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File # 061237 is a resolution relative to the application, acceptance, funding and expenditure of the Milwaukee Nurse-Family Partnership Program grant from the University of Wisconsin-School of Medicine and Public Health.

Background

1. Activities to be funded by this new grant involve intensive home visitation by two public health nurses (1.75 FTE) in zip code areas 53210 and 53218 for at risk women experiencing their first pregnancy and for the children born to them up to age 2.
2. This project complements the "Columbia St. Mary's" program already funded for zip code areas 53204 and 53212. See Council File 060859 for further details.
3. As noted in the Executive Summary to the grant proposal, "...residents of the City of Milwaukee suffer from unacceptable and disproportionately high rates of teen pregnancy and poor birth outcomes, including preterm births, low birth weight, fetal and infant deaths, and injuries to children in the first two years of life."
4. Unlike the Health Department's current Comprehensive Home Visitation Program, the Nurse-Family Partnership model utilizes only nurses as case managers. The outcomes of this program in the more than 20 cities and states that have used this research-based delivery of service are improved health, wellbeing and self-sufficiency of at-risk, low-income parents and their children.
5. Successful implementation of the Nurse-Family Partnership Program in the City of Milwaukee may lead to its adoption by other Wisconsin communities and the commitment of State and other resources for continuation after the 3-year grant ends.

Discussion

1. This annual grant for \$149,990 is entirely grantor share. The grantor is the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health through its Wisconsin Partnership Fund for a Healthy Future (Blue Cross program).
2. The grant period authorized by the resolution is 1/1/07 to 12/31/07. Actual activities under the proposed budget are to begin 3/1/07. It is anticipated that the grant will be renewed annually for a total project period of 3 years ending 2/28/10. The Health Department plans, if possible, to provide training to the nurses employed in this project at the same time as the nurses are trained under the Columbia St. Mary's award.
3. The planned 3-year project will receive a total award of \$449,376. The application identifies \$69,684 of in-kind services and support. The in-kind amount is not required

and includes amounts already authorized by budget or other resolution. No additional amounts are required from the tax levy.

4. This is a new grant with the following budget for the new period:

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| Personnel | \$ 87,500 |
| Fringe | 36,750 |
| Mileage | 3,440 |
| Contract (Training, Ongoing Consultation) | 22,300 |
| Total | \$149,990 |

5. Contractual amounts are to cover costs of nurse training, ongoing support, consultation and monitoring by a national organization.
6. The resolution in File #061237 authorizes the City Comptroller to commit \$149,990 within the Project/Grant Parent of the 2007 Special Revenue-Grant and Aid Projects Fund and to create appropriate Special Revenue Fund-Grant and Aid Project/Grant and Project /Grant levels. The Comptroller is further authorized to establish City Share Project Values.
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; and to expend funds for training and out-of-town travel of departmental staff from the grant funds in 2007.
8. The resolution amends the 2007 Positions Ordinance, File Number 060494, by adding 2 public health nurses within Family and Community Health Services.

Fiscal Impact

1. This proposed \$149,990 in grantor share funding will have no impact on the tax levy.
2. Two public health nurse positions (1.75 FTE) are created in the Positions Ordinance.

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