

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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ITEM 6, FILE # 090246

File # 090246 is a resolution relative to the application, acceptance, funding and expenditure of the Ecocultural Family Interview Assessment Grant program from the University of Wisconsin-School of Medicine and Public Health.

Background

1. As a result of the conversion of Blue Cross & Blue Shield United of Wisconsin to a for-profit corporation, a large pool of funding was divided between the Medical College of Wisconsin and the University of Wisconsin-School of Medicine and Public Health to establish 2 foundations supporting health research, health legislation and public health partnerships. The partnership grant program sponsored by the University of Wisconsin-School of Medicine and Public Health is known as the Wisconsin Partnership Program for a Healthy Future (WPPHF).
2. The objectives of the Ecocultural Family Interview Assessment project include development of effective client care plans for selected Health Department Home Visiting Clients. An assessment tool is used to determine the utility and impact of information provided in Home Visiting contacts. A similar tool has been shown to be effective in homes of children with disabilities. Outcomes should include provision of more detailed information missing from general health assessments and more effective linkage of needs to services.

Discussion

1. This is the second year of funding for a proposed 3-year grant. The amount of the first year award was \$148,082. This second-year award is in the amount of \$115,209. All amounts are entirely grantor funded. The period of the grant is August 1, 2009 to July 31, 2010.
2. The project budget for the second year is as follows:

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|---|----------------------|
| PERSONNEL COSTS | |
| Health Project Coordinator (1.0 FTE, new) | \$ 53,000 |
| FRINGE BENEFITS | |
| | 22,140 |
| SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS | |
| Office Supplies | 450 |
| Participant Incentives | 2,000 |
| SERVICES | |
| Mileage/travel | 2,119 |
| License Fee for Data Storage | 1,000 |
| Telecommunication Services | 800 |
| Meeting Expenses | 200 |
| CONTRACTUAL SERVICES | |
| Evaluator, Consulting Fees | 32,500 |
| <u>Total</u> | \$115,209 |

3. The previously supported position of Office Assistant will no longer be funded under this grant. The position of Health Project Coordinator (salary grade 5) will be continued and is not a new position as stated in the Department's budget document.
4. The project involves a 3-way partnership with individuals at UW-Madison and UCLA, providing evaluation and other services. Consultants will also provide technical assistance in project design and in data analysis. A preliminary evaluation has not yet been conducted.
5. A small pilot test (15 families) of the EFI Project in December, and the months of January and February were used to transcribe and adjust the interview tool and protocol. The Project was fully implemented in May of this year, and a total of 36 families were randomly chosen to participate. To date, 29 interviews have been conducted and recorded. The interviews will be done every 6 months for the duration of the project – for a total of five interviews per family, and ultimately approximately 70 families will participate. The interviews are conducted by Social Workers and Community Health Workers based in the contracting CBOs (Children's Service Society of Wisconsin, Vincent Family Resource Center, and La Causa).
6. The resolution in File # 090246 authorizes the City Comptroller to commit \$115,209 grantor share funds within the Project/Grant Parent of the 2009 Special Revenue-Grant and Aid Projects Fund and to create appropriate Special Revenue Fund-Grant and Aid Project/Grant and Project /Grant levels.
7. The resolution authorizes application for, acceptance and funding of the program by the Health Department and further authorizes expenditures from appropriated amounts as indicated in the program budget and for training and out-of-town travel. The resolution authorizes the Health Department to enter into subcontracts as specified in the budget.

Fiscal Impact

1. There is no fiscal impact on the tax levy. The proposed grant will not supplant existing resources.

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