

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 28, FILE # 060382

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File # 060382 is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of the Parents as Teachers Curriculum Grant.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to apply for, accept and fund the Parents as Teachers Curriculum (PAT) grant from the Wisconsin Children's Trust Fund.
2. The purpose of the Wisconsin Children's Trust Fund, headquartered in Madison, is to advocate, support, and sustain a statewide culture that encourages family and community life in which children grow and develop in a safe environment free from all forms of abuse and neglect.
3. This is a new grant.

Discussion

1. The purpose of this grant is to fund travel and training in order that a comprehensive home visiting curriculum is developed to assist families in the provision of a safe and healthy environment for their children, to enhance parent-child interaction and to stimulate the children's intellectual, language, social and physical development.
2. This grant will work within the auspices of the Milwaukee Comprehensive Home Visiting Program, approved in Council File 050372. This grant program serves families in need of services related to improving pregnancy outcomes, lowering the rate of infant mortality, enhancing family functions, preventing child abuse and neglect and assuring child readiness for school. The focus area of this project comprises 6 ZIP code areas in the city: 53204, 53205, 53206, 53208, 53212 and 53233.
3. In order to achieve the objectives of this program, MHD is required to develop an evidence-based curriculum that addresses the unique needs of the Milwaukee families served.
4. This grant encompasses the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

Fiscal Effect

1. The total amount of this grant is \$27,000, entirely from the grantor.
2. The total amount of funding will be applied to travel and training for a representative of MHD to attend the Parent-as-Teacher national conference, and other state and national

training forums for the purpose of establishing relationships with state and national representatives of PAT and to begin preparations for staff training.

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