

LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 6, FILE 010190

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File #010190 is a resolution relative to application for the Healthy Homes Grant – Healthy Homes Demonstration and Education Program, Pediatric Asthma by the Health Department.

Background and Discussion

1. This resolution authorizes the Health Department to apply for the Healthy Homes Demonstration and Education Program, Pediatric Asthma grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The purpose of this grant is to assess the level of environmental allergens in the homes of children with severe asthma. **This is a new grant.**
2. The grant will document the level of multiple environmental allergens in 75 homes of children with moderate to severe asthma who live in high-risk geographic areas. The grant will also evaluate the costs and effectiveness of housing interventions aimed at reducing the levels of multiple environmental hazards.
3. The department's Division of Home Environmental Health will work in partnership with the National Center for Lead Safe Housing, Children's Health System/Milwaukee Allies Against Asthma (MAAA), Hmong American Friendship Association, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Health Watch, and the Building Research Council at the University of Illinois.
4. The target area includes the Community Development Block Grant Neighborhood Strategic Planning Areas, the Enterprise Zone and the Lead Program target area.
5. The intent of the grant is to better understand the levels of environmental allergens in homes of children with asthma in the City and to evaluate the effectiveness of multiple low level housing interventions. Health outcomes will be compared to children who only receive standard asthma care management services which will be funded by Children's Hospital at Wisconsin's Milwaukee Allies Against Asthma program.

Fiscal Impact

1. The proposed grant for the Milwaukee Healthy Homes – Healthy Homes Demonstration and Education Program, Pediatric Asthma is funded by:
 - \$1,362,821, grantor share
 - \$ 294,176, City in-kind share
2. If the funded, the tentative staffing priorities include:
 - Study Coordinator - Public Health Nurse
 - Environmental Health Specialist - Data Manager
3. The grant period will be from January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2004.

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