

LRB - RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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ITEM 10, FILE # 081706

File # 081706 is a resolution relating to application, acceptance and funding of the Healthy Homes Demonstration Grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) with funding made available by federal economic stimulus legislation.

Background

1. The City of Milwaukee has a strong track record for administration of HUD demonstration grants to abate lead hazards and reduce the incidence of blood lead poisoning.
2. The City has been identified by the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America as the second worst city in the United States for people living with asthma. The Home Environmental Health program of the Department of Health does not currently have funding to address issues related to asthma.
3. This is a new grant.

Discussion

1. This 3-year grant for a total of \$1,001,369 funds activities from April 15, 2009 to April 15, 2012, and is made possible by recent passage of the federal stimulus package.
2. Of the total grant budget, \$874,085 (87%) is grantor share and \$127,284 (13%) is City matching funds. The City share is identified in the budget as Indirect Costs. This level of Indirect Costs is within the amount agreed to by HUD and the City Comptroller for the Health Department in 2008. It appears that these Indirect Costs are acceptable to the HUD grant officer. There will be no impact on the tax levy.
3. The grant targets the 53206 zip code, which has been determined to be one of the highest risk areas of the City for childhood asthma.
 - The program will enroll 120 housing units and, with the likelihood that some families may move or drop out of the program, it is designed to completely address healthy housing issues for 85 of the enrolled units.
 - Enrollment criteria include a diagnosis of childhood asthma for a child in the home less than 6 years of age.
 - As a demonstration project, grant activities will be subject to Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval.
 - The Principle Investigator (PI) will be John Meuer, MD, of the Medical College of Wisconsin.
 - The PI will guide human subjects protocols through the IRB at Children's Hospital and will conduct analysis of data including hospitalization data for the study group and for the zip code area and follow-up interviews with families.
 - The subject housing units will be assessed for lead paint and other hazards to child health and, under HUD standards, families may be temporarily relocated while abatement efforts take place.
 - Other home safety activities that will occur in conjunction with asthma trigger remediation include providing cabinet locks, child monitors and parent education.

4. The grant will partially fund 3 positions in the Health Department, will support a new full time position, and will include sub-contracts with the Medical College of Wisconsin, with the Dominican Center for Women, and contracts yet to be determined for moisture control and occupant relocation. The following is the proposed 3-year budget:

Personnel

Lead Grant Project Manager (0.2 FTE, Range 006)	\$ 31,793
Lead Risk Assessor III (New 1.0 FTE, Grade 553)	161,054
Office Assistant IV (0.2 FTE, Grade 445)	17,378
Chemist II (0.5 FTE, Grade 642)	68,810

Fringe Benefits

(41%)	113,584
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Supplies and Materials

Office Supplies	9,000
Laboratory Supplies	42,000
Intervention Supplies	70,000
Incentives	8,400
Home Safety Kits	14,000

Services

Travel and Training	6,000
Auto Allowance	4,040
Uniform Allowance	225
Cellular Phone Charges	550
Printing	7,500
Laboratory Instrument Accreditation Service	7,500
Sampling	9,800
Miscellaneous Services	9,000

Contractual Services

Moisture Control	98,000
Dominican Center for Women	126,000
Medical College of Wisconsin	37,965
Occupant Relocation	33,486

Total Grantor Share 874,085

Indirect Costs Total City Share 127,284

TOTAL GRANT \$1,001,369

5. The resolution in File #081706 authorizes the City Comptroller to commit \$874,085 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, and establish appropriate city share project values. The resolution further authorizes the Health Department, consistent with the terms of the grant, to expend from these budgeted amounts and incur costs consistent with the grant including out-of town travel.

Fiscal Impact

1. The total amount of this grant is \$874,085 grantor share, and \$127,284 city share, which is entirely indirect costs.
2. There is no impact on the tax levy.

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