

**LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**ITEM 4, FILE # 050740**

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File # 050740 is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of the Bioterrorism Grant-Focus C.

**Background**

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to apply for, accept and fund the Bioterrorism Grant project from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control through the State of Wisconsin Lab of Hygiene.
2. This continuing grant funding is a result of legislation in the U.S. Congress regarding homeland security. New and continuing financial resources have been created and extended to fund existing as well as new efforts assigned to local agencies for defense against bioterrorism.
3. These grant funds, formerly awarded as larger grants, will now be awarded in smaller and specifically focused sums.

**Discussion**

1. The purpose of this grant project is to enhance local public health agencies' capacity to prepare and respond to bioterrorism. No funding of this nature is being made available to the private sector.
2. The grant funding primarily supports improvements to MHD's epidemiology and disease surveillance as well as improvements to laboratory capacity and analysis.
3. Interagency communication will be improved for the purpose of prompt identification of microbiologic agents and subsequent coordination in the event of a biological attack.
4. This grant continues to assist in the development of laboratory standard operating procedures and enhancing communication, systems and training between MHD, the Milwaukee Police and Fire Departments and the community emergency management network.
5. This grant has provided funding for MHD laboratory improvements as well as the purchase of new analytical equipment.
6. The MHD laboratory is assigned "BioSafety Level 3" (BSL3) status, one of four laboratories with this designation in the state of Wisconsin. MHD has assumed regional

responsibility for identification and analysis of biological agents in a perceived or real terrorist attack.

7. This grant encompasses the period of September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2006.

**Fiscal Effect**

1. The total amount of this grant is \$191,293, entirely from the grantor.
2. This round of the grant will fund (\$153,846) the following existing MHD positions with salary and fringe:
  - 2 Microbiologist III, SG 642
3. 19% of the grant total will be used for program supplies, travel and training and various services related to certifications for lab equipment, testing and maintenance.

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