

**LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**ITEM 11, FILE # 061014**

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File # 061014 is a resolution relative to the application, acceptance, funding and expenditure of the 2007 SURVNET Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services.

**Background**

1. SURVNET is a centralized communicable disease reporting network within Milwaukee County that is operated by the Milwaukee Health Department. The proposed grant supports 1.0 FTE Office Assistant for entry of communicable disease reports from clinical laboratories, local public health agencies, hospitals, and others as mandated by the State of Wisconsin and the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

2. Centralized disease case reporting within Milwaukee County results in early detection of clusters and outbreaks that occur across jurisdictions and allows for rapid and coordinated epidemiologic investigation and intervention. Collection of county-wide disease case reports also allows for trend analysis with regard to tracking incidence of certain communicable diseases of public health importance including those pathogens that are easily transmittable or developing antibiotic resistance.

3. Purposes and activities supported by this grant are consistent with Health Department strategic goals of reducing illness and injury associated with communicable and chronic diseases.

4. Monthly confirmed disease case reports are submitted to the State Division of Public Health as part of the grant agreement. Specific case rate disease incidence is calculated to determine trends within the community as well as for comparative analysis regionally, statewide and nationally.

**Discussion**

1. This proposed award of \$62,225 is 100% grantor share to support a continuing program.

2. The grant period will be 1/1/07 to 12/31/07.

3. This is a continuing grant with the following budget for the new period:

Personnel	\$ 38,343
Fringe	16,104
Office and Operating Supplies	378
Services (intern for data conversion)	4,800
Equipment (software upgrades)	2,600

**Total \$ 62,225**

4. The resolution in File #061014 authorizes the City Comptroller to commit \$62,225 grantor share funds within the Project/Grant Parent of the 2007 Special Revenue-Grant and Aid Projects Fund and to create appropriate Special Revenue Fund-Grant and Aid Project/Grant and Project /Grant levels. The Comptroller is further authorized to establish City Share Project Values.
5. The resolution further authorizes the Health Department, consistent with the terms of the grant, to: expend from these budgeted amounts and to enter into subcontracts and leases

**Fiscal Impact**

1. This proposed \$62,225 in non-O&M funding will support continuing activities and essential services. These include state-mandated countywide reporting of communicable diseases. Absent the proposed award, funding would be required from other sources to support the state-mandated activities. There is no fiscal impact on the tax levy.

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