

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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ITEM 9, FILE # 081095

File # 081095 is a resolution relating to application, acceptance and funding of a grant of \$80,000 from IndependenceFirst for the Community Collaborative-Disabled Victims of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence program.

**Background**

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department to apply for, accept and fund a second grant award of an anticipated 3-year grant-funded initiative to better serve victims of sexual assault and domestic violence who have disabilities.
2. The partners in this community collaborative are the City of Milwaukee Health Department, Milwaukee Commission on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, the Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services-Disability Services Division, and IndependenceFirst, a nonprofit organization primarily serving persons with disabilities in the 4-county metro-Milwaukee region.
3. The collaborative has grown out of the activities of the Milwaukee Disability Review Abuse Team (DART) which also includes law enforcement agencies in efforts to provide services for victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault "...from crisis to healing...."
4. IndependenceFirst has received funding from the Office on Violence Against Women of the U. S. Department of Justice which supports this continued funding.
5. The first award from IndependenceFirst in the amount of \$35,000, authorized in July of 2008, supported a planning phase and partially supported the position of Violence Reduction and Prevention Initiative Manager.

**Discussion**

1. This grant provides \$80,000 for the operation of the program for a period of 18 months beginning April 1, 2009 and ending September 30, 2010.
2. The proposed budget for this program provides the following:

<b>Personnel Costs</b>	
Violence Reduction and Prevention Initiative Manager (partial funding of this Pay Range 10 position)	\$34,894
Fringe Benefits (41%)	14,300
<b>Supplies and Materials</b> (unspecified)	10,800
<b>Program Services and Travel</b> (unspecified)	10,000
<b>Contractual Services</b> (personal safety training)	10,000
	<b>Total \$80,000</b>

3. The Violence Reduction and Prevention Initiative Manager advises that the figures budgeted for supplies and materials will largely be used to publish accessible information and training materials. Amounts budgeted for personal safety training are based upon past arrangements with the Milwaukee Police Department.

4. The resolution in File #081095 authorizes the City Comptroller to commit \$80,000 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.
5. The resolution further authorizes the Health Department, consistent with the terms of the grant, to: expend from these budgeted amounts; enter into subcontracts and leases; to expend 2009 budgeted amounts for equipment deemed necessary to the operation of the program; and to expend funds for training and out-of-town travel of departmental staff.

**Fiscal Impact**

1. The resolution authorizes receipt and expenditure of \$80,000 from Independence *First*.
2. No new expenditure of tax levy funds is authorized.

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