

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 16, FILE # 040375

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File # 040375 is a resolution amending Common Council File # 031019 relative to application, acceptance and funding of the West Nile Virus Surveillance Grant.

Background

1. This resolution amends Common Council File # 031019 that authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to apply for, accept and fund the West Nile Virus (WNV) Surveillance Grant project from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services.
2. This resolution increases the funding authorized by the original grant.

Discussion

1. The purpose of this project is to coordinate bird surveillance as well as enhance overall surveillance of the WNV in human and mosquito populations. A special focus of the project will be mosquito abatement.
2. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and the state Department of Health and Family Services identified the WNV as an emerging pathogen in Wisconsin in autumn of 2001.
3. MHD was involved in the collection and analysis of bird specimens in the initial phases of the detection of WNV and has developed public information and outreach regarding WNV in Milwaukee County.
4. The position funded through these grant monies will continue coordination efforts in overall monitoring for WNV as well as providing public information and education regarding WNV.
5. This grant encompasses the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

Fiscal Impact

1. The original amount of this grant is \$35,905 entirely from the grantor with the grantor share increasing by \$25,291. This additional funding will be used for larvicide treatments to further mosquito control.

2. An additional \$30,820 was carried over from Common Council File # 021170, a West Nile Virus Surveillance grant, bringing the total amount of this grant budget to \$92,016.
3. This grant funds one existing MHD Nuisance Control Officer (0.5 FTE), SG 500 with salary and fringe benefits.
4. Additional supplies, materials and services are funded for \$21,850 and include educational materials, mosquito identification and testing, mosquito traps and travel and training.
5. This budgeted sum includes a specific contract with HACM (\$27,160) for a screen repair program.

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