

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 10, FILE 010645

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File #010645 is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of the Bioterrorism Preparedness Laboratory Support Grant.

Background

This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to apply for, accept and fund the Bioterrorism Preparedness Laboratory Support Grant project from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. The purpose of this grant is to partially fund the salary of a microbiologist to assist in developing the role of MHD as a component of the Wisconsin Laboratory Response Network and to enhance overall bioterrorism preparedness.

Discussion

1. This is a continuation grant to encompass the period, July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002.
2. This grant funds a portion of an existing Microbiologist III position, SG 644, (.3 FTE).
3. The position funded through this grant will provide services to include:
 - Adopting diagnostic laboratory methods
 - Writing standard operating procedures
 - Participating in statewide planning
 - Evaluating new test methods
 - Training other local laboratories in preparedness issues
4. The grant monies, and the position that it funds, assists in the department's goals of advocating for resources that ensure the availability of services that protect the health of City residents.

Fiscal Impact

The funding for the Bioterrorism Laboratory Support grant is \$20,000 from the grantor. There is no City in-kind share.

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