

**LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**ITEM 7, FILE # 021342**

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File # 021342 is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of a Women, Infants and Children Grant.

**Background**

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department to apply for, accept and fund a Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Grant project from the U.S. Department of Agriculture through the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services.
2. This grant is continuing.

**Discussion**

1. The purpose of the WIC project is to prevent nutrition-related health problems and to improve the health status of low-income, at-risk pregnant or breast-feeding women and infants and children up to age five years.
2. The WIC project locations in Milwaukee funded through this grant are the Johnston Community Health Center, Northwest Community Health Center and the Keenan Health Center.
3. Key goals related to the WIC program are:
  - Reducing the instances of low birth weight and infant mortality
  - Advocating for and providing good prenatal care as foundational for decreasing adverse pregnancy outcome
  - Educating clients regarding the facts of good nutrition during the course of pregnancy and in early childhood years.
4. Children attending WIC clinics are also screened for lead poisoning and given referrals for immunization.
5. For 2003, a caseload of 7,841 participants is contracted.
6. Funding for this grant has decreased by approximately 7% from 2002. This reduction is due to a change in the allocation formula used by the state and applied to Milwaukee County.

7. This grant encompasses the period of January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003.

**Fiscal Impact**

1. The total amount of this grant is \$834,399 from the grantor. No city funds are required.
2. This grant will fund the following positions with salaries and fringe benefits:
  - 1 WIC Program Manager, SG 07
  - 2 Nutritionists, SG 594
  - 1 Office Assistant IV, SG 445
  - 5 Dietetic Technicians, SG 309
  - 5 Clinic Assistants, SG 309
  - 5 Office Assistant II, SG 410
3. Funding for miscellaneous program activities and supplies, as well as office needs, are included in the grant.

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