

## LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**ITEM 16, FILE # 071094**

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File # 071094 is a resolution relating to application, acceptance and funding of the Medical Assistance Outreach – VITA Grant.

### **Background**

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to apply for, accept and fund the Medical Assistance Outreach Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Super Sites grant from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation (GMF) through the Social Development Commission (SDC).
2. This grant reflects a continuing annual commitment by the GMF and the SDC.

### **Discussion**

1. The purpose of this program is to assist low-income families in obtaining medical insurance and food stamps, and to measure the impact of MHD programs. Program outreach activities are planned at three locations during the tax preparation season: 4041 North Richards St., 1639 South 23<sup>rd</sup> St., and 6850 North Teutonia Ave.
2. The Medical Assistance Outreach program creates opportunities for low-income families to receive information about important community services, including health care, and for MHD to evaluate its various services and programs at an opportune time.
3. MHD programs to be evaluated through this program include screening for blood-lead levels and immunizations, among other programs.
4. This grant period is January 21, 2008 through April 16, 2008; some activities to complete records may continue until April 30.

### **Fiscal Impact**

1. The total amount of this grant is \$15,000, entirely from the grantor.
2. Funds obtained from this grant will be used to fund the existing MHD position of one Public Health Educator for approximately 3 months.

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