

**LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**ITEM 4, FILE # 030798**

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File # 030798 is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of the Lead Urban Initiatives Grant.

**Background**

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to apply for, accept and fund the Lead Urban Initiatives Grant project from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
2. This is a new grant.

**Discussion**

1. The purpose of this project is to assist municipalities with the greatest lead abatement needs to produce lead-safe housing units.
2. This project plan seeks to produce 1,740 lead-safe housing units in the MHD Lead Program's target areas throughout the city.
3. This project will focus upon direct funding for contractors engaging in lead hazard reduction activities in specified housing throughout the city.
4. This grant encompasses the period of October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2005.

**Fiscal Impact**

1. The total amount of this grant is \$4,254,616 with a grantor share (94%) of \$4,000,000 and a city share (6%) of \$254,616. The city share represents indirect costs associated with the grant administration.
2. This project proposes to fund (19% of the grantor share) the following 8 new MHD positions with salary and fringe benefits (\$784,516):
  - 4 Lead Risk Assessor II, SG 541
  - 1 Chemist II, SG 642
  - 1 Lab assistant II (0.5 FTE), SG 335
  - 1 Program Assistant, SG 530
  - 1 Office Assistant II, SG 410

3. 78% of the grant (\$3,135,600) is budgeted for direct lead abatement activities and contracts with community-based organizations for the purpose of community capacity building. These organizations are the Non-Profit Center and Cristo Rey Lutheran Church.
4. Approximately 1% of the grant (\$79,884) is budgeted for program and lab supplies, computer equipment and services including auto allowance, risk assessor training and court filing fees and legal services to obtain warrants for lead abatement activity.

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