

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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ITEM 15, #111049

File Number 111049 is a resolution relative to application for, and acceptance, funding and expenditure of, the 2012 Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health.

Background

1. The proposed grant of \$1,361,334 will continue to support the WIC program to prevent nutrition-related health problems and to improve the health status of low income, at-risk pregnant women, breast-feeding infants, and children up to the age of five years. The program locations are South Side Health Center, Northwest Health Center and the Keenan Health Center.
2. The program has been funded annually for more than 20 years and is currently authorized by the resolution in File Number 100950.
3. The WIC program promotes key City priorities to improve health, reduce disparities in health and health care access, reduce low birth-weight, prevent infant mortality and assure health readiness of children for school.
4. In addition to nutrition services, children attending WIC clinics are screened for lead poisoning and given immunization referrals when necessary. Children with elevated lead levels are provided follow-up.
5. The Health Department reports that the program is serving 99% of its contracted case-load (8,117). The proportion of clients served has increased from 93.4% in the prior period. However, the numbers of clients contracted for service and served have been reduced in recent years. This is reflected in a reduction of the grant from \$1,497,497 awarded for 2011 (-9.1%).

Discussion

1. This proposed award of \$1,361,334 is 100% grantor share and supports a continuing program.
2. The grant period will be January 1, 2012 to December 1, 2012.
3. This is a continuing grant that will support 18 existing positions. The following budget is proposed for the new grant period:

Personnel	\$ 701,158
Fringe Benefits (50%)	350,579
Medical Supplies	18,000
Office Supplies/Small Equipment	28,000
Nutrition/Breastfeeding Education Supplies	26,000
Postage	15,000

Travel and Auto Allowance	15,000
Printing	15,000
Phone	20,000
Misc. (uniform allowance, translation and other)	13,325
Utilities	20,000
Contract Services (Peer Counselor and Security)*	134,272
Miscellaneous Equipment	5,000

Total \$1,361,334

*Decreases of \$40,000 and \$15,000 in Peer Services and Security, respectively.

4. This resolution authorizes the City Comptroller to commit \$1,361,334 grantor share funds within the Project/Grant Parent of the 2012 Special Revenue-Grant and Aid Projects Fund and to create appropriate Special Revenue Fund-Grant and Aid Project/Grant and Project /Grant levels.
5. This resolution further authorizes the Health Department, consistent with the terms of the grant, to expend from these budgeted amounts and to enter into subcontracts and leases.

Fiscal Impact

1. The proposed \$1,361,334 award of grantor-only funding will support continuing activities and essential services.
2. This resolution has no impact on the tax levy.

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