

**LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**ITEM 16, FILE # 020045**

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File # 020045 is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of the Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) Grant.

**Background**

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to apply for, accept and fund the FIMR Grant project from the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration through the Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin.
2. A key objective of MHD is to reduce the five-year average infant mortality rate to 9 deaths per 1,000 live births.
3. In year 2000, there were 127 infant (< 1 year of age) deaths in the City of Milwaukee. These deaths included 18.2 per 1,000 live births among African Americans, 5.9 per 1,000 live births among Caucasians and 6.2 per 1,000 live births among Hispanics.
4. This is a continuing grant.

**Discussion**

1. The purpose of this project is to continue the interdisciplinary review of infant deaths occurring in the City of Milwaukee and to identify opportunities to reduce infant mortality and support families at risk.
2. FIMR project goals and objectives include:
  - *Data analysis* of abstracted medical record data and state and local data
  - *Case review analysis* of 2001-2003 fetal and infant deaths for recommendations that may prevent future infant deaths
  - *Education and outreach efforts* that will utilize MHD staff for support services relative to bereaved parents, health providers and organizations interested in FIMR project and goals.
3. This grant encompasses the period of June 1, 2002 through May 31, 2003.

## **Fiscal Impact**

1. The total of this grant is \$85,000, entirely from the grantor.
2. This grant will fund the following existing MHD position:
  - 1 Health Project Coordinator, SG 04
3. The grant budget includes \$7,000 for contracted professional services and \$4,500 for program supplies including incentive vouchers to families for cooperation in this project.

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