

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MARCH 28, 2013

ITEM 10, FILE # 121658

File Number 121658 is a resolution relative to the acceptance and funding of the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Grant from the State of Wisconsin – Division of Public Health.

Background

1. This grant is provided as part of a statewide program of newborn hearing screening required by 2009 Wisconsin Act 279, enacted May 11, 2010. The purpose of newborn screening is to assure timely and appropriate diagnostic and intervention services are available regardless of insurance coverage. All Milwaukee County newborn infants are eligible for screening services. The program also provides education to clients and professionals about newborn screening and repeat testing.
2. The program was initially funded for the period April 1, 2011, to March 31, 2012, by an initial grant authorized in File Number 110019. The continued program was authorized in grant resolution File Number 120127.
3. Under the continued grant program, the Health Department will continue to follow approximately 50 babies annually. A list of all infants who required intervention by the Health Department will be submitted to the state at the end of the grant year. The Health Department will also track the number of infants who have health insurance, receive screening and have a healthcare provider. These activities remain substantially the same as performed in the first 2 years of program operation.

Discussion

1. This one-year grant is for \$57,561, entirely grantor-funded, the same amount as awarded under the current grant ending March 31, 2013.
2. The grant period is April 1, 2013, to March 31, 2014.
3. The grant supports an existing Public Health Nurse position at 0.6 FTE. The following is a summary of the project budget:

Salaries and Wages (Public Health Nurse – Grade 666)	\$ 33,881
Fringe Benefits (48%)	16,263
Miscellaneous Operating Supplies	4,917
Office supplies	1,000
Mileage Reimbursement	1,500

Total \$ 57,561

4. Resolution File Number 121658 authorizes the City Comptroller to commit \$57,561 grantor share funds within the Project/Grant Parent of the 2013 Special Revenue-Grant and Aid Projects Fund and to create appropriate Special Revenue Fund-Grant and Aid Project/Grant and Project /Grant levels.

5. The resolution further authorizes the Health Department, consistent with the terms of the grant, to: expend from these budgeted amounts; enter into subcontracts and leases; to expend 2013 budgeted amounts for equipment deemed necessary to the operation of the program; and to expend funds for training and out-of-town travel of departmental staff from the grant funds in 2013.

Fiscal Impact

1. This proposed \$ 57,561 in non-O&M funding has no impact on the tax levy.

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