

**LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**ITEM 8, FILE # 070297**

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File # 070297 is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of the Congenital Disorders Grant.

**Background**

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to apply for, accept and fund the Congenital Disorders program from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services.
2. This is a grant continuation. MHD has received funding for this program for approximately 18 years.

**Discussion**

1. The purpose of this program is to screen newborn infants for more than 48 rare disorders including hypothyroidism and sickle cell diseases. Approximately 150 screens are performed in a 12-month grant period with approximately 16% of the screens resulting in positive findings.
2. 90% of the identified cases of sickle cell disease in Wisconsin live in the Milwaukee area.
3. In addition to screening, project outreach assists families in accessing medical care for follow-up testing and appropriate continuing care from medical providers. MHD staff participation in this grant includes advocacy and education regarding congenital disorders.
4. This program also provides education to clients and medical professionals regarding newborn screenings. Children with positive screens are referred to the appropriate medical provider.
5. This grant encompasses the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.
6. The resolution in File #070297 authorizes the City Comptroller to commit \$121,627 grantor share funds within the Project/Grant Parent of the 2007 Special Revenue-Grant and Aid Projects Fund and to create appropriate Special Revenue Fund-Grant and Aid Project/Grant and Project /Grant levels.
7. The resolution further authorizes the Health Department, consistent with the terms of the grant, to expend from these budgeted amounts and incur costs consistent with the award documents.

## **Fiscal Effect**

1. The total amount of this grant is \$121,627, entirely from the grantor. This amount is equal to the amount provided for the current grant year.
2. This grant will fund the following existing MHD positions with salary and fringe benefits:
  - 1 Public Health Nurse Supervisor, SG 07
  - 1 Clinic Assistant (0.25 FTE), SG 309

Funding for the Clinic Assistant provided by this grant will be reduced from the current level of 0.50 FTE.

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