

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 9, FILE # 011132

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File # 011132 is a resolution relative to the application, acceptance and funding of the Municipal Health Services Program.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to apply for, accept and fund a Municipal Health Services Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Care Financing Administration.
2. This grant application and funding is continuing, approved by the U.S. Congress for the 2002 fiscal year.

Discussion

1. The Municipal Health Services Program (MHSP) waives certain Medicare reimbursement limitations for Medicare beneficiaries. This program pays for services not typically covered by regular Medicare and reimburses health care providers 100% of the cost. Eligibility in the program is limited to City of Milwaukee residents.
2. Funds from this grant are used to reimburse private providers for services rendered to Medicare patients. This program also funds the salaries of administrative staff and pays for the costs associated with maintaining the buildings that house the program.
3. The MHSP provides access for public health and outpatient services through primary health care and preventive health care services to under-served residents of the city. Approximately 5500 individuals participate in MHSP.
4. Subgrantees include:
 - Milwaukee Health Services
 - Sinai-Samaritan Medical Center
 - Marquette University School of Dentistry
 - Curative Rehabilitation Services
 - The Sight Center

5. The grant allocation for 2002 reflects a 34% reduction from 2001. This reduction is a result of decreased enrollment in MHSP, due to the fact that no new enrollees are being accepted.
6. The grant encompasses the period of January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002

Fiscal Impact

1. The total amount of this grant is \$6,770,173 from the grantor. No city matching funds are required.
2. This grant will continue to fund six administrative staff positions:
 - 1 Municipal Health Services Program Manager, SG 08
 - 2 Health Center Administrators, SG 05
 - 1 Office Assistant III, SG 425
 - 1 Office Assistant II, SG 410
 - 1 Health Insurance Specialist, SG 04
3. \$5.5 million is budgeted for payment to the health care providers for services contracted.
4. A total of \$800,000 (reimbursement for building services) in revenue is anticipated. This revenue will supplement the grant to a total of \$7,570,173.

Further Information

Milwaukee Health Services, a primary subgrantee in the MHSP, is currently in the process of restructuring and is developing a recovery program for the purposes of enhancing service delivery, updating billing processes and organizing for debt repayment.

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