

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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File # 020123 is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of the Environmental Capacity Grant.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to apply for, accept and fund the Environmental Capacity Grant from the Centers for Disease Control through the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services.
2. This is a continuing grant with original approval in Council File # 020259.

Discussion

1. The purpose of this project is to improve and advance environmental health capacity through local public health involvement in surveillance, data collection and development of outcome measurements associated with environmentally related disease.
2. The program will create a local environmental health tracking system that combines environmental exposures or complaints with disease in the community .
3. MHD plans to form a partnership with the State of Wisconsin Division of Public Health in order to:
 - Conduct a community-wide needs environmental needs assessment
 - Develop a model database for compiling and tracking data associated with environmental diseases
 - Develop appropriate outcome measures for evaluating select environmental health programs
 - Assure interagency coordination in the practical implementation of environmental health programs at the local level
4. MHD will develop standardized and select health outcomes that will be able to be used by local public health agencies. A needs assessment tool and a model tracking database will also be developed and evaluated for implementation on a broader level.

5. This grant encompasses the period of September 30, 2002 through September 29, 2003 and is projected to extend over a three-year period.

Fiscal Impact

1. The total amount of funding received for this grant period is \$40,000.
2. This grant funds one existing Environmental Hygienist, SG 555 at 0.5 FTE with salary and fringe benefits.
3. Remaining program dollars will fund program supplies and services and computer equipment and data tracking.

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