

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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File # 050963 is a resolution relative to the application, acceptance and funding of the Refugee Health Screening Grant by the Milwaukee Health Department.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to apply for, accept and fund the Refugee Health Screening Grant project from the State of Wisconsin Division of Economic Support.
2. This is a grant continuation. The state reimburses the health department for costs associated with this health-screening program.

Discussion

1. The purpose of this grant is to aid the Tuberculosis Control Clinic (TBCC) in its screening and treatment activities.
2. The TBCC encourages all new refugees to receive health screening that includes TB, hepatitis, lead, pregnancy and communicable diseases. The actual screening is a two-visit process that includes a chest X-ray, TB skin test, blood testing, medical history evaluation and other evaluative interventions deemed appropriate by the medical staff.
3. This program, with TB screening at Southside Health Center, and other health-related services located at Keenan Health Center, also provides all necessary immunizations to children and adults.
4. Refugee-sponsoring agencies (including Catholic Charities, Lutheran Social Services, the International Institute, Islamic Family Services and Jewish Family Services) assist in monitoring and treating health problems that are discovered. These agencies have formed a collaborative relationship with the health department.
5. Additional services from the sponsoring agencies include advocacy, translation assistance and transportation for the refugees.
6. In 2004, 230 refugees were screened for health problems. In 2004, individuals from countries with high cases of tuberculosis represented 56% of new cases of active TB reported by MHD.

7. The influx of refugees to Wisconsin and Milwaukee is dependent upon world events, the intervention of the federal government in refugee placement and the choice of refugees to come to this area of the country.
8. Funds received from this grant provide for program supplies, materials, medical tests, equipment repair and maintenance, and costs associated with travel and training.
9. The grant encompasses the period of October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006.

Fiscal Impact

1. This grant provides \$90,430 from the grantor. One existing MHD position of Health Interpreter Aide, SG 300 is partially funded with salary and fringe benefits (\$15,990). Supplies, materials and services for this program are budgeted for \$49,500.
2. The grant allocation budgets for up to 300 health screenings, 150 partial health screens, 125 chest X-Rays, 30 outreach contacts and 600 interpretation hours in the grant period.
3. The state reimburses the health department on a per capita basis; **\$50.00** is received for outreach to locate the refugee, **\$40.00** per chest X-Ray, **\$200.00** is received for health care screening and **\$60.00/hour** is received for interpretation services.

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