

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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ITEM 6, FILE # 091001

File # 091001 is a resolution relating to the application, funding and expenditure of the Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) Grant from the City of Racine.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes new funding for Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) activities.
2. Milwaukee Fetal Infant Mortality Review was funded for a four-year period ending in May, 2009, by grant awards from the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration and the Black Health Coalition. A summary of activities and findings is attached to Common Council Resolution File # 080019.
3. Based upon the experience obtained by the City of Milwaukee Health Department in implementing the Milwaukee FIMR program, the City of Racine Health Department has requested the Milwaukee Health Department to assist in developing and implementing its own FIMR program.
4. Causes of death classified and examined in FIMR review include:
 - Prematurity
 - Congenital
 - SIDS/SUDI (Sudden Unexplained Death in Infancy)
 - Infection
 - Mechanical or Positional Asphyxiation
 - Homicide
5. Information and analysis of FIMR data are used by social service, health and other agencies to develop and evaluate strategies for intervention to reduce infant and fetal deaths.
6. The expansion of FIMR activities to include the City of Racine may lay the groundwork for a more comprehensive regional system in Southeastern Wisconsin.

Discussion

1. The proposed grant award is \$12,340, entirely grantor share, for activities conducted over a 14-month period from November 1, 2009, to December 31, 2010.
2. The proposed budget for these funds is as follows:

Personnel	
Health Project Assistant (530)	\$ 7,747
Fringe (41%)	3,253
Consultant Services	1,340
TOTAL	\$ 12,340

3. Consultant Services cover costs of the Principal Investigator, Dr. Emmanuel Ngui, at the Medical College of Wisconsin.
4. The resolution in File #091001 authorizes the City Comptroller to commit \$12,340 grantor share funds within the Project/Grant Parent of the 2009 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; enter into subcontracts and leases; to expend 2009 budgeted grants 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 2009.

Fiscal Impact

1. The proposed \$12,340 in non-O&M funding will support continuation of activities and services that would not be provided absent such funding.
2. There is no impact on the tax levy.

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