

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE DECEMBER 14, 2011 ITEM 14, FILE # 111048

File Number 111048 is a resolution relating to application for, and acceptance and funding of, the 2012 Medical Assistance Outreach – ForwardHealth Grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Note: Substitute A has been attached to the file to address a technical change requested by the Comptroller’s Office.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to apply for, accept and fund the Medical Assistance Outreach “ForwardHealth” grant from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. This is a continuing grant program to support the City’s Community Healthcare Access Program (CHAP) previously authorized by Resolution Numbers 090441, 100032 and 100951.
2. MHD’s successful Medical Assistance Outreach (MA Outreach), initially funded from private sources, has resulted in continued state support for, and federal interest in, an expanded MA Outreach program.

Discussion

1. The purpose of this program is to assist low-income families in obtaining medical insurance and food stamps, and to measure the impact on Milwaukee Health Department programs. Outreach activities are planned at several locations across the city. Wisconsin’s BadgerCare Plus program has been expanded to include childless adults, providing opportunities to reach and cover many additional residents. Changes in this and other state-sponsored health benefit programs will present challenges in 2012 enrollment efforts.
2. The Medical Assistance Outreach program creates opportunities for low-income families to receive information about important community services, including health care. It is also used by MHD to evaluate its various services and programs through data collection and monthly, quarterly and annual reporting of numbers of residents reached, numbers served by the program and numbers of those persons who are signed up.
3. The proposed grant will support 10 continuing positions including 8 Health Care Access Assistants, 1 Health Educator II and 1 Medical Assistance Outreach manager. The budget for the 12 month period beginning January 1, 2012, provides the following:

	2011 Current	2012 Proposed
Personnel		
Health Access Assistant II (8 positions at grade 425)	\$ 281,717	\$ 281,717
Public Health Educator II (1 position at grade 593)	53,697	53,697
Medical Assistance Outreach Coordinator (1 position at range 5)	47,109	47,109

Fringe (48% in 2011; 50% in 2012)	183,612	191,263
Community Outreach Supplies	9,000	- 0 -
Copier Lease	3,000	3,000
Services (phone, printing, training and local travel)	11,000	13,000
Equipment (computers)	2,000	4,000
Contractual Services (data system)	- 0 -	15,000
Indirect Costs*	- 0 -	55,878

TOTAL 2011 \$ 591,135

TOTAL 2012 \$ 664,664

- City matching funds include \$55,878 in "Indirect Costs" in 2012. A figure for indirect costs was not included in previous budgets. It is calculated to represent the amount of overhead committed by a grantee to support grant activities that are typically not reimbursed by grant funding such as office and rental space, utilities, and similar necessary grantee costs. The amount recognized by the grantor and included in the budget is based upon a formula agreed to by federal and state granting agencies. It does not represent a new appropriation and, like other City match in this grant, has a neutral impact on the City budget and tax levy.
- This grant period is from January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012.
- File Number 111048 authorizes the City Comptroller to commit \$309,125 grantor share funds within the Project/Grant Parent of the 2012 Special Revenue-Grant and Aid Projects Fund, to create appropriate Special Revenue Fund-Grant and Aid Project/Grant and Project /Grant levels, and to release funds authorized by the 2012 City Budget consistent with the amounts budgeted for City match within the project grant.
- The resolution further authorizes the Health Department, consistent with the terms of the grant and the proposed budget, to expend from these amounts and incur costs consistent with the grant budget.

Fiscal Impact

- The total amount of this grant is \$309,125 from the grantor and \$355,539 from the City, with the City funds previously authorized in the 2012 Budget.
- Adoption of this resolution will have no impact on the tax levy.

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