

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 39, FILE # 060266

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File # 060266 is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of the West Nile Virus Surveillance Grant.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to apply for, accept and fund the West Nile Virus (WNV) Surveillance Grant project from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services.
2. This is a continuing grant.

Discussion

1. The purpose of this project is to coordinate bird surveillance as well as enhance overall surveillance of the WNV in human and mosquito populations. A special focus of the project will be mosquito abatement.
2. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and the state Department of Health and Family Services identified the WNV as an emerging pathogen in Wisconsin in autumn of 2001.
3. MHD has been involved in the collection and analysis of bird specimens in the initial and continuing phases of the detection of WNV and has developed public information and outreach regarding WNV in Milwaukee County.
4. The position funded through these grant monies will continue coordination efforts in overall monitoring for WNV as well as providing public information and education regarding WNV.
5. This grant encompasses the period of January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

Fiscal Effect

1. The total amount of this grant is \$22,500, entirely from the grantor.
2. This grant will partially fund (\$17,199) one existing MHD Environmental & Disease Control Specialist, SG 547 with salary and fringe benefits (42%).
3. Remaining funds will be applied to program supplies including larvicide for mosquito abatement.

4. MHD expects that the Department of Health and Family Services will provide continued funding to MHD for this program throughout the West Nile Virus season.

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