

## LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 11, FILE # 051118

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File # 051118 is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of the Bioterrorism Grant – Focus B -Wisconsin's Public Health Preparedness and Response for Bioterrorism.

### **Background**

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to apply for, accept and fund the Bioterrorism Grant - Focus B - project from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control through the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Human Services.
2. This continuing funding is part of a projected five-year grant. Based upon legislation in the U.S. Congress regarding homeland security, financial resources have been continued to fund existing, as well as new, efforts assigned to local agencies for defense against bioterrorism.

### **Discussion**

1. The purpose of this grant project is to enhance local public health agencies' capacity to prepare and respond to bioterrorism. No funding of this nature is being made available to the private sector.
2. The grant funding primarily supports improvements to MHD's epidemiology and disease surveillance as well as improvements to laboratory capacity and analysis,
3. Interagency communication will be improved for the purpose of prompt identification of microbiologic agents and subsequent coordination in the event of a biological attack.
4. This grant funding has assisted in the development of laboratory standard operating procedures and has enhanced communication, systems and training between MHD, the Milwaukee Police and Fire Departments and the community emergency management network.
5. Previous grant funding has provided for MHD laboratory improvements as well as the purchase of new analytical equipment, including electronic reporting.
6. This grant encompasses the period of January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

### **Fiscal Impact**

1. The total amount of this grant for this year is \$100,000, entirely from the grantor.

2. This grant will fund the following existing full-time MHD positions with salary and fringe benefits:
  - 1 Epidemiologist, SG 009
3. Salary expenses represent 87% of this year's grant total.
4. The remaining grant funding will be used for program supplies and travel, training and auto allowance, as well as the purchase of a laptop computer (\$2,500).

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