

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 10, FILE # 011131

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File # 011131 is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of a Women, Infants and Children Grant.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department to apply for, accept and fund a Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Grant project from the U.S. Department of Agriculture through the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services.
2. This grant is continuing.

Discussion

1. The purpose of the WIC project is to prevent nutrition-related health problems and to improve the health status of low-income, at-risk pregnant or breast-feeding women and infants and children up to age five years.
2. The WIC project locations in Milwaukee funded through this grant are the Johnston Community Health Center, Northwest Community Health Center and the Keenan Health Center.
3. Key goals related to the WIC program are:
 - Reducing the instances of low birth weight and infant mortality
 - Advocating for and providing good prenatal care as foundational for decreasing adverse pregnancy outcome
 - Educating clients regarding the facts of good nutrition during the course of pregnancy and in early childhood years.
4. Children attending WIC clinics are also screened for lead poisoning and given referrals for immunization.
5. For 2002, a caseload of 7,920 participants is contracted.
6. Since year 2000, funding for this grant has decreased by 29%. This reduction is due to a decrease in state funding as well as the discontinuation of the WIC site at Isaac Coggs Health Center in 1999 and fewer participants in the program in 2001.

7. This grant encompasses the period of January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002.

Fiscal Impact

1. The total amount of this grant is \$902,347 from the grantor. No city funds are required.
2. This grant will fund the following positions with salaries and fringe benefits:
 - 1 WIC Program Manager, SG 07
 - 2 Nutritionists, SG 594
 - 1 Office Assistant IV, SG 445
 - 5 Dietetic Technicians, SG 309
 - 5 Clinic Assistants, SG 309
 - 5 Office Assistant II, SG 410
3. Funding for miscellaneous program activities and supplies, as well as office needs, are included in the grant.

Further Information

This resolution will authorize the deletion of the following vacancies from the 2002 Positions Ordinance:

- 1 Nutritionist, SG 594
- 2 Dietetic Technicians, SG 503

These personnel changes will be a net decrease of *one* FTE position from the 2001 program level and a decrease of *three* FTE positions from the 2002 approved WIC program budget.

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