

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 18, FILE # 071097

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File # 071097 is a resolution relating to application, acceptance and funding of the 2008 Public Health Preparedness Grant from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control through the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to accept continuing funding for public health preparedness from the Centers for Disease Control through the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services.
2. The proposed continued funding supports the infrastructure and capacity of MHD to respond to emergencies including terrorism, pandemic influenza, and other communicable disease outbreaks.
3. Continuing goals of the Preparedness Grant are:
 - Increasing the use and development of interventions known to prevent human illness from chemical, biological, radiological agents, and naturally occurring health threats.
 - Decreasing the time needed to classify health events as terrorism or naturally occurring in partnership with other agencies.
 - Decreasing the time needed to detect and report chemical, biological, radiological agents in tissue, food or environmental samples that present a risk to human health.
 - Improving the timeliness and accuracy of communications related to threats to public health.
 - Decreasing the time to identify causes, risk factors, and appropriate interventions for persons affected by threats to public health.
 - Decreasing the time needed to implement countermeasures and to provide health guidance.
 - Decreasing the time needed to restore health services and environmental safety to pre-event levels.
 - Provide long-term follow-up for persons affected by an adverse public health event.
 - Decrease the implementation time for actions recommended by state and federal authorities in public health event follow-up reports.

Discussion

1. This grant is for \$360,831, entirely grantor share funds, that will support 1.0 FTE Telecommunications Analyst-Associate, 1.0 FTE Epidemiologist, 0.5 FTE Health Project Coordinator-Immunizations, 0.5 FTE Public Health Emergency Response Planning Coordinator, and 0.1 FTE Health Project Coordinator-Emergency Preparedness.

2. This grant is for the period of January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2008.
3. The proposed Preparedness Grant budget is as follows:

Personnel	\$ 185,972
Fringe Benefits (41%)	76,249
Supplies	4,210
Mileage/Parking	6,000
Training/Epidemiologist	1,800
Computer Software/Epidemiologist	2,500
Communications Equipment (Blackberrys/Radios)	10,500
Blackberry Service	30,000
Wireless Air Cards	3,600
WEDDS* Enhancements	40,000

Grant total \$ 360,831

*The Wisconsin Disease Reporting and Surveillance System

Fiscal Impact

1. The proposed funding is for \$360,831, entirely grantor share.
2. This resolution has no impact on the tax levy.

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