

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 9, FILE # 031017

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File # 031017 is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of the Operation Lead Elimination Program Grant.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department to accept and fund the Operation Lead Elimination Action Program (LEAP) grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This grant has been submitted in partnership with the Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation.
2. Council File # 021022 authorized MHD to apply for this grant.

Discussion

1. The purpose of this project is to leverage private sector resources to eliminate lead poisoning as major public health threat to young children. This proposal seeks to use this grant funding as “seed money” to gain resources from multiple project partners in the community including TCF Bank, US Bank, Metcalfe Park Resident’s Association, Midtown Neighborhood Association, the Apartment Association of Southeast Wisconsin, the Milwaukee Foundation and fund-raising counsel to be determined by an RFP process.
2. An additional \$13.5 million is anticipated to be leveraged with the funding obtained from this grant, including \$7 million through fund raising donations from philanthropic organizations and private sector donors.
3. The partnerships formed under the auspices of this grant will work toward primary prevention of lead poisoning in high-risk housing in the Metcalfe Park and Midtown areas (current TINs) of the city.
4. NIDC will leverage CDBG money for exterior housing rehabilitation.
5. This grant will encompass the period of October 1, 2003 through July 31, 2005.

Fiscal Impact

1. The total amount of this grant is \$813,372, entirely from the grantor.

2. 17% of this grant (\$141,848) will fund the following MHD positions with salary and fringe benefits:
 - 1 new Lead Risk Assessor III, SG 545
 - 1 existing Office Assistant II, SG 410

3. 82% of this grant (\$668,000) will fund contractual services as follows:
 - Contract to establish fundraiser - \$120,000 – with a goal of \$7 million to be raised from private sector sources
 - Contracts with community agencies for lead poisoning prevention services - \$200,000. These agencies are in the process of being identified
 - Lead hazard abatement - \$348,000

4. Miscellaneous expenses total \$3,524.

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