

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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ITEM 14, FILE # 120688

File Number 120688 is a resolution relating to application, acceptance and funding of the Implementing Voluntary Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards Grant from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Background

1. This new grant to the Milwaukee health Department (MHD) is the first annual award in a 5-year grant program funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
2. The “standards” refer to best practices for food inspector training and the standardization of quality assurance, monitoring, inspection content and frequency, and industry and community relations. Current staff turn-over provides an opportunity for training and re-tooling inspection staff over the next several years. Staff turnover has contributed (replacing 5 of 19 inspectors by the end of 2012) has resulted in a 2-tier inspection regimen with goals of inspecting all establishments at least annually and higher-risk establishments twice annually. An optimal inspection regimen would involve 4 tiers of inspection.

Discussion

1. The proposed grant award of \$70,000 funds the first 9½ months of the program from September 12, 2012, to June 30, 2013.
2. The award provides partial funding support for one existing Infectious Disease Epidemiologist position.
3. The budget for the first grant period provides:

PERSONNEL	\$ 19,175
FRINGE BENEFITS (48%)	9,204
OFFICE AND PROGRAM SUPPLIES	8,011
SERVICES (Training/Travel/Meeting Expenses)	11,200
EQUIPMENT (Computer/Technical)	6,410
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES (Consulting)	16,000
TOTAL	\$ 70,000

4. The program budget provides for consulting services to assist with administration of grant objectives and activities. No consultant has been identified at the present time. Assistance may include administrative coordination, document preparation and similar activities where regular staff support is not available.
5. The resolution in File Number 120688 authorizes the City Comptroller to commit \$70,000 grantor share funds within the Project/Grant Parent of the 2012 Special Revenue-Grant and Aid Projects Fund and to create appropriate Special Revenue Fund-Grant and Aid Project/Grant and Project /Grant levels.
6. The resolution further authorizes the Health Department, consistent with the terms of the grant, to expend from these budgeted amounts; to enter into subcontracts and leases; to expend 2012 budgeted amounts for equipment deemed necessary to the operation of the program; and to expend funds for training and out-of-town travel of departmental staff from the grant funds in 2012.

Fiscal Impact

1. The proposed funding is for \$70,000, entirely grantor-share.
2. This resolution has no impact on the tax levy.

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