

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 17, 2011 ITEM 13, FILE # 101262

File #101262 is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of the HUD Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant 2010 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Background

1. The City of Milwaukee has been a national leader in lead paint abatement efforts for more than a decade. These efforts have been supported by a variety of grants primarily from HUD.
2. Though significant progress has been made in lead abatement, the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) reports that the prevalence of lead hazards in homes in some Milwaukee neighborhood remains 6 times greater than the Wisconsin average. Milwaukee's city-wide 2009 lead hazard prevalence rate was 4.4%, much lower than a decade ago but still higher than the national average.
3. MHD's Childhood Primary Prevention Target Areas are used to identify the neighborhoods on the north and south sides of the City at greatest need for lead abatement in the MHD Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP).

Discussion

1. This is a new grant proposal intended to provide 3½-years (42 months) of funding support to reduce lead hazards in a total of 900 residential units, making 65 housing units lead-safe each quarter and providing 1800 children with in-home lead testing services.
2. The period of grant operation is January 1, 2011 to June, 30, 2014. The resolution in File # 101262 authorizes acceptance of \$4,499,537 (37%) from HUD to be matched by \$7,573,898 (63%) in various matching funds.
3. As always, multi-year grant budget projections are based upon assumptions that continuing state and federal funds will be authorized after current fiscal year authorizations expire. Possible reductions in future years may require grant resolution amendments as provided in s. 304-81 of the Code of Ordinances.
4. Grant funding for this 3½-year period is budgeted as follows:

Line Description	Grantor Share
Personnel Costs	\$ 877,660
Fringe Benefits (48%)	421,277
Operating Expenditures	73,000
Contractual Expenditures	3,127,600
Total Grantor Amounts	\$4,499,537

5. Personnel Costs are budgeted as follows:

Position	FTE	Pay Range/Grade	42-month period
Home Environmental Health Manager	0.10	9	\$ 26,703
Environmental Health Field Supervisor	0.90	6	158,296
Lead Risk Assessor II	3.00	541	551,897
Chemist II	0.80	642	140,764

The positions supported by this grant are all existing positions. The resolution deletes 2 Lead Risk Assessor II positions funded under prior grants and authorizes 3 lead Risk Assessor II positions in the new grant.

6. Operating expenditures are budgeted as follows:

Lab Supplies	\$ 14,580
Office Supplies	5,250
Source Replacement	3,000
Mileage	34,020
Uniform Allowance	6,300
Travel–Grantee Meetings	4,600
Phones	5,250

Travel for Risk Assessors is estimated at \$31,500 of the amount budgeted for mileage.

7. The contractual expenditures are budgeted as follows:

Sherman Park Community Association (30 months)	\$ 225,000
16 th Street Community Health center (30 months)	225,000
Dominican Center for Women (30 months)	195,000
Lead Abatement Contracting	2,433,600
Training (African American workforce development)	49,000

8. City matching funds include:

City Indirect Costs (31.01% of City grant portion)	\$ 289,791
Community Development Grant Administration (CDGA) (last 30 months of the grant period)	3,816,210
Property Owner Match (window abatement for lead-safe rehabilitation)	1,156,000
Other Homeowner Match	2,311,988
TOTAL CITY MATCH	\$7,573,989

9. Resolution File #101262 authorizes the City Comptroller to establish the necessary Special Revenue Fund-Grant and Aid Project Grant levels and budget against these amounts in a manner consistent with the grant agreement, and to commit funds within the Project/Grant Parent of the 2011 Special Revenue Grant and Aid Projects Fund.
10. The resolution further authorizes the Health Department, consistent with the terms of the grant, to: expend from budgeted amounts; enter into subcontracts and leases; expend amounts for equipment deemed necessary to the operation of the program; and expend funds for training and out-of-town travel of departmental staff from the grant funds in 2011.

Fiscal Impact

1. Resolution File # 101262 accepts non-O&M funding of \$4,499,537 (37%) from HUD to be matched by \$7,573,898 (63%) in City matching funds and in-kind contributions already budgeted.
2. This resolution does not have an impact on the tax levy.

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