

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 7, FILE # 021549

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File # 021549 is a resolution amending Common Council File # 001157 relative to application, acceptance and funding of the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant.

Background

1. This resolution amends Common Council File # 001157 relative to application, acceptance and funding of the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant.
2. This grant funding is for extension of the current U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant and is considered a grant continuation rather than a new grant. HUD required, for this grant continuation, an updated work plan from MHD rather than a full, technical grant application.

Discussion

1. This grant extension will fund lead hazard reduction in approximately 690 low-income housing units in the health department's lead hazard reduction target area.
2. This grant will also continue to fund the MHD primary prevention initiative, focusing upon lead hazard remediation in high-risk homes before a child is poisoned. Community organizations to receive funding through this grant include Lisbon Avenue Neighborhood Development, Sherman Park Community Association, Hmong American Friendship Association, Sixteenth Street Community Health Center and the Non-Profit Center of Milwaukee.
3. Using the last round of HUD money (\$1.3 million in 2000-2001), the MHD Home Environmental Health Division was able to fund lead hazard primary prevention in 816 low-income rental and owner occupied housing units. The average cost of remediation per unit was \$1,650. These units are located in the MHD lead hazard reduction target areas in, primarily, Milwaukee's central city neighborhoods.
4. Reducing the number of children less than age 6 with lead exposure and increasing the percentage of housing units in the target area are outcome indicators for the MHD Environmental Health Division.
5. The grant period, with the extension provided through this resolution, is January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2005.

Fiscal Impact

1. The total amount of this grant extension is \$2,210,182 with \$2 million to be provided by the grantor and \$210,182 to be provided by the city. The city share includes in-kind expenses for grant administration relative to application, acceptance and funding of the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant.
2. Nine existing MHD positions are funded in whole or in part under the auspices of this grant.
3. Approximately \$1.1 million (55%) will be dedicated to lead hazard reduction activities for housing in the target neighborhoods.

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