

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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ITEM 18, FILE # 110019

File #110019 is a resolution relative to application, funding and expenditure of the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Grant from the State of Wisconsin – Division of Public Health.

Background

1. This new grant is provided as part of a statewide program of newborn hearing screening required 2009 Wisconsin Act 279, enacted May 11, 2010. The purpose of newborn screening is to assure timely and appropriate diagnostic and intervention services are available regardless of insurance coverage. All Milwaukee County newborn infants are eligible for screening services. The program also provides education to clients and professionals about newborn screening and repeat testing.
2. Under the grant, the Health Department will follow up with approximately 50 babies per year. A list of all infants who required intervention by the Health Department will be submitted to the state at the end of every grant year. The Health Department will also track the number of infants who have health insurance, receive screening and have a healthcare provider.

Discussion

1. This one-year grant is for \$62,614, entirely grantor-funded.
2. The grant period is April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012.
3. The grant supports an existing Public Health Nurse position at 0.6 FTE. The following is a summary of the project budget:

Salaries and Wages (Public Health Nurse – Grade 666)	\$ 33,881
Fringe Benefits (50%)	16,941
Miscellaneous Operating Supplies	9,292
Office supplies	1,000
Mileage Reimbursement	1,500

Total \$ 62,614.

4. Resolution File #110019 authorizes the City Comptroller to commit \$64,614 grantor share funds within the Project/Grant Parent of the 2011 Special Revenue-Grant and Aid Projects Fund and to create appropriate Special Revenue Fund-Grant and Aid Project/Grant and Project /Grant levels.
5. The resolution further authorizes the Health Department, consistent with the terms of the grant, to: expend from these budgeted amounts; enter into

subcontracts and leases; to expend 2011 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 2011.

Fiscal Impact

1. This proposed \$ 64,614 in non-O&M funding has no impact on the tax levy.

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