

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MAY 31, 2012

ITEM 6, FILE # 120127

File Number 120127 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 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. The program was funded for the period April 1, 2011, to March 31, 2012, by an initial grant authorized in File Number 110019.
3. Under the new grant, the Health Department will follow approximately 50 babies. 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. These activities are substantially the same as performed in the first year of program operation.

Discussion

1. This one-year grant is for \$57,561, entirely grantor-funded: this is a reduction in funding of 8.1% from the amount awarded in the first year which was \$62,614,
2. The grant period is April 1, 2012, to March 31, 2013.
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	4,239
Office supplies	1,000
Mileage Reimbursement	1,500
Total	\$ 57,561.

The reduction in budgeted amounts from the previous grant award is entirely in the category of Miscellaneous Operating Supplies which is reduced from \$9,262.

4. Resolution File Number 120127 authorizes the City Comptroller to commit \$57,561 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.
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 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. This proposed \$ 57,561 in non-O&M funding has no impact on the tax levy.

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