

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

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ITEM 6, FILE # 010839

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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File # 010839 is a resolution relative to the application, acceptance and funding of the Refugee Health Screening Grant by the Milwaukee Health Department.

Background

This is a **grant continuation** from the State of Wisconsin Division of Economic Support. The state reimburses the health department for costs associated with this health screening program.

Discussion

This resolution authorizes the health department to apply for, accept and fund the Refugee Health Screening Grant.

This grant will aid the City of Milwaukee Tuberculosis Control Clinic (TBCC) in screening and treatment activities. The TBCC encourages all new refugees to receive health screening that includes TB, hepatitis, lead, pregnancy and communicable diseases. The actual screening is a two-visit process which includes a chest X-ray, TB skin test, blood testing, medical history evaluation and other evaluative interventions deemed appropriate by the medical staff.

This program, located at Southside Health Clinic, also provides all necessary immunizations to children and adults.

Refugee-sponsoring agencies (including Catholic Charities, Lutheran Social Services, the International Institute, Islamic Family Services and Jewish Family Services) assist in monitoring and treating health problems that are discovered. These agencies have formed a collaborative relationship with the health department.

Additional services from the sponsoring agencies include advocacy, translation assistance and transportation for the refugees.

In 2000, 192 refugees were screened for health problems. In that same year, 38% of TB cases in the city were found in foreign-born people or children living with foreign-born family members. Refugee screening found three active cases of TB.

The influx of refugees to Wisconsin and Milwaukee is dependent upon world events, the intervention of the federal government in refugee placement and the choice of refugees to come to this area of the country.

Funds received from this grant provide for program supplies, materials, medical tests, equipment repair and maintenance, and costs associated with travel and training.

Fiscal Impact

This grant provides \$36,820 from the grantor. There is no city in-kind share.

2. The grant allocation budgets for 200 health screenings in the grant period.
3. The state reimburses the health department on a per capita basis; **\$34.00** is received for outreach to locate the refugee and **\$162.00** is received for health care screening.
4. The grant period extends from October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002.

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