

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 15, FILE # 071093

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File # 071093 is a resolution relative to the application, acceptance, funding and expenditure of the 2008 Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Public Health.

Background

1. The proposed grant of \$922,525 will continue to support the WIC program to prevent nutrition-related health problems and to improve the health status of low income, at-risk pregnant women, breast-feeding infants, and children up to the age of five years. The program locations are South Side Health Center, Northwest Health Center and the Keenan Health Center.
2. The WIC program promotes key City priorities to improve health, reduce disparities in health and health care access, reduce low birth-weight, prevent infant mortality, and assure health readiness of children for school.
3. In addition to nutrition services, children attending WIC clinics are screened for lead poisoning and given immunization referrals when necessary. Children with elevated lead levels are provided follow-up.
4. The program exceeded its objective to meet a 97% of contracted caseload service level for a caseload of 8185 and has served 100% of the contract..

Discussion

1. This proposed award of \$922,525 is 100% grantor share and supports a continuing program and reflects an increase of \$74,053 (+ 8.7%) over the initial 2007 award.
2. The grant period will be 1/1/08 to 12/31/08.
3. This is a continuing grant that will support 15 positions in addition to other program activities. The following budget is proposed for the new period:

Personnel	\$561,441
Fringe Benefits (41%)	230,191
Medical Supplies	7,000
Office Supplies and Educational Materials	15,928
Nutrition/Breastfeeding Education Supplies	17,000
Printing and Postage	19,000
Phone	15,000
Travel/Auto Allowance	9,000
Misc. (uniform allowance, translation and other)	24,965
Contract Services (Peer Counselor and Security)	23,000

Total \$922,525

4. The resolution in File #071093 authorizes the City Comptroller to commit \$922,525 grantor share funds within the Project/Grant Parent of the 2008 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 and to enter into subcontracts and leases.

Fiscal Impact

1. This proposed \$922,525 in non-O&M funding will support continuing activities and essential services. There is no fiscal impact on the tax levy.

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