

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 19, FILE # 040372

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File # 040372 is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of the Medical Assistance Outreach – VITA Grant.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to apply for, accept and fund the Medical Assistance Outreach Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) grant from the Milwaukee Foundation through the Social Development Commission.
2. This is a continuing grant.

Discussion

1. The purpose of this project is to assist low-income families in obtaining medical insurance and food stamps and to measure the impact of MHD programs at three sites, SDC North (North Richards and East Capitol). UMOS South (South 9th and West Mitchell) and a rotating site to be stationed at various locations throughout the city.
2. The strategy to be employed in this program is to create opportunities for low-income families to receive information about important community services, including health care, and for MHD to evaluate its various services and programs at this opportune time.
3. MHD programs, among others, to be evaluated include screening for blood-lead levels and immunizations.
4. This grant encompasses the period of January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004.

Fiscal Impact

1. The total amount of this grant is \$15,000, entirely from the grantor.
2. Funds obtained from this grant will be used to partially fund the following existing MHD position:
 - 1 Health Access Assistant, SG 425

Further Information

Under the auspices of this program, MHD staff completed a total of 108 assessments from January 1, 2004 through April 15, 2004, resulting in 69 Medicaid applications. Of 69 Medicaid applications completed, 106 individuals (51 applications) have been approved for BadgerCare, Healthy Start, Family Planning, SeniorCare and/or Medicaid and 42 families approved for food stamps. Eighteen Medicaid applications are pending determinations. Also, 50 individuals have been referred to the General Assistance Medical Program.

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