

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 8, FILE # 040755

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File # 040755 is a resolution relative to the application, acceptance and funding of the Early ChildCare Grant.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department to apply for, accept and fund the Early ChildCare Grant project from the U.S. Department of Health and Family Services, Health Resources and Services Administration.
2. This is a continuing grant.
3. Council File # 011555 approved funding (\$75,000) from the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) in March 2002 in preparation for this grant. That funding (from MPS) was used as a pilot initiative to design and implement program systems and processes for this larger grant.
4. In March 2004, an additional amount of \$270,610 was received for this program and was used to hire one additional nurse as well as provide for additional office expenses, necessary travel and training, health education outreach and required program evaluation costs.

Discussion

1. The purpose of this project is to assure the health and safety of children, birth to five years of age, who attend group licensed childcare centers. This project focuses upon low-income families.
2. MHD is committed to strengthening the connection between the health care community and the childcare providers as a primary objective of this grant.
3. This program will work with centers that are participating in the collaborative project of the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS), Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) and Milwaukee County in a project called PACES (Partners Acting on the Commitment for Early Success).
4. Public health workers, through the auspices of this grant, will work for access in childcare settings, particularly in Milwaukee's central city, as a response to the increasing difficulties of finding children at home during traditional working hours.

5. Currently, 70 daycare sites, with an estimated 4,500 children, are included in this program.
6. Program activities will include immunizations, health assessments, vision testing and lead poisoning screening to eligible children. These services will include the summer, off-school months.
7. Parents will receive education, referral and follow-up related to their child's results.
8. This grant encompasses the period of September 1, 2004 through August 30, 2005. Although funding is scheduled to end in August 2005, the Program Manager has applied for an additional grant for the fiscal year beginning in January 2005.

Fiscal Impact

1. The total of this grant is \$570,812, entirely from the grantor.
2. 98% of grant expenditures (\$560,226) will fund eleven, existing full-time positions with salary and fringe benefits:
 - 1 Child Care Program Manager, SG 07
 - 4 Public Health Nurses, SG 666
 - 1 Environmental Health Specialist, SG 445
 - 1 Public Health Educator, SG 593
 - 1 Health Project Assistant, SG 530
 - 2 Clinic Assistants, SG 309
 - 1 Office Assistant II, SG 410
3. Remaining grant funds will be used for office supplies, auto allowance and travel and training.

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