

LRB - RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

APRIL 23, 2009

ITEM 11, FILE # 081705

File # 081705 is a resolution relating to application, acceptance and funding of the Beach Monitoring Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to apply for, accept and fund the Beach Monitoring Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
2. This is a continuing grant.

Discussion

1. The purpose of this project is to implement bacterial monitoring of water quality at Wisconsin public beaches to promote public health and to prevent communicable diseases and injuries due to pollution. This grant award supports annual monitoring of 5 public beaches: Bradford Beach, McKinley Beach, South Shore Beach, an area identified as Water Craft, and an area close to South Shore Beach identified as South Shore Rocky.
2. Beach monitoring is conducted on a seasonal basis, Memorial Day through Labor Day in compliance with Wisconsin statutes, and will be conducted in accordance with rules and regulations relating to Lake Michigan public beaches. The public will be advised of beach water quality.
3. The beach monitoring grant period extends from May 15, 2009, through September 30, 2009, and is budgeted as follows:

1 Environmental & Disease Control Specialist (partial/range 547)	\$ 6,400
Fringe Benefits (41%)	2,624
Laboratory Supplies	5,600
Auto Allowance	376
Contract with Great Lakes Water Institute	5,000
TOTAL	\$20,000

4. The resolution in File #081705 authorizes the City Comptroller to commit \$20,000 grantor share funds within the Project/Grant Parent of the 2009 Special Revenue-Grant and Aid Projects Fund and to create appropriate Special Revenue Fund-Grant and Aid Project/Grant and Project /Grant levels. The resolution further authorizes the Health Department, consistent with the terms of the grant, to expend from these budgeted amounts and incur costs consistent with the grant.

Fiscal Impact

1. The total amount of this grant is \$20,000, entirely grantor share, and has no impact on the tax levy.

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