

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 8, FILE # 031020

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File # 031020 is a resolution relative to the application, acceptance and funding of the SURVNET Grant by the Milwaukee Health Department.

Background

1. This resolution amends Common Council File # 030797 relative to application, acceptance and funding of the SURVNET Grant.
2. File # 030797 authorized the Health Department to apply for, accept and fund the SURVNET Project from the Centers for Disease Control through the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services.
3. SURVNET is a continuing grant.

Discussion

1. The purpose of the project is to maintain a countywide system for reporting communicable diseases in Milwaukee.
2. SURVNET is a countywide communicable disease surveillance system.
3. Physicians, laboratories, and other health providers are required to report communicable diseases. This reporting facilitates rapid identification and response by the department to disease clusters and outbreaks as well as unusual disease events.
4. Reportable diseases include food borne and waterborne illness that requires prompt public health intervention.
5. In 2002, 15,638 Milwaukee County cases representing 30 communicable diseases were reported to SURVNET. This report included 15,141 for the City of Milwaukee. Approximately 78% of the cases reported represent STDs, (gonorrhea, chlamydia and syphilis) and Hepatitis C.
6. This grant encompasses the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

Fiscal Impact

1. The total amount of this grant is \$25,000, entirely from the grantor. This additional funding supplements \$56,000 received in the grant approved by File # 030797.
2. This grant funds an existing Office Assistant III position, SG 425 with salary and fringe benefits (\$50,528).
3. The grant budget provides for \$5,472 for *Services*, including training expenses, *Computer Equipment and Program Supplies*.
4. The additional funding will be applied to equipment purchases including a Spot Camera with accessories, an Olympus Microscope and a systems-related computer.

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