

**LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**ITEM 28, FILE # 060500**

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File # 060500 is a resolution amending Common Council File # 051578 relative to application acceptance and funding of the Covering Kids Grant.

**Background**

1. This resolution amends Common Council File # 051578. This file authorized the Milwaukee Health Department to apply for, accept and fund the Covering Kids grant project for the Robert Wood Foundation through Community Advocates.
2. This is a grant amendment.

**Discussion**

1. The purpose of the Covering Kids grant project is to assist low-income families in obtaining medical insurance and food stamps, as well as to develop strategies to reach out to families of school children.
2. The positions funded through this grant identify and assist families who need health coverage. The additional position funded in this grant will expand the capacity of services provided.
3. In 2005, 3,477 people were served through this grant and other MHD Medicaid outreach programs with approximately 83% obtaining Medicaid eligibility for health coverage.
4. This grant encompasses the period of February 1, 2006 through July 31, 2007.

**Fiscal Effect**

1. The grantor share is increased by \$23,316 through this amendment.
2. The total amount of the original grant is \$29,684, entirely from the grantor for a new total of \$53,000. The additional funding will partially fund one existing Public Health Educator, SG 592, with salary and fringe benefits.
3. This grant also funds one existing Health Access Assistant II, SG 425, 0.7 FTE with salary and fringe benefits.

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