

## LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEMS 14, 15, 16

FILES # 041502, 041504, 041503

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### Introduction

The Wisconsin Partnership Fund for a Healthy Future (the Blue Cross Program) on December 28, 2004, awarded 13 grants totaling approximately \$5,400,000 for community-academic partnerships designed to advance the health of the people of Wisconsin. The Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission received \$429,415 (total) in this round of grant funding.

The funded projects emphasize initiatives that focus on children, adolescents, women and minority populations. The projects will address some of Wisconsin's most urgent healthcare needs, including healthy birth outcomes, safe neighborhoods and healthy lifestyles for children and families.

The *Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission* is a comprehensive initiative to promote healthy and safe neighborhoods and reduce the occurrence of homicides in Milwaukee County. In keeping with emerging best practices in public health and criminal justice, the project will assemble a working team of professionals charged with developing a multi-level, multi-disciplinary, and multi-agency homicide review process. The process will include interventions to promote neighborhood safety and strategic responses to the problems of homicide in Milwaukee County.

Various grants will be sought and applied to supplement the primary funding awarded to the Commission from the Wisconsin Partnership Fund for a Healthy Future.

**File # 041502** is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of a Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant for the Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission.

### Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) to apply for, accept and fund a Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, through the State of Wisconsin, Office of Justice Assistance.
2. This is a new grant that will be used to further fund the Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission.

3. Project Safe Neighborhoods is a nationwide commitment to reduce gun crime in America by networking existing local programs that target gun crime and providing those programs with additional tools necessary to be successful.

The goal is to create safer neighborhoods by reducing gun violence and sustaining the reduction.

### **Discussion**

1. The purpose of this project is to draw on criminal justice and public health models of homicide review to better understand the nature through problem analysis and to develop innovative responses and to focus enforcement and intervention activities on the risks that are identified.
2. This resolution will authorize MPD to enter into and fund agreements with Dr. Mallory O'Brien and Research Assistant Laurie Woods as consultants to coordinate the activities of the homicide review commission and to collect, analyze and report data.
3. This grant funding will further fund computer equipment needed for the project as well as fund attendance for 4 participants at the Project Safe Neighborhood Conference.
4. This grant encompasses the period of January 1, 2005 through August 31, 2007.

### **Fiscal Effect**

1. The total amount of this grant is \$100,000 entirely from the grantor.
2. The grantor portion (\$100,000) will partially fund contract costs for the consultant and research assistant with \$75,700.
3. The grantor share also includes \$14,800 for computer and media equipment and will fund (\$8,000) attendance at a Project Safe Neighborhoods conference.

**File # 041504** is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of a Violence Against Women Program Grant for the Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission.

### **Background**

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) to apply for, accept and fund a Violence Against Women Program Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, through the State of Wisconsin, Office of Justice Assistance.
2. This is a new grant.
3. Since its inception in 1995, the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) has handled the Department of Justice's legal and policy issues regarding violence against women and

coordinated departmental efforts in learning about the federal government's role in addressing violence against women and has responded to requests for information regarding violence against women. This Office works closely with components of the Office of Justice Programs, the Office of Legal Policy, the Office of Legislative Affairs, the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, the Immigration and Naturalization Office, the Executive Office for United States Attorneys, U.S. Attorneys' Offices, and state, tribal and local jurisdictions to implement the mandates of the Violence Against Women Act and subsequent legislation.

4. Grant programs administered by the OVW help state, tribal, and local governments and community-based agencies to train personnel, establish specialized domestic violence and sexual assault units, assist victims of violence, and hold perpetrators accountable.

### **Discussion**

1. The purpose of this project is to partially fund the Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission, which will conduct reviews of homicide incidents to identify the factors that led to the incident.
2. The goal of this project is to pool government and community resources that address the factors identified in the incident and seek means and methods for reducing future violence and homicides.
3. This resolution will authorize MPD to enter into agreements with Dr. Mallory O'Brien and a research assistant as consultants to coordinate the activities of the homicide review commission and to collect, analyze and report data.
4. This grant encompasses the period of January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.

### **Fiscal Effect**

1. The total amount of this grant is \$191,570 with \$80,000 from the grantor and a city share of \$111,570.
2. The grantor portion (\$80,000) will fund contract costs for the consultant and research assistant.
3. The city share include salary and fringe benefits (\$75,068) for police officers engaged in this project. The city share also includes \$16,830 toward contract expenses, indirect expenses (\$15,172) related to the grant administration and the purchase of 3 computer workstations (\$4,500).

**File # 041503** is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of a University of Wisconsin Medical School Grant for the Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission.

### **Background**

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) to apply for, accept and fund a Homicide Review Commission from the University of Wisconsin Medical School's Partnership Fund for the Health Future Grant.
2. This is a new grant that will be used to establish and further fund the Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission.

### **Discussion**

1. The purpose of this project is to draw on criminal justice and public health models of homicide review to better understand the nature through problem analysis and to develop innovative responses and to focus enforcement and intervention activities on the risks that are identified.
2. This resolution will authorize MPD to enter into and fund agreements with Dr. Mallory O'Brien and a Research Assistant Laurie Woods as consultants to coordinate the activities of the homicide review commission and to collect, analyze and report data.
3. This grant funding will further fund the salary and fringe benefits for the office assistant as well as computer equipment needed for the project.
4. This grant encompasses the 3-year period of January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2007.

### **Fiscal Effect**

1. The total amount of this grant is \$441,488 with \$400,000 from the grantor and a city share of \$41,488.
2. The grantor portion (\$400,000) will partially fund contract costs for the consultant and research assistant with \$302,728.
3. The grantor share also includes \$92,772 to partially fund 1 new position of Office Assistant II, SG 410 as well as provide \$4,500 for computer and telephone equipment.
4. The city share includes the partial funding of salary and fringe benefits for the office assistant position (\$23,939) plus indirect costs of \$17,549 associated with the grant administration.

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