

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 10, FILE # 041037

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File # 041037 is a resolution relative to acceptance and funding for the Lead Demonstration Project Grant – Urban Initiatives Phase II.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to accept and fund the Lead Demonstration Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
2. This is a new grant.
3. The application for this grant was approved by Common Council File # 040753.

Discussion

1. The purpose of this project is to make an additional 1,295 housing units lead-safe and to contract with a community-based organization to assure lead-safe and habitable housing in the northside and southside target areas.
2. The health department will contract with Christo Rey Lutheran Church as a sub-grantee to work, primarily, within the 53204 Zip Code. Christo Rey will coordinate efforts for housing advocacy, working with a variety of local groups to effect lead-safe housing.
3. Goals of this initiative include:
 - A reduction in lead poisoning prevention rates
 - An increase in the number of lead-safe housing units
 - An expansion of neighborhood-based solutions to childhood lead poisoning
4. This grant encompasses the period of January 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007.

Fiscal Impact

1. The amount of this grant is \$5,034,229 with \$4 million from the grantor and a city share of \$1,034, 229. The city share includes \$152,064 in indirect costs associated with the grant administration as well as CDBG funding for abatement contracts.
2. This grant will fund (\$760,726) the following new and existing MHD positions with salary fringe benefits:

- 2 Chemist II (1 new), SG 642
 - 4 Lead Risk Assessor II (2 new), SG 541
 - 1 Program Assistant II, SG 530
 - 1 Office Assistant II, SG 314
3. Lab and program supplies, as well as travel and training, auto allowance and contractor performance incentives (\$27,000) are funded at \$65,074.
 4. Lead abatement contracts are funded at \$3,056,200. Another \$841,750, considered as a part of the grant, is property owner matching funds for lead hazard control. These funds, contributed by the owner, include the department permit for work as well as the property owner portion of the equity in the lead hazard control projects.
 5. Contracted Services, \$118,000, includes housing advocacy (\$100,000) and \$18,000 for data analysis, outcomes research and geocoding (Non-Profit Center).

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