

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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ITEM 13, #111047

File Number 111047 is a resolution relative to application for, acceptance and funding of the 2012 Sexually Transmitted Diseases Grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health.

Background

1. This is a continuing award of funds from 2 state grant sources for sexually transmitted disease prevention programming (STD Prevention). These 2 grant sources provide funding for HIV/AIDS programming and for outreach, screening, diagnosis and treatment of other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).
2. Under current STD Prevention grants, the City received \$513,815 in STD Prevention grant funds. This funding supports 8 health Department positions.

Discussion

1. Wisconsin Department of Health statistics show that nearly half of all sexually transmitted diseases reported in Wisconsin occur in Milwaukee County.
2. Health Commissioner Bevan Baker has described the current incidence and rate of STD infections in Milwaukee as an epidemic. These infections present a risk of dangerous and long-lasting health problems, including pelvic inflammatory disease, ectopic pregnancy, and infertility.
3. A high rate of serious reportable STD infections in the Milwaukee metropolitan area continues to place Milwaukee among the top tier of large U.S. cities as reported in November, 2011, by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.
4. This continuing STD Prevention grant requires no City matching funds or in-kind commitment.
5. The term of this grant is from January 1, 2012, to December 31, 2012.
6. The 2012 grant awards \$528,865, \$15,000 (2.9%) more than the current awards. For 2012, grant funds will be budgeted as follows:

Sexually Transmitted Diseases Grant	
Microbiologist II (1)	\$ 56,292
Office Assistant III (1)	31,865
Communicable Disease Specialists (6)	264,419
Fringe Benefits (50%)	176,289

TOTAL \$ 528,865

7. This resolution authorizes the City Comptroller to commit \$528,865 grantor share funds within the Project/Grant Parent of the 2012 Special Revenue-Grant and Aid Projects Fund and to create appropriate Special Revenue Fund-Grant and Aid Project/Grant and Project /Grant

levels.

8. The resolution further authorizes the Health Department, consistent with the terms of the grant, to: expend from these budgeted amounts; enter into subcontracts and leases; to expend 2012 budgeted grant funds for equipment deemed necessary to the operation of the program; and to expend 2012 funds for training and out-of-town travel.

Fiscal Impact

The proposed funding is \$528,865, entirely grantor share. This resolution has no impact on the tax levy.

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