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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 14, FILE # 070706

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File # 070706 is a resolution amending Common Council File # 040138 relative to acceptance and subsequent expenditure of contributions received by the Milwaukee Health Department for the promotion of Maternal and Child Health and Infant Mortality Initiatives.

Background

1. This resolution amends Common Council File # 040138 relating to acceptance and subsequent expenditure of contributions received by the city for the Milwaukee Health Department for programs and services to reduce infant mortality and to promote maternal and child health.
2. Council File # 040138 authorized the Milwaukee Health Department to accept and expend \$30,000 in contributions deposited in an account entitled "Infant Mortality Initiatives – Contribution Acct."
3. Activities and programs funded by this contribution account have primarily been used in outreach and education activities in collaboration with area hospitals, healthcare providers, social service agencies and consumer groups. The resulting campaign has focused on 3 causes of infant death: 1) prematurity due to lack of prenatal care, tobacco use, and alcohol and drug abuse; 2) sudden infant death (SIDS) that results from dangerous sleeping conditions; and 3) infections such as pneumonia that can be prevented by early and regular physician visits.

Discussion

1. The Department anticipates additional contributions toward this continuing campaign totaling as much as \$150,000.
2. This resolution will increase the maximum allowable amount that may be accepted and expended by the Department of Health from \$30,000 to \$180,000.
3. Reducing infant mortality is one of the top priorities of the Department and the City.

Fiscal Impact

1. There is no fiscal impact related to this resolution. Expenditures disbursed for the Maternal and Child Health and Infant Mortality Initiatives will equal the revenue received in the Special Purpose Account for Contributions.

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