

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 13, FILE # 061106

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File # 061106 is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of the Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant-Round #13-A.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to accept and fund the Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
2. This is a new grant to support a continuing program.
3. The City of Milwaukee's lead abatement program, supported by a series of demonstration grants and other funds for more than a decade, has been successful in significantly mitigating lead hazards especially in homes located in the near north and near south sides of the City. Lead levels detected in the blood of at-risk children have substantially declined with the percent of children testing positive for elevated levels citywide dropping from 40% in 1995 to 8.3% in 2005. It is estimated, however, that childhood lead poisoning among children less than 6 years of age citywide remains nearly 5 times greater than the national average.

Discussion

1. A primary purpose of this project is to make an additional 1100 housing units lead-safe over a period of 3 years. This is consistent with the goal of eradicating childhood lead poisoning by the year 2010 under the City of Milwaukee Lead Elimination Strategic Plan developed in 2005.
2. HUD resources will fund window abatement projects at an estimated cost of \$2,100 per unit and an additional contribution from property owners averaging \$1,704 in match funds.
3. The health department will also contract with local organizations including the Sherman Park Community Association, 16th Street Community Health Center, Dominican Center for Women and the Cristo Rey Lutheran Church. These organizations will coordinate efforts for housing advocacy, working with a variety of local groups to promote lead-safe housing.
4. Health Department personnel to be supported by the grant are: 1 Lead Project Coordinator, 2 Lead Risk Assessors, 1 Program Assistant II, 1 Health Education Assistant, and 1 Chemist II.

5. This grant will encompass the 3-year period of January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009. The 3-year budget includes the following:

Personnel Costs	\$ 751,307
Fringe Benefits	315,549
Supplies and Materials	30,039
Travel and Auto Allowance	19,497
Cellular Charges	4,800
Miscellaneous (printing, uniform)	17,648
Laboratory Services	27,660
Contractual Services	4,607,796
(\$1,874,296 in-kind share)	
Indirect Costs	183,461
(entirely in-kind share)	

TOTAL \$5,957,757

6. The resolution in File #061106 authorizes the City Comptroller to commit \$3,900,000 grantor share funds within the Project/Grant Parent of the 2007 Special Revenue-Grant and Aid Projects Fund, to create appropriate Special Revenue Fund-Grant and Aid Project/Grant and Project /Grant levels, and to establish necessary City Share project values.
7. The resolution further authorizes the Health Department, consistent with the terms of the grant, to expend from these budgeted amounts, to incur costs consistent with the award date (anticipated in January, 2007), and to enter into subcontracts and leases as detailed in the grant budget.

Fiscal Impact

1. The total of this grant project is \$5,957,757 with \$3,900,000 provided by the grantor and \$2,057,757 in-kind share. \$1,874,296 of the in-kind share will be contributed by property owners as a match for services provided in the Lead Hazard Control program.
2. In addition to lead abatement contractors, community organizations will receive a total of \$387,500 entirely grantor-share funded. Further, in addition to the organizations identified in Discussion paragraph 3, the Nonprofit Center is budgeted to receive \$5,000 for analytical services.
3. Indirect costs include \$183,461 for grant administration.

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