

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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File # 060497 is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of the Childhood Immunization Disparities Grant.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to apply for, accept and fund the Childhood Immunization Disparities grant project for the Centers for Disease Control.
2. This is a continuing grant.

Discussion

1. The purpose of this project is to reduce immunization disparities and increase immunization rates. Immunization coverage rates for city of Milwaukee children are estimated to be as much as 29 percentage points lower than that of Milwaukee county. A substantial immunization gap exists between races/ethnicities within the city. Based on data from the Wisconsin Immunization Registry, the immunization completion rate for African American children ages 19 to 35 months is 36% as compared to 52% for white children and 57% for Latino children.
2. This funding will enable MHD to conduct citywide reminders, outreach to healthcare and childcare providers and provide medical assistance outreach.
3. This project further seeks to:
 - Implement provider education and evaluate the effectiveness in decreasing immunization errors and missed opportunities for immunization
 - Implement parental education and case management interventions and evaluate their effectiveness
 - Implement a set of community intervention activities
 - Develop sustainable interventions for reducing racial disparities in immunizations
4. This grant funding encompasses the period of September 30, 2006 through September 29, 2007.

Fiscal Effect

1. The total amount of this grant is \$300,000, entirely from the grantor.
2. 71% of this grant will fund (\$213,852) the following existing positions in MHD with salary and fringe benefits:
 - 1 Health Services Assistant II, SG 425
 - 1 Health Information Specialist, SG 558
 - 1 Public Health Educator (0.5 FTE), SG 593
 - 1 Public Health Nurse, SG 666
3. Supplies, materials and services are budgeted for \$53,259. \$13,500 of this amount has been budgeted for incentives for program participants.
4. Contractual services, including outreach efforts, physician services and consulting are budgeted for \$32,889.

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