

**LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS**

**PUBLE SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**ITEM 8, FILE # 020263**

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File # 020263 is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of the West Nile Virus Surveillance Grant.

**Background**

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to apply for, accept and fund the West Nile Virus (WNV) Surveillance Grant project from the State of Wisconsin department of Health and Family Services.
2. This is a new grant.

**Discussion**

1. The purpose of this project is to coordinate bird surveillance as well as enhance overall surveillance of the WNV in human and mosquito populations. A special focus of the project will be mosquito abatement.
2. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and the state Department of Health and Family Services have identified the WNV as an emerging pathogen in Wisconsin in autumn of 2001.
3. MHD was involved in the collection and analysis of bird specimens in the initial phases of the detection of WNV and has developed public information and outreach regarding WNV in Milwaukee County.
4. The position funded through these grant monies will continue coordination efforts in overall monitoring for WNV as well as providing public information and education regarding WNV.
5. This grant encompasses the period of July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003.

**Fiscal Impact**

1. The total amount of this grant is \$20,000 entirely from the grantor.
2. This grant will fund one existing MHD Environmental Hygienist 0.5 FTE, SG 555 with salary and fringe benefits.

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