

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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ITEM 12, FILE # 120686

File Number 120686 is a resolution relating to application, acceptance and funding of the Safe Havens Supervised Visitation and Exchange Project in Milwaukee County Grant from the Office on Violence Against Women (VAWA) at the U.S. Department of Justice.

Background

1. The Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) Office of Violence Prevention, through the Commission on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault (Commission) , proposes a partnership with Sojourner Family Peace Center, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin through its Children's Service Society of Wisconsin and the First Judicial District of Wisconsin to develop and implement the first Supervised Exchange and Visitation Program (SEVP) in Milwaukee for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, sexual abuse and stalking.
2. This is the first SEVP site of its kind to be developed in the Milwaukee area.
3. The Sojourner Family peace Center and Children's Service Society will manage the program and provide direct services at the site. Upon implementation, the City will manage the advisory group and provide additional expertise and logistical support throughout the life of the grant.
4. The role of the Commission will be to convene and manage diverse public and private stakeholders to design a secure site for the safe exchange and visitation of children from families with histories of interpersonal violence.
5. The initial planning phase is expected to take up to one year.
6. In addition to the requirements of the grantor agency, the U.S. Department of Justice, for reporting and monitoring, an internal evaluation plan will be developed for measuring and reporting project outcomes.
7. A program sustainability plan will be developed during the first year coordinating private philanthropic opportunities and public funding opportunities.

Discussion

1. The proposed grant award is \$399,995, grantor-share from the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women, and \$17,256 in-kind share, for a total 3-year program budget of \$417,251.
2. The 3-year grant period is from October 1, 2012, to September 30, 2015.
3. The grant budget reflects partial support for 2 existing MHD positions: \$23,487 grantor funds over 3 years for the Injury & Prevention Program Coordinator, and \$11,600 in-kind match over 3 years for the Office of Violence Prevention Manager.
4. The proposed grant budget for 3 years provides:

	<u>GRANTOR SHARE</u>	<u>CITY MATCH</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
PERSONNEL COSTS	\$ 23,487	\$ 11,660	\$ 35,147
FRINGE (48%)	11,274	5,596	16,870
SERVICES	50,000	-0-	50,000
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	315,234	-0-	315,234
Grant total	\$ 399,995	\$ 17,256	\$ 417,251

5. The \$50,000 budgeted for services covers the 3-year costs of travel and training required by the grantor.
6. The \$315,234 budgeted for contractual services provide sub-grants over 3 years to 2 partnering organizations: the Sojourner Family Peace Center and the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin through its Children's Service Society of Wisconsin. The third partner, the First Judicial District of Wisconsin (Milwaukee County Circuit Court) receives no new funding under this proposal.
7. The resolution in File Number 120686, authorizes the City Comptroller to commit \$399,995 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; to enter into subcontracts and leases; to expend 2012 budgeted amounts for equipment deemed necessary to the operation of the program; and to expend funds for training and out-of-town travel of departmental staff from the grant funds in 2012.

Fiscal Impact

1. The proposed funding is for \$399,995, grantor share, with in-kind match of \$17,256, an amount currently budgeted.
2. This resolution has no impact on the tax levy.

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