

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 40, FILE # 060267

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File # 060267 is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of the Milwaukee Alliance for Sexual Health Grant.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to apply for, accept and fund the Milwaukee Alliance for Sexual Health (MASH) Grant from the Medical College of Wisconsin through the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services.
2. This is a new grant.

Discussion

1. This grant will fund a needs assessment in order to plan for a project for coordination of existing and new resources to implement public health methods and approaches for reducing rates of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and unintended pregnancies.
2. This grant project will focus upon African American youth, ages 15-19.
3. MHD intends to conduct a needs assessment under the auspices of this grant to gather information on health disparities of sexually transmitted diseases and unintended pregnancies among African American youth.
4. MHD will collect data through focus groups and interviews in areas of the city with high rates of teen pregnancy and STDs. The information collected in this study will be synthesized into a final report.
5. The funding proposed in this grant will allow MHD to receive training and contract staff to conduct data collection.
6. This grant encompasses the period of June 1, 2006 through November 30, 2006.

Fiscal Effect

1. The total amount of this grant is \$27,815, entirely from the grantor.
2. This grant funding (\$24,815) provide for, primarily, contract services including a project liaison, field team members, medical director services and an assessment to be linked

with the Plain Talk (sex education) Initiative (funded through the State Consolidated Contract).

3. Further services are budgeted (\$2,000) for data transcription.

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