

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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ITEM 15, FILE # 091010

File # 091010 is a resolution relative to application, acceptance and funding of the 2010 Sexually Transmitted Diseases Grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Public Health.

Background

1. The Health Department reports that more than 60% of reported sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) in Southeastern Wisconsin occur in the City of Milwaukee.
2. Health Commissioner Baker has described the current incidence and rate of STD infections in Milwaukee as an epidemic. These infections present a risk of dangerous and long-lasting health problems including pelvic inflammatory disease, ectopic pregnancy, and infertility.
3. The rate of serious reportable STD infection in the Milwaukee metropolitan area places Milwaukee second behind the Memphis area among the largest 50 metropolitan areas in the nation as reported by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The Chlamydia rate has declined slightly in the last 3 years and Milwaukee no longer has the highest rate of reported Chlamydia infections, but is now ranked 2nd behind Memphis. CDC disease surveillance reports continue to place Milwaukee 2nd in the incidence of Gonorrhea infections, also behind Memphis. The reported rate of Gonorrhea infection in 2007 was 328.5 per 100,000 population, down only slightly from 2006.
4. Annual grant awards from the State of Wisconsin for sexually transmitted disease prevention programming have been reduced over the past 2 years. The award was reduced by more than 10% between the 2008 grant and the 2009 grant. The 2010 grant will provide \$88,845 (-14.7%) less than the 2009 grant. Actual resources for treatment may have increased, however, as a result of the State's expanding BadgerCare and Family Planning (Medicaid Waiver) programs.

Discussion

1. This continuing grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services supports 9 positions and requires no City matching funds or in-kind commitment.
2. The term of this grant is from January 1, 2010, to December 31, 2010.
3. The grant amount is \$513,865, grantor share only, a reduction of \$88,845 (-14.7%) from the amount awarded in 2009, and is in 2 program areas as follows:

Sexually Transmitted Diseases Grant

Microbiologist II (1)
Office Assistant III (1)

\$ 47,732
28,176

Communicable Disease Specialists (7)	277,692
Fringe Benefits (41%)	146,243
Program Supplies (Including Lab)	10,000
Travel and Training	4,022
TOTAL	\$513,865

4. The resolution in File # 091010 authorizes the City Comptroller to commit \$513,865 grantor share funds within the Project/Grant Parent of the 2010 Special Revenue-Grant and Aid Projects Fund and to create appropriate Special Revenue Fund-Grant and Aid Project/Grant and Project /Grant levels.
5. The resolution further authorizes the Health Department, consistent with the terms of the grant, to: expend from these budgeted amounts; enter into subcontracts and leases; and to expend funds for training and out-of-town travel of departmental staff from the grant funds in 2010.

Fiscal Impact

1. This 100% grantor share award of \$513,865 supports continuing programming and will have no impact on the tax levy.

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