

## **LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**DECEMBER 9, 2010**

**ITEM 23, # 100943**

**File 100943 is a resolution relative to application for, acceptance and funding of the 2010 Sexually Transmitted Diseases Grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health.**

### **Background**

1. This is a continuing award of funds from 2 state sources for sexually transmitted disease prevention programming (STD Prevention).
2. Annual STD Prevention awards have been reduced significantly over the 2-year period prior to the current award authorized in Resolution File # 091010 (-10% in 2009 and -14.7% in 2010). Actual treatment and prevention resources available to low-income women in Wisconsin and Milwaukee may have increased, however, as a result of the State's expanding BadgerCare and Family Planning (Medicaid Waiver) programs. It is not known how many women of child-bearing age in Milwaukee are receiving STD prevention care under these newer state programs.
3. The amount of the proposed 2011 STD Prevention award is the same as the current award; 9 positions currently supported by this funding will be reduced to 8 positions, however, with the reduction of Communicable Disease Specialists from 7 to 6.

### **Discussion**

1. Wisconsin Department of Health statistics show that nearly half of all sexually transmitted diseases reported in Wisconsin occur in Milwaukee County.
2. Health Commissioner Bevan 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. A high rate of serious reportable STD infections in the Milwaukee metropolitan area continues to place Milwaukee among the top tier of large U.S. cities as reported in November, 2010, by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC).
  - The 2009 chlamydia rate of 683.4 per 100,000 places Milwaukee third behind the Memphis and Virginia Beach metropolitan areas; the rate is substantially the same as in 2005.
  - Milwaukee County ranks eighth in the rate of gonorrhea infections among the 65 counties with the highest reported rates in 2009.
  - The reported rate of gonorrhea infections in the Milwaukee metropolitan area, however, once again places Milwaukee second behind the Memphis area among the top 50 selected metropolitan areas in 2009.
  - The rate of reported syphilis infections in the Milwaukee metropolitan area ties the Providence metropolitan area for 46th among the top 50 selected metropolitan areas in 2009.

4. This continuing STD Prevention grant requires no City matching funds or in-kind commitment.
2. The term of this grant is from January 1, 2011, to December 31, 2011.
3. The grant amount is \$513,865, grantor share only and is budgeted as follows:

**Sexually Transmitted Diseases Grant**

Microbiologist II (1)	\$ 56,292
Office Assistant III (1)	28,176
Communicable Disease Specialists (6)	262,738
Fringe Benefits (48%)	166,659
Program Supplies (Including Lab)	
Travel and Training	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 513,865</b>

4. The resolution in File #100943 authorizes the City Comptroller to commit \$513,865 grantor share funds within the Project/Grant Parent of the 2011 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; to expend 2011 budgeted grants 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 2011.

**Fiscal Impact**

The proposed funding is \$513,865, entirely grantor share. This resolution has no impact on the tax levy.

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