

**LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**DECEMBER 9, 2010**

**ITEM 31, FILE # 100951**

**File # 100951 is a resolution relating to application for, and acceptance and funding of, the 2011 Medical Assistance Outreach – ForwardHealth Grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services.**

**Background**

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to apply for, accept and fund the Medical Assistance Outreach “ForwardHealth” grant from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. This is a continuing grant program to support the City’s Community Healthcare Access Program (CHAP) authorized by Resolutions # 090441 and # 100032.
2. MHD’s successful Medical Assistance Outreach (MA Outreach), initially funded from private sources, has resulted in continued state support for, and federal interest in, an expanded MA Outreach program.

**Discussion**

1. The purpose of this program is to assist low-income families in obtaining medical insurance and food stamps, and to measure the impact on Milwaukee Health Department programs. Outreach activities are planned at several locations across the City. The recent expansion of Wisconsin’s BadgerCare Plus program to include childless adults provides opportunities to reach and cover many additional residents.
2. The Medical Assistance Outreach program creates opportunities for low-income families to receive information about important community services, including health care, and for MHD to evaluate its various services and programs through data collection and monthly, quarterly and annual reporting of numbers of residents reached, numbers served by the program and numbers of those persons who are signed up.
3. The proposed grant will support 10 existing positions including 8 Health Care Access Assistants, 1 Health Educator II and 1 Medical Assistance Outreach manager. The budget for the 12 month period beginning January 1, 2011, provides the following:

**Personnel**

<b>Health Access Assistant II</b>	<b>\$ 281,717</b>
(8 positions at grade 425)	
<b>Public Health Educator II</b>	<b>53,697</b>
(1 position at grade 593)	
<b>Medical Assistance Outreach Manager</b>	<b>47,109</b>
(1 position at range 5)	

**Fringe**

(48%)	183,612
<b>Community Outreach Supplies</b>	<b>9,000</b>
<b>Copier Lease</b>	<b>3,000</b>
<b>Services</b>	<b>11,000</b>

(phone, printing, training and local travel)  
**Equipment** 2,000  
(computers)

**TOTAL \$ 591,135**

4. City matching funds include \$295,666 in personnel costs and fringe benefits from amounts in the 2011 City Budget.
5. This grant period is from January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011.
6. The resolution in File # 100951 authorizes the City Comptroller to commit \$295,469 grantor share funds within the Project/Grant Parent of the 2011 Special Revenue-Grant and Aid Projects Fund, to create appropriate Special Revenue Fund-Grant and Aid Project/Grant and Project /Grant levels, and to release funds authorized by the 2011 City Budget consistent with the amounts budgeted for City match within the project grant.
7. The resolution further authorizes the Health Department, consistent with the terms of the grant and the proposed budget, to expend from these amounts and incur costs consistent with the grant budget.

**Fiscal Impact**

1. The total amount of this grant is \$295,469 from the grantor, and \$295,666 from the City in funds previously authorized in the 2011 Budget.
2. The resolution in File # 100951 will have no impact on the tax levy.

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