

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE JANUARY 27, 2011 ITEM 6, FILE # 101180

File #101180 is a resolution relative to application, funding and expenditure of the Immunize Milwaukee Grant from the University of Wisconsin (UW) School of Medicine and Public Health-Wisconsin Partnership Program.

Background

1. This is a new grant for the first year of a 2-year project to develop an immunization coalition to address disparities in immunization rates.
2. Funding to the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) for this project will be provided by the UW School of Medicine and Public Health through its Wisconsin Partnership Program as part of a larger collaborative project including UW's Paul Hunter, M.D. as Principle Investigator, Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS), the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (HS), the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee (B&G) and the Milwaukee County District Attorney (DA). The UW Wisconsin Partnership Program is made possible by initial funding resulting from the conversion of the Wisconsin Blue Cross and Blue Shield.
3. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reported in an August 2009 publication of Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) that immunization rates for 24-month olds in Wisconsin and nationally are at 80% and 77% respectively. Wisconsin Immunization Registry Data figures place the rates of comparable immunizations in the City of Milwaukee at less than 50%. A similar disparity exists between school-aged City of Milwaukee children and children statewide; 2009-2010 school year figures place the rates of required immunizations at 72% and 91%, respectively. MHD reports that a level of 90% or greater is necessary to prevent disease outbreaks.

Discussion

1. Specific objectives of this project to address immunization disparities include:
 - By July 31, 2011, community needs around immunizations will be identified and community capacity to address immunization issues will be defined.
 - By March 31, 2013, a coalition that is a community-academic partnership among a diverse group of stakeholders will be developed and function as a single entity that is actively involved in increasing childhood and adolescent immunization rates in the City of Milwaukee.
 - By March 31, 2013, the IMC will have resulted in at least four new immunization collaborations and/or initiatives among Immunize Milwaukee Coalition (IMC) members.
4. The budget for the first year of this grantor-share only award to the Milwaukee Health Department provides partial (0.1 FTE) funding for a Public Health Nurse position as follows:

Public Health Nurse (Range 666)	\$ 5,500
Fringe Benefits (48%)	2,640
Program Supplies	1,700
Contract Services (Intern)	8,000

TOTAL \$17,840

5. The new position funding will be referenced in the position footnotes for 2 Public Health Nurses who are primarily funded by the Immunization Action Plan program and will be allocated as necessary and appropriate.
6. The period of the grant is from April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012.
7. The resolution in File #101180 authorizes the City Comptroller to commit \$17,840 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.
8. 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 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 2011.

Fiscal Impact

This proposed \$17,840 in non-O&M funding will support continuing activities and services that would not be provided absent such funding. There is no impact on the tax levy.

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