

LRB - RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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ITEM 5, FILE # 111721

File # 111721 is a resolution relating to application, acceptance and funding of the Beach Monitoring Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to apply for, accept and fund the Beach Monitoring Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
2. Beach Monitoring Grants have been awarded annually. The previous grant was authorized by Resolution File Number 110155 for 2011.

Discussion

1. The purpose of this project is to implement bacterial monitoring of water quality at Wisconsin public beaches to promote public health and to prevent communicable diseases and injuries due to pollution. This grant award supports annual monitoring of 3 public beaches: Bradford Beach, McKinley Beach and South Shore Beach. Grants no longer cover monitoring of related beach areas identified as Water Craft and South Shore Rocky.
2. Beach monitoring will be conducted from Memorial Day through Labor Day in compliance with Wisconsin statutes, and will be conducted in accordance with rules and regulations relating to Lake Michigan public beaches. The public will be advised of beach water quality.
3. The beach monitoring grant period extends from May 17, 2012, through September 30, 2012, and is budgeted as follows:

1 Environmental & Disease Control Specialist (partial/range 547)	\$ 3,145
Fringe Benefits (50%)	1,572
Laboratory Supplies	4,000
Auto Allowance	376

TOTAL \$8,717

4. The proposed funding is slightly greater than the amount provided in the grant for the 2011 season. State funding for this program in the last 2 years has been less than half the annual amounts awarded historically. The Common Council has, however, provided \$40,000 from Sewer Maintenance Enterprise Fund revenues to fund beach monitoring activities in 2012 following passage of amendment 31B to the 2012 Budget.

5. Resolution File Number 111721 authorizes the City Comptroller to commit \$8,717 grantor share funds within the Project/Grant Parent of the 2012 Special Revenue-Grant and Aid Projects Fund and to create appropriate Special Revenue Fund-Grant and Aid Project/Grant and Project /Grant levels. The resolution further authorizes the Health Department, consistent with the terms of the grant, to expend from these budgeted amounts and incur costs consistent with the grant.

Fiscal Impact

The total amount of this grant is \$8,717, entirely grantor share, with no impact on the tax levy.

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