

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

JULY 18, 2008

ITEM 19, # 080279

File # 080279 is a resolution relating to the application, acceptance and funding of the HIV Women's Grant from the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department to apply for, accept and fund the HIV Women's Grant project from the Medical College of Wisconsin.
2. This is a continuing grant-funded program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).
3. The HIV Women's grant program provides continuity of health care and social services for women who are HIV positive through coordination with primary health care, mental health and social service professionals.
4. The grant funds the positions of 3 public health nurses to coordinate all components of clients' health care through client advocacy, the identification of appropriate medical and other health-related pathways, proper nutrition, and medication compliance. The project is designed to bridge a gap in the care of HIV-infected women and link patients to primary infectious disease specialists and gynecological care.
5. The Health Department works closely with various service professionals to assure that family members of the client are included in the overall dimensions of the health and social services processes.
6. The Health Department has formed a working relationship with the Medical College of Wisconsin and the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin and is a part of the Wisconsin HIV Primary Care Support Network, a network of primary health care providers. The HIV Women's program complements efforts sponsored by the Medical College of Wisconsin to address the needs of HIV-infected children.
7. Evaluation of the program is conducted in conjunction with the Medical College of Wisconsin. Objectives include improving health outcomes of women through linkage with infectious disease specialists and reduction of the incidence of communicable disease.
8. The public health nurses currently supervise a caseload that has grown from 55 women in 2006 to an estimated 100 women in 2008-2009.

Discussion

1. This grant is for the period of August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009.

2. The grant budget provides continued funding for the salary and fringe benefits of 3 Public Health Nurses, SG 666, in the amount of \$122,780 plus additional related expenses for a total of \$230,000.
3. The resolution in File #080279 authorizes the City Comptroller to commit \$230,000 grantor share funds within the Project/Grant Parent of the 2008 Special Revenue-Grant and Aid Projects Fund and to create appropriate Special Revenue Fund-Grant and Aid Project/Grant and Project /Grant levels.
4. 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 2008 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 2008.

Fiscal Impact

1. The total amount of this grant is \$230,000 entirely from the grantor. There is no impact on the tax levy.

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