

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

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File # 080416 is a resolution relating to application, funding and expenditure of a grant from the University of Wisconsin-Madison-School of Population Health Sciences for the development of the Milwaukee Health Department's Center for Health Equity.

Background

1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department to apply for, accept and expend funds to partially support the continuing work of a consultant engaged in planning activities for implementation of a Center for Health Equity.
2. The Center for Health Equity was an initiative begun by the Mayor in the 2007 budget. The mission of the Center is to address health disparities in Milwaukee by working "upstream" of medical and standard public health interventions. The Center will develop a "dashboard" of health indicators in Milwaukee a) showing existing links to poverty, race, and other social and economic factors that influence health, b) promoting internal coordination of MHD programming to focus on disparities, and c) increasing awareness and involvement of community leaders and the general public to address health disparities in Milwaukee.
3. Funding for the development of the Center has also been provided by the Columbia-St. Mary's initiative in 2007 and 2008.

Discussion

1. Funding in the amount of \$15,000, entirely grantor share, will partially fund consulting activities during the 7period June 15, 2008, to February 1, 2009.
2. No other items are budgeted under this grant.
3. The resolution further authorizes the Health Department, consistent with the terms of the grant, to commit funds within the Project/Grant Parent of the 2008 Special Revenue-Grant and Aid Projects Fund, in the amount of \$15,000 for the project titled Development of the Center for Health Equity Grant from the University of Wisconsin-Madison-Population Health Sciences.

Fiscal Impact

1. This proposed \$15,000 in non-O&M funding is entirely grantor share.
2. There is no impact on the tax levy.

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