

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

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File #080726 is a resolution relative to application, funding and expenditure of the Refugee Health Screening Grant from the State of Wisconsin – Department of Workforce Development.

Background

1. This is a continuing grant that supports the City of Milwaukee Tuberculosis Control Clinic (TBCC) in providing outreach, screening and other public health services to refugees. Funding is provided by the State of Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development - Division of Economic Support.
2. Refugees are screened for tuberculosis, hepatitis, lead poisoning, pregnancy, parasites and other enteric diseases. Necessary immunizations are provided. Health care education and information about accessing health care delivery systems are offered.
3. The number of screenings has increased significantly under the program in recent years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Screenings Provided</u>
2006	98
2007	253
2008 (October, 2007 – August, 2008)	361
2009 (estimated)	400

Discussion

1. This award of \$170,000 from the Wisconsin Division of Economic Support will support screening, immunization and education for an anticipated 400 individuals in a refugee health screening program administered by the Tuberculosis Control Clinic. This is a \$29,000 (20.6%) increase above the amount awarded under the previous grant (File # 070823).
2. The grant period will be October 1, 2008, to September 30, 2009.
3. The grantor share is 100% and includes funds to partially support the wages and benefits of a Health Interpreter Aide (an existing position at pay grade 300). Funding is provided for supplies, educational materials other translation services, equipment repair and maintenance and physician contractual services. The following is a summary of the project budget:

Salaries and wages	1 Health Interpreter Aide	\$ 5,000
Fringe Benefits		2,050
Program Supplies		20,000
Office supplies		8,000
Incentives for Outreach		1,000
Medications		1,000
Temporary personnel		10,000
Printing and copying		4,950
Postage and shipping		3,000
Travel and training		8,000
Translation services		25,000
Equipment repair and maintenance		20,000
Medical tests		10,000
Contractual services	Physician services	52,000

Total \$170,000

4. The resolution in File #080726 authorizes the City Comptroller to commit \$170,000 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.
5. 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 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 2008.

Fiscal Impact

1. This proposed \$170,000 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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